



Report of the Section 151 Officer

Local Pension Board - 23 July 2020

City & County of Swansea Pension Fund Draft Funding Strategy Statement

Purpose:	This report was first presented to The Pension Fund Committee on the 13th March 2020, to ensure compliance with Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations which requires a funding strategy statement. It is presented to the Local Pension Board for information.
Reason for Decision:	To approve the funding strategy statement
Consultation:	Legal, Finance and Access to Services.
Recommendation:	That the funding strategy statement is approved
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Finance Officer:	Jeff Dong
Legal Officer:	Stephanie Williams
Access to Services Officer:	N/A
For Information	

Funding Strategy Statement

1 Background

1.1 In line with the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations, the City & County of Swansea Pension Fund is required to produce a funding strategy statement in consultation with its scheme employers and appointed actuary and advisors

The main purpose of this Funding Strategy Statement is to set out the processes by which the Administering Authority:

- establishes a clear and transparent funding strategy, specific to the Fund, which will identify how employer's pension liabilities are best met going forward.

- supports the regulatory requirement in relation to the desirability of maintaining as nearly constant a primary rate of contributions as possible.
- ensures that the regulatory requirements to set contributions as to ensure the solvency and long-term cost efficiency of the Fund are met.
- takes a prudent longer-term view of funding the Fund's liabilities.

Noting that, whilst the funding strategy applicable to individual employers must be reflected in the Funding Strategy Statement / Investment Strategy Statement, its focus should at all times be on those actions which are in the best long term interests of the Fund.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Pension Fund Committee is asked to note and approve the attached draft funding strategy statement, subject to any material changes between this date and 31st March 2020 which shall be approved by the Deputy S 151 Officer and the Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee and (if any changes) being reported back to this committee at the next Committee meeting.

3 Legal Implications

- 3.1 The relevant legal provisions and guidance are set out in Appendix 1.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications arising from this report are outlined in the Employer Contribution Rates payable as outlined in the rates certificate included in the Triennial Valuation Report also on this agenda.

5 Equality and Engagement Implications

- 5.1 There are no equality and engagement implications arising from this report.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Funding Strategy Statement.