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LOCAL PENSION BOARD BUDGETS

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SUMMARY

This report sets out the budget for the Local Pension Board (LPB) for the years 2015/16 to 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To note:

- a) the allocated budgets for the Local Pension Board, and
- b) any budget variations to be agreed by the administering authority's section 151 officer.

REPORT DETAIL

1 Background

- 1.1 Local Government Pension scheme Governance Regulations 2015 section 106(9) states that the expenses of a Local Pension Board are to be regarded as part of the costs of administration of the fund held by the administering authority.

1.2 Guidance issued in January 2015 suggests that it is appropriate for the LPB to be given adequate resources to fulfil its task. As a minimum it suggests that the LPB will require:

- Allowances and expenses for Board members;
- Accommodation and administrative support to conduct its meetings and other business;
- Training; and
- Legal, technical and other professional advice (where required)
- Consideration will also need to be given as to whether the Board requires an allocation for using advisors.

1.3 Terms of reference adopted by Governance Committee on the 11 March 2015 and then the Council meeting on the 25 March 2015 also states that the LPB is to be provided with adequate resources to fulfil its role. In doing so the budget for the LPB will be met from the Havering Pension Fund and must be approved by the Section 151 Officer.

1.4 The LPB appointees are for a fixed four year term so the budgets have been originated to cover the same period.

1.5 The estimated budget agreed by the Administering Authority's section 151 officer is shown in the following table:

Description	2015/16 Estimate £	2016/17 Estimate £	2017/18 Estimate £	2018/19 Estimate £
Member Allowances & Travelling	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Support Services – Internal Recharge	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Printing, Stationary & Office expenses	3,400	3,350	3,350	3,350
Communication & Computing	500	500	500	500
Professional Advice	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sub Total	24,900	24,900	24,900	24,900
Training	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total	34,900	34,900	34,900	34,900

1.6 Training costs of £10,000 is to be shared with the Pensions Committee. Wherever feasible training will incorporate Pension Committee members and LPB to keep officer time and training costs to a minimum.

1.7 2015/2016 is the first operational year of the LPB and budgets may be reviewed to reflect changes required. The Local Pension Board is

accountable to the Administering Authority and prior approval will need to be sought from the Section 151 officer to amend budgets.

- 1.8 During 2014/15 a joint working party was created with the London Borough of Newham as part of the oneSource arrangements and therefore the cost of the Governance advice was shared with Newham. The establishment costs in 2014/5 is shown in the following table:

Description	2014/15 £
Governance Advisory Costs	14,720
Administration Support	6,000
Sub Total	20,720
Less Recharge to LB Newham	7,360
Total cost to Havering Pension Fund	13,360

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Working papers held within the Corporate Finance section.