

West Midlands Pension Fund wins local government excellence award.

The West Midlands Pension Fund has won the Local Government Chronicle Investment Award, Skills and Knowledge category in recognition of the exceptional training program delivered to its Trustees.

The Skills and Knowledge category is awarded to an organisation whose training has significant impact on trustees and fund officers. Receiving the award acknowledges the dedicated development program provided by the Fund which ensures continual growth and development resulting in high standards of scheme governance.

The Fund listened to previous comments from Trustees and devised a training program with feedback of almost 98% of attendees stating that their quality expectations were exceeded.

The accolade was presented at the annual ceremony hosted by the Local Government Chronicle which recognises exceptional performance in managing local authority pension schemes.

Councillor Thomas Turner, Chairman of Pensions Committee for the West Midlands Pension Fund, said: "We're delighted that the Fund has won this category of the Local Government Chronicle Investment Awards. The win recognises the dedication that the Fund has for the continuous development of its staff and trustees, and it is brilliant that we can offer this high level of training expertise while remaining one of the least expensive local government pension funds in the UK".

Speaking about the award submissions, Rachel Dalton, Deputy Editor of the Local Government Chronicle, said, "The quality of the entries this year was outstanding and this underlines how richly deserved these accolades are."

The win is just one of the recent award successes for the Fund. As well as achieving Investors in People and Customer Service Excellence earlier in the year, The West Midlands Pension Fund has also been awarded finalist status in both the Pension Scheme Communication Award and Innovation Award of the Year in the annual Pensions Age Awards, winners are due to be announced on 25 February 2015.

For more information on the training program delivered by the Fund please contact wmpfgovernance@wolverhampton.gov.uk

For more information on the Local Government Chronicle Investment Awards go to www.lgcinvestmentawards.com.



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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 31st 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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