

Implementation of the Markets in Financial Instruments Derivative

Report of the Strategic Finance Director

A full report on the implications of MIFID2 and the opt up process to try and obtain professional investor status was reported to the Pension Committee on 1st September 2017.

At this meeting the Committee:

- i. Noted the potential impact on investment strategy of becoming a retail client with effect from 3rd January 2018
- ii. Agreed to the immediate commencement of applications for elected professional client status with all relevant institutions in order to ensure it can continue to implement an effective investment strategy.
- iii. In electing for professional client status the committee acknowledged and agreed to forgo the protections available to retail clients.
- iv. Agreed to approve delegated responsibility to the Strategic Finance Director and the Head of Pensions for the purposes of completing the applications and determining the basis of the application as either full or single service.

Following the meeting of the Committee the standard self assessment questionnaire formulated by the Scheme Advisory Board and the LGA has been completed by officers from the Gloucestershire Fund. This questionnaire and the agreed standard letter has now been sent to all of the Fund Managers engaged by the Gloucestershire Pension Fund, with the full expectation that all will agree to the opt up to professional investor status for the Gloucestershire Pension Fund.

Recommendation

That the Board notes the action taken by the Gloucestershire Pension Fund in response to MIFID2.

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