



Report To:	LOCAL PENSIONS BOARD
Date:	30 March 2016
Reporting Officer:	Peter Morris, Executive Director of Pensions
Subject:	LOCAL INVESTMENTS
Report Summary	<p>The Fund has a long-standing programme of local investments which has delivered its twin aims of generating commercial returns and delivering a positive local impact.</p> <p>Appendix 1 to this report is a submission made last year to the Scottish Parliament Local Government and Regeneration Committee which provides a history of GMPF's local investment programmes and assesses the benefits and risks of local investments.</p> <p>The most significant component of GMPF's local investment programme has been the Greater Manchester Property Venture Fund (GMPVF) which undertakes direct development and redevelopment of commercial property. The current investment guidelines for GMPVF are attached as appendix 2 to this report.</p> <p>The Fund has recently established an Impact Investing Portfolio, which sits within the local investments allocation. The aim is to deliver commercial returns and for the investments to have a social impact. The investment guidelines for the impact portfolio are attached as appendix 3 to this report.</p>
Recommendations:	Board members are asked to note the reports.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	One of the twin aims of the local investments programme is to deliver commercial returns for the Fund. Commercial returns are defined as the return required by the actuary to help deliver low, stable employer contribution rates to employers whilst maintaining the solvency of the Fund.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Solicitor to the Fund)	The Fund needs to ensure that all investments made are in accordance with the relevant LGPS Regulations and best practice. Legal advice forms a key part of the investment evaluation process
Risk Management:	Local investment is sensitive and brings with it reputational risks should the investments not perform in line with the business/plan appraisal. A thorough due diligence and evaluation process is essential in order to demonstrate a decision based on commercial criteria.
ACCESS TO INFORMATION:	NON-CONFIDENTIAL
	This report does not contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the Press or members of the public.
Background Papers:	For further information please contact Paddy Dowdall, Assistant Executive Director – Local Investments and Property.

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