

Meeting of the Board 9 March 2018

ITEM 7

LPB survey update

Purpose of report

For information.

Background

1. To monitor the progress of Local Pension Boards since their establishment in legislation, the LGA team invited all relevant stakeholders to complete a survey. The 40 question survey was developed in collaboration with the LPB Effectiveness Committee, based on an equivalent survey of LGPS boards. The survey was designed to measure the engagement and compliance of boards, and establish where targeted support could be offered to support local boards.
2. The web based survey was designed externally by Webdigi who designed the LGPS survey, at a cost of £1,120 plus VAT paid from the SAB budget. This included coding the survey and integrating the link to the fpsboard site, and allowed for export of the results into Excel for analysis.
3. Utilisation of a cheaper online alternative such as Survey Monkey was considered, however, to be taken seriously by board chairs it was important that the survey looked professional; particularly as was promoted under the SAB banner.
4. The free online alternatives would not have afforded the same effect as the web developed version, and the Board secretariat experienced technical issues with the earlier ABS survey sent via Survey Monkey which potentially affected the response rate. Additionally, the LGPS team advised that the online tools were not sophisticated enough for the range of options required.
5. The invitation was issued by email to all relevant FRA and LPB contacts and the survey ran from 28 November 2017 to 26 January 2018. During that time 37 total responses were received from 32 of the 44 FRAs, equating to an overall response rate of almost 73%.

Survey results

6. An initial summary of the results was presented at the Local Pension Board Effectiveness committee meeting of 31 January 2018 and it was agreed that a full report be submitted to the SAB, based on further analysis of the results and informed by the committee's discussions.

7. The full research report of the survey results with accompanying analysis was circulated to the Board with the meeting agenda.

Recommendations

8. The Board are recommended to note the contents of the research report and approve for distribution to FRAs and online publication.

Actions for Board Members

9. To note the contents of this report and approve distribution of the research report.

Board Secretary
28 February 2018