

## **West Midlands Pension Fund's training programme nominated for UK excellence award.**

The West Midlands Pension Fund's training programme has been recognised for excellence in the Skills and Knowledge category in the annual Local Government Chronicle Investment Awards.

The Fund recognises that the public sector world is constantly changing and that its policies and procedures are only as good as the people who manage them. A dedicated training programme for its officers and trustees ensures a continually high standard of governance and compliance and the Fund is able to offer this while still being one of the largest yet cheapest pension funds in the UK.

The Pensions Committee of the West Midlands Pension Fund consists of some trustees with over 30 years' of local government service. The Local Government Chronicle Investment Awards recognised excellence in not allowing officers and trustees of the Fund to become stagnant in their knowledge or expertise.

Jane Hazeldine, Trustee Management Officer for the West Midlands Pension Fund, said: "We're delighted that the Fund has been recognised for the excellent training that it provides, and are similarly proud of how our staff and elected members continually engage with the programme and hone their already varied skillsets".

The Local Government Chronicle Investment Awards 2014 will be taking place on Thursday 27 November 2014 in London.

**Ends**

### **Notes for Editors:**

The West Midlands Pension Fund provides pension services to over 267,000 current and former employees of the seven West Midlands district councils and over 400 employers participating in the Fund.

It is one of the largest funds in England and Wales, employing 115 FTE members of staff and as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 the Fund was valued at over £10 billion.

The West Midlands Pension Fund strives to be a best practice organisation, delivering a customer-focused service, while providing value for money to its stakeholders.

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