

PENSIONS COMMITTEE – 30 JUNE 2023

Report of the Director of Finance

Staffordshire Pension Fund Investment Performance

Recommendation of the Chair

1. That the Pensions Committee note the presentation to be received from Portfolio Evaluation Limited.

Background

2. The Staffordshire Pension Fund employs Portfolio Evaluation Limited (PEL) to provide independent investment performance measurement services for the Fund's various investments. The performance metrics, which measure the percentage return of the Fund's various investments against an agreed range of benchmarks, are reported to the Pensions Panel each quarter.
3. Performance is reported at a Total Fund level, at an asset class level and at an individual investment manager level and at their meeting today, the Pensions Committee will be presented with an investment performance overview for the period ending 31 March 2023. This will help to give the Pensions Committee assurance over the work of the Pensions Panel in its role overseeing the investments of the Fund.
4. It is important to understand that whilst one Fund's performance can be measured against its own set of benchmarks, a straightforward comparison of investment returns, and the associated costs, as publicly reported by different pension funds will never be meaningful. This is because there are several variables which also need to be considered, to obtain a like for like comparison. E.g Assets under management, strategic asset allocation, implementation style, individual benchmarks etc.

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Equalities Implications: There are no direct equalities implications.

Legal Implications: The legal implications are covered in the body of the report.

Resources and Value for Money Implications: There are no resource and value for money implications.

Risk Implications: Risk is inherent in investment and covered in the appendix to this report.

Climate Change Implications: There are no direct climate change implications arising from this report.

Health Impact Assessment screening – There are no health impact assessment implications arising from this report.