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### Report Summary

1. This is a briefing paper on the reorganisation of the Probation Service resulting in the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Thames Valley Probation Trust to the Greater Manchester Pension Fund

### 1. Details of Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Panel note this briefing paper

### 2. Reason for Recommendation(s) and Options Considered

In June 2013 the Ministry of Justice published plans for the reorganisation of the Probation Service. This reorganisation will result in the current 35 Probation Trusts being dissolved, 21 new privately managed probation companies being established and the transfer of a proportion of Probation Service Staff to the Ministry of Justice.

At the same time the Ministry of Justice published its plans regarding the pension entitlements of current and past Probation Service employees which was to transfer all assets and liabilities in respect of these employees to a single LGPS fund. After a tender process (restricted to those funds with at least £5 billion of assets) Greater Manchester was selected as the preferred fund.

In December 2013 consultation on the legislation required to transfer funds and liabilities to Greater Manchester Pension Fund began. It is envisaged that a proportionate share of the Fund's assets will be transferred to Greater Manchester once terms have been agreed for the dissolution of Thames Valley Probation Trust and their asset share of the Fund has been determined. This transfer is likely to be around £60 million.

A small number of Thames Valley Probation Trust pensioners are covered by our longevity insurance contract with Swiss Re. Swiss Re have been kept informed of the Ministry's plans and have agreed to adjust the terms of our contract to allow for the Fund ceasing to be liable to pay pensions to these individuals after Thames Valley Probation trust's dissolution.

### **3. Key Implications**

The Fund will lose £60 million of assets and a proportionate share of liabilities.

### **4. Financial Details**

The Fund will lose £60 million of assets and a proportionate share of liabilities.

### **5. Legal Implications**

The transfer will be mandated by Statutory Instrument

### **6. Value For Money**

Not applicable

### **7. Sustainability Impact Appraisal**

None

### **8. Risk Management**

### **9. Links to Strategic Objectives**

None.

### **10. Equalities, Human Rights and Community Cohesion**

Not applicable

### **11. Staffing/Workforce and Accommodation implications:**

None

### **12. Property and Assets**

None

### **13. Any other implications:**

Not applicable

### **14. Consultation**

### **15. Timetable for Implementation**

Not known and beyond our control

### **16. Appendices**

None

### **17. Background Information**