



## Report of the Section 151 Officer

Local Pension Board – 2 December 2021

### Pension Admin Update

<b>Purpose:</b>	In accordance with statute, to update Applicable Administering Authority Discretions Policy and Pensions Administration Policy
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 An Administration Authority has the right to implement a number of discretions in line with LGPS Regulations. The Administration Authority is required to disclose its policy in respect of the discretions available to it.
- 1.2 The objective of An Administration Strategy is to formulate administrative arrangements between the City and County of Swansea Pension Fund and its participating employers to ensure that a high quality service is provided to meet the needs of a diverse membership. The aim is to ensure that each employer is fully aware of its roles and responsibilities and that the flow of data is enhanced by endorsing a clear means of communication as outlined in LGPS provisions in order to provide a cost effective and high quality pension administration service delivered through efficient/effective working practices. It is good practice to update the strategy periodically.

## **2 Legal Implications**

- 2.1 It is recognised that Section 91 of the Pensions Act 1995, prohibits overpayments on death of a member being automatically recouped from a beneficiary. An overpayment is the debt of the member, so it passes onto the member's estate. It may be recouped from a benefit due to a beneficiary where the beneficiary agrees to this.

## **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **4. Equality Impact Assessment Implications**

- 4.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report

**Background Papers:** None

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 - Pension Administration Strategy