Essex Pension Fund Board EPB/32/12

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Arrangements for Employer Forum

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To advise the Board of the arrangements for the Essex Pension Fund Employer Forum.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the arrangements of the Essex Pension Fund Employer Forum be noted.

3. Essex Pension Fund Employer Forum

- 3.1 Each year we hold a Forum for the Fund Employers in order to bring them up to date with developments in regard to the Fund and to consult with them on any matters on which we require their input.
- 3.2 The next Forum is to be held on the morning of 14 February 2013 at a central Chelmsford venue to be confirmed. Registration and refreshments will be provided between 9.00 and 9.30am. There should be time both before the start of the formal presentations and afterwards for delegates, speakers and members of the Board to mingle and exchange views. All members of the Board are therefore encouraged to attend.

At the Forum held in February 2012, Jenny Moore was elected as a Smaller Employing Bodies Representative to serve on the Pension Fund Board for two years through to the Employer Forum to be held in 2014. Therefore, no election is required to be held at the February 2013 Employer Forum.

4. Link to Essex Pension Fund Objectives

- 4.1 Holding an Employer Forum will assist the Board in achieving the following Fund objectives:
 - Ensure the Pension Fund is managed and its services delivered by people who have the appropriate knowledge and expertise
 - Act with integrity and be accountable to our stakeholders for our decisions, ensuring they are robust and well based

5. Risk Implications

5.1 None.

6. Communication Implications

6.1 Holding an Employer Forum facilitates effective communication between the Fund and its employers.

7. Finance and Resources Implications

7.1 Budgetary provision will need to be made for the payment of appropriate expenses in hosting the event.

8. Background Papers

8.1 None