Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Limited

Joint Committee

Date of Meeting: 9th July 2025

Report Title: Joint Committee Budget

Report Sponsor: Neil Mason, Chair Officer Operations Group

1.0 Recommendation

1.1 The Joint Committee is asked to:
- Note the final budget position for 2024/25.
- Note the budget position for 2025/26.

2.0 2024/25 Joint Committee Budget

2.1 At the Joint Committee meeting in March 2024 a budget of £50,000 was approved for 2024/25. This is an increase from the budget in previous years to reflect inflation.

2.2 The Budget is intended to cover costs incurred by the Joint Committee and the partner funds, including the secretarial services to convene and run meetings, and for collective advice and support (internal from partner funds and external sources) which may be required from time to time by all partner funds.

2.3 It is also considered reasonable that this budget is used to cover travel costs and expenses for any members or officers who are attending meetings to represent all partner funds. This will include but will not be limited to meetings with the Ministry of Housing and Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). This budget will not be used where members and officers are attending meetings to represent their own funds including Joint Committee meetings and Officer Operations Group Meetings.

2.4 The budget will also be used to cover travel expenses for scheme member representatives appointed as non-voting members to the Joint Committee. This is because they will be deemed to be representing the scheme members from all partner funds.

2.5 In line with the cost sharing principles these costs will be shared equally between the partner funds.

2.6 At the end of the year expenditure incurred against this budget was £10,685.84. This primarily relates to external legal costs incurred in establishing the legal documentation for the UK Real Estate Main fund (circa £5,000) and the Secretariat support to the Joint Committee, from South Yorkshire Pensions Authority.

2.7 Other expenditure incurred in the current year, includes travel and subsistence for the scheme member representatives on the Joint Committee.

2.8 The recharge to partner funds at the year end was £971 each.

3.0 Budget for 2025/26

3.1 At the Joint Committee meeting in March 2025, a budget of £50,000 was approved for 2025/26.

3.2 To date expenditure has been incurred of £12,638 which relates to the final piece of legal work for the Governance Review.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 For 2024/25 the final expenditure incurred was well below the Joint Committee Budget.

4.2 For 2025/26 expenditure of £12,638 has been incurred against the £50,000 budget.

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Further Information and Background Documents:

N/A