

Subject	Governance Update Report	Status	For Publication
Report to	Local Pension Board	Date	27/04/2023
Report of	Head of Governance		
Equality Impact Assessment	Not Required	Attached	Na
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide members with an update on current governance related activity.
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2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. **Note the current Authority governance position, including decisions made between meetings.**
 - b. **Note the expressions of interest received for the Chair and Vice Chair roles.**
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3 Link to Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:
Effective and Transparent Governance
To uphold effective governance always showing prudence and propriety.

4 Implications for the Corporate Risk Register

- 4.1 The contents of this report set out the actions being taken in several areas that will contribute to addressing various risks in relation to operations and governance.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 Activity continues to enhance the Authority's governance arrangements. All mandatory training was completed successfully by members. The team are now working on plans to ensure mandatory training will be completed by new members joining in the new municipal year and to ensure appropriate and tailored continued training provision for existing members.
- 5.2 Work is progressing on a project plan and timeline for the implementation of the new Risk Management software system, with initial training and testing currently scheduled for June 2023.

- 5.3 The Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23 is currently being prepared for inclusion and publication in the Authority’s annual report and statement of accounts.
- 5.4 Work is underway for the Monitoring Officer to undertake coaching and mentoring with the Deputy Clerk to increase knowledge and skills. The Assistant Director – Resources officially assumed the role of Chief Finance Officer (formerly termed Treasurer) with effect from 01 April 2023. Monthly liaison meetings for the Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer and Deputy Clerk have been scheduled to further strengthen governance. The details of holders of the statutory roles from 1 April are shown in the following tables for information.

Statutory Role	SYPA Post Holder	Name
Head of Paid Service	Director	George Graham
Monitoring Officer	Head of Governance	Jo Stone
Chief Finance Officer (S.73 Officer)	Assistant Director - Resources	Gillian Taberner
Deputy Chief Finance Officer (Deputy S.73 Officer)	Head of Finance	Will Goddard

Statutory Role	Held by	Name
Clerk	Chief Executive of Barnsley MBC	Sarah Norman
Deputy Clerk	Service Director Law & Governance at Barnsley MBC	Sukdave Ghuman

- 5.5 Good progress is being made on the work to undertake a full review of the Constitution. Officers are working closely with our contracted legal advisers for this piece of work, Squire Patton Boggs, and are on schedule to present the revised Constitution for approval to the June Annual Authority meeting
- 5.6 On 23 March 2023, the Board completed its annual effectiveness review. Members accepted recommendations from Officers to consider a rotational Chair and Vice Chair to strengthen the governance within the Board. Expressions of interest have been received as detailed below:

Expressions of Interest for role of Chair	Expressions of Interest for role of Vice Chair
Riaz Nurennabi (Employer Representative)	Nicola Doolan-Hamer Employee Representative
Ken Richardson Employer Representative	Ken Richardson Employer Representative
	David Webster Employee Representative

- 5.7 Members are asked to consider the expressions above and formal voting to appoint to the roles of Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the next meeting of the Board in July 2023. The current Chair and Vice Chair have both agreed to mentor the newly appointed successors.

6 **Implications**

6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications:

Financial	None
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None

Jo Stone

Head of Governance

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
None	-