

# Agenda Item 10

Pension Committee

3 March 2022

## 2019 Valuation Public Service Pensions Act 2013 - Section 13

### Report of the Head of Pensions

#### Background

Under Section 13 of the Public Service Pensions Act the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) appointed the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) to carry out a review of the LGPS local funding valuations.

Hymans Robertson submitted data and information regarding the 2019 valuation on the Fund's behalf to GAD and they used this data, along with data from the other LGPS Funds to carry out their analysis.

GAD published their report on the 2019 valuations on 16 December 2021.

The full report can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-pension-scheme-review-of-the-actuarial-valuations-of-funds-as-at-31-march-2019>

#### Section 13 Report

The GAD analysis is very analytical and presents various metrics in a "like-for-like" fashion so that reasonable comparisons can be made between LGPS funds. Section 13 requires GAD to ascertain whether each local fund valuation has achieved the following aims:

- The valuation **complies** with the LGPS regulations.
- The valuation has been carried out in a way which is **not inconsistent** with other local fund valuations.
- The valuation has set employer rates that ensure the **solvency** and the **long-term cost efficiency** of the fund.

On the areas highlighted above, GAD use a red/amber/green/white rating approach against their designed metrics. The ratings definition are:

- Red = Material Issue
- Amber = Potential material issue
- White = Advisory highlighting a general issue
- Green = No material issue

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The paper attached as appendix 1 to this report has been prepared by Hymans Robertson and provides an overview of the general results from the section 13 exercise and importantly the Fund specific outcomes for Gloucestershire.

## **Fund Results**

The Gloucestershire Pension Fund received all **green** flags for both solvency and long-term cost efficiency. The Fund ranked 34<sup>th</sup>, which is in the top half of all LGPS Funds on the SAB standard basis.

## **Recommendation**

That the Committee notes the outcome of the 2019 Valuation Public Service Pensions Act 2013, Section 13 report in relation to the Gloucestershire Pension Fund.

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