

# Cost Management, Benefit Design and Administration Committee

## MEETING OF 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

### ITEM 6 PAPER C

#### COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING COUNCIL UPDATE

##### Background

1. When it met on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 the Board agreed to establish a new Compliance and Reporting Committee to continue the work formerly undertaken by the now defunct CIPFA Pensions Panel.
2. To assist in this process the Board also agreed that members of the committee should be given the opportunity to comment on any potential overlap between the remit and work of the committee and the new Compliance and Reporting committee. This meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

##### Consideration

3. The minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October are given in the actions and agreements agenda paper at Item 3 Paper A of this meeting and are also included at Annex A to this paper for ease of reference.
4. The outcome of the single-issue meeting was a clear consensus that there was no clear overlap between the work of the committee and the proposed new committee but that there were concerns around capacity, communication and membership as set out in the minutes.

**Recommendation – that the committee notes and approves the minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

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## Annex A

### Virtual Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Meeting to discuss new Compliance & Reporting Committee

#### PRESENT

George Georgiou	Chair - (UNITE)
Sean Collins	Practitioners
Kevin Gerard	Practitioners
Emma Mayall	Practitioners
Rachel Brothwood	CIPFA
Alison Murray	Actuaries: Aon
Catherine McFadyen	Actuaries: Hymans Robertson
Jeremy Hughes	DLUHC
John Bayliss	GAD
Joanne Donnelly	LGA – Board Secretariat
Robert Holloway	LGA - Board Secretariat

#### Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from John Neal, Glyn Jenkins, Michelle Dorman and Louise Lau

#### 1. Welcome, introductions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to invite members' views on the extent of any overlap between the work of the committee and the proposed new Compliance and Reporting Committee

2. The Chair informed members that in an email Glyn Jenkins wished to advise members of the need for scheme members to be represented in the new committee to ensure that any guidance, practice notes, etc, undertaken by the new committee can be understood by scheme members.

#### 3. Comments and Discussion

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Joanne Donnelly (JD) opened the discussion by explaining that the Board had agreed a paper (Item 5 Paper C) setting out proposals for the new Compliance and Reporting committee when it met on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and invited members' views on any overlap between the committee's workplan and that of the new committee together with any general comments on the proposed new arrangement.

Kevin Gerard (KG) highlighted the importance of the new committee having sufficient capacity to undertake both the work of the former pensions panel and any work transferred to it from the existing committees. In response JD agreed that the new committee will have a very full agenda including work on the scheme's TCFD reporting framework.

Sean Collins (SC) suggested that there was very little overlap between the work of the investment and new C&R committee but expressed some concern that the lack of fund actuaries on the new committee could potentially hinder any work on, for example, Funding Strategy Statements. Catherine McFadyen (CM) agreed.

Rachel Brothwood (RB) advised members that the former pensions panel was a technical group which could give rise to certain conflicts of interest on the new committee. RB also stressed the need for the new committee to address concerns around both internal and audit of LGPS pension funds. Jeremy Hughes (JH) confirmed that colleagues in DLUHC are keeping a watching brief on audit issues, in particular, concerns around value for money.

JH asked about the status of the new committee. JD explained that it would be a joint committee reporting to both the Board and CIPFA.

Alison Murray (AM) suggested that the time was right for a wider review of the remit of existing and the new C&R committee. AM also asked whether GAD would be represented on the new committee. John Bayliss (JB) advised that this needn't be the case. Bob Holloway (BH) suggested that GAD could attend as observers on any agenda item that would benefit from GAD's observations.

JD confirmed that CIPFA's Pensions Network will continue though a decision on where it sits in the new arrangement has yet to be decided.

RB advised members that communicating the new arrangement with scheme stakeholders will be vital in ensuring an effective handover.

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GG concluded the discussion by confirming the committee's support for the Board's proposal and the consensus that there was no overlap between the committee's workplan and that proposed for the new committee.

**Agreed – that the committee fully supports the paper agreed by the Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and that at the present time there are no elements of the committee's workplan that should be transferred to the proposed Compliance and Reporting Committee.**