

Essex Pension Fund Board	EPB/18/14
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Employer Forum 2014

Joint Report by the Director for the Essex Pension Fund & the Head of the Essex Pension Fund

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide feedback to the Board from the Essex Pension Fund Forum held on 9th May 2014.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The feedback is noted.

3. Annual Employer Forum - Background

3.1 At the 5th March Pension Board, Members agreed to the date of 9th May for the 2014 Employer Forum

4. Annual Employer Forum - Feedback

4.1 The event covered the following topics:

- Investment performance
- The new Career Average benefit arrangements; and
- Government consultations

4.2 The attendees at the event were both financial and administration professionals.

4.3 Over 60 people attended the Forum representing 25 different Employers. The feedback forms were issued in hard copy at the event and electronically.

4.4 22 Feedback forms have been received.

- We asked attendees “Overall how did you rate the Employer Forum?”
100% of responses said it was “**good**” or “**very good**”.

Details of feedback can be found in Annex A

5 Link to the Essex Pension Fund Objective

5.1 Holding an Employers Forum facilitates effective communication between the Fund and its employers.

- Communicate in a friendly, expert and direct way to our stakeholders, treating all our stakeholders equally.
- Ensure our communications are simple, relevant and have impact.
- Deliver information in a way that suits all types of stakeholder.
- Aim for full appreciation of the pension scheme benefits and changes to the scheme by all scheme members, prospective scheme members and employers.

6 Risk Implications

6.1 None

7 Communication Implications

7.1 Holding an Employer Forum facilitates communication between the Fund and its employers

8 Finance and Resource Implications

8.1 The cost of this event was met by the Pension Fund

9 Background Papers

9.1 Annex A