



Glasgow City Council

Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee

Report by Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund

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**Item 5**

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**Audited Annual Accounts 2019/20 – Strathclyde Pension Fund**

**Purpose of Report:**

To present the Strathclyde Pension Fund's Audited Annual Accounts 2019/20.

**Recommendations:**

The Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee is asked to:

- i. Consider this report in conjunction with the Audit Scotland report in relation to the audit of these accounts and the full copy of Strathclyde Pension Fund's Audited Annual Accounts 2019/20, and
- ii. Approve the Audited Annual Accounts 2019/20 for signature.

Ward No(s):

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No  Consulted: Yes  No

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Annual Accounts are prepared in line with proper accounting practice and statute. The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 provide that the administering authority, or committee charged with governance and audit of Strathclyde Pension Fund must meet no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August to consider the Unaudited Accounts and no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September to consider the Audited Annual Accounts.
- 1.2 The Coronavirus Scotland Act 2020 allowed a local authority to postpone publication of the Annual Accounts and associated deadlines subject to the publication of a notice or notices to that effect. The required notices were duly published by Glasgow City Council (as administering authority for the Strathclyde Pension Fund) advising of the decision to postpone consideration and publication of both the unaudited and audited Annual Accounts until publication was reasonably practical.
- 1.2 The Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee considered the unaudited Annual Accounts 2019/20 at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. These accounts had previously been submitted for audit to the Fund's external auditors, Audit Scotland.

## **2. Audited Annual Accounts 2019/20**

- 2.1 The Annual Accounts have now been subject to audit by Audit Scotland who are required to complete their audit and report their findings to the Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee.
- 2.2 A full copy of the audited Annual Accounts is available at:  
[spfo.org.uk](http://spfo.org.uk)
- 2.3 Within the Annual Accounts the primary financial statements consist of:
  - Fund Account Shows the payments to pensioners and receipts from employers and members and the income, expenditure and change in market value in relation to the investment of funds by the Pension Fund
  - Net Assets Statement Represents the value of assets and liabilities as at 31<sup>st</sup> March (excluding liability to pay pensions)
- 2.4 A number of other reports, statements and detailed explanatory notes, which provide additional information are also included within the Annual Accounts.

## **3. Key Financial Outcomes**

The key financial information included within the financial statements is outlined below.

### **3.1 Main Fund**

The Fund No.1 Fund Account shows a net reduction from dealing with members of **£18m** and a net decrease in the fund of **£995m**.

The Fund No.1 Net Assets Statement shows net assets of **£20.941 billion**.

### 3.2 No.3 Fund

The Fund No.3 Fund Account shows a net reduction from dealing with members of **£3.5m** and a net decrease in the fund of **£4.5m**.

The Fund No.3 Net Assets Statement shows net assets of **£213m**.

The Net Assets Statement represents the value of assets and liabilities as at 2 December 2019 (excluding liability to pay pensions) at which date responsibility for administering the assets and liabilities transferred from Glasgow City Council to Aberdeen City Council in its capacity as an administering authority of the scheme.

## 4. Policy and Resource Implications

### Resource Implications:

*Financial:* None.

*Legal:* The regulatory requirements are as described in the report.

*Personnel:* None.

*Procurement:* None.

**Council Strategic Plan:** Not applicable

### Equality Impacts:

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22* Not applicable

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?* None

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.*

### Sustainability Impacts:

*Environmental:* Environmental impacts are dealt with in the Responsible Investment section of the Annual Report.

*Social opportunities under Article 20 of the European Procurement Directive:* including under the Public Social impacts are dealt with in the Responsible Investment section of the Annual Report.

*Economic:* Economic impacts are dealt with in the Investment section of the Annual; Report.

**Privacy and Data**

**Protection impacts:** None.

**5. Recommendations**

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