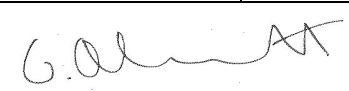


Report to:	Sutton Pension Committee	Date:	12 December 2016
Report title:	Sutton Council Pension Fund Governance Compliance Statement		
Report from:	Gerald Almeroth, Strategic Director – Resources		
Ward/Areas affected:	Borough Wide		
Chair of Committee:	Councillor Sunita Gordon		
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Corporate Plan Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Smart Council 		
Open/Exempt:	Open		
Signed:		Date:	01 December 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the Sutton Council Pension Fund Governance Compliance Statement (Appendix A) and provides assurance that the governance arrangements comply with relevant guidance. There is no material change in the governance arrangements since they were last reported to the Pension Committee on 7 September 2015.

2. Recommendations

The Pension Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve the Governance Compliance Statement attached at Appendix A.

3. Background

- 3.1 Regulation 55 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended) requires the Administering Authority (Sutton Council) to maintain a statement assessing the pension fund governance arrangements and to keep the statement under review, consulting such persons as it considers appropriate, and to make such revisions to the statement as are appropriate, following a material change in the governance arrangements. The statement, and any revised statement, must be published.

4. Issues

Pension Fund Administration

- 4.1 Part 1 of the Pension Fund Governance Compliance Statement relates to the arrangements for pension fund administration and includes the following information:



- (i) The terms, structure and operational procedures of the delegation of functions to the Pension Committee;
- (ii) The frequency of Pension Committee meetings; and
- (iii) Information on the Scheme employers and members represented on the Pension Committee and whether they have voting rights.

4.2 As required by Regulation 55 (1) (c), the governance arrangements have been assessed (as detailed in the attached statement at Appendix A) against guidance from the Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government (*Local Government Pension Scheme Governance Compliance Statement Statutory Guidance, 2008*). The assessment shows that the arrangements comply with the guidance.

Arrangements for the Local Pension Board

4.3 Part 2 of the Pension Fund Governance Compliance Statement relates to the arrangements for the Pension Board, a stand-alone body tasked with assisting the Administering Authority with securing compliance with the Regulations, any other legislation relating to the governance and administration of the Scheme, taking account of guidance from the Pensions Regulator; and assisting to ensure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the Scheme.

4.4 As required by Regulation 55 (1) (d), the statement provides details of the terms, structure and operational procedures relating to the Board. In addition, these arrangements have been assessed (as detailed in the statement) against the guidance from the Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board established by the Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government (*Guidance on the creation and operation of the Local Pension Boards in England and Wales, 2015*). This is because the existing statutory guidance referred to in paragraph 4.2 does not cover Pension Boards. The assessment shows that the arrangements comply with the Advisory Board's guidance.

4.5 In July 2016 the Pension Board received a report from John Raisin following a review of governance arrangements within the Pension Fund. This report highlighted some areas for improvement which are being taken forward by officers and progress being tracked through an action plan. The Governance Compliance Statement is regularly reviewed and will reflect any changes made within this area.

5. Impacts and Implications

Financial

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal

5.2 This report has been designed to meet the requirements of Regulation 55 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (SI2014-1146).

6. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix letter	Title
A	Sutton Council Pension Fund Governance Compliance Statement

Background documents
Department for Communities and Local Government: <i>Local Government Pension Scheme Governance Compliance Statements Statutory Guidance (2008)</i>
Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board: <i>Guidance on the creation and operation of the Local Pension Boards in England and Wales (2015)</i>

Audit Trail		
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Equality Impact Assessment required?	No	N/A

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