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21 March 2014

To: All Members of the Full Council

Dear Member,

Full Council - Monday, 24th March, 2014

I attach a copy of the following reports for the above-mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda:

7. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PAGES 1 - 34)

- i. Establishing a Pensions Committee from 1 April 2014 and appointing members thereto
- ii. Calendar of meetings 2014/15
- iii. Members Allowances 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015

Yours sincerely

Clifford Hart Democratic Services Manager





Report for:	Council 24 MARCH 20	Item number 14	7 (1)
Title:	ESTABLISHME FROM 1 APRIL	NT OF A PENSION 2014	S COMMITTEE
Report authorised by :	N. Chief Executive		
Lead Officer:	Clifford Hart, Do Tel: 0208 489 2	emocratic Services 920	Manager
Ward(s) affected:		Papart for You/No	n Kou Daginian
N/A		Report for Key/No N/A	ii key Decision:

- 1. Describe the issue under consideration
- 1.1 To seek Full Council approval to the establishment of a Pensions Committee from 1 April 2014 and subsequent amendments to the Council's Constitution in respect of the current terms of reference of Corporate Committee.
- 2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 3. Recommendations
- 3.1 That Full Council:
- (a) agree to the establishment of a Pensions Committee, with effect from 1 April 2014, with the terms of reference of the Committee as set out at Appendix 1 of this report;



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(b) agree that in accordance with the rules on political proportionality, the five councillor membership of the Pensions Committee will be split at a ratio of 3:2 in favour of Labour for the remainder of the current municipal year and agree that, for the remainder of the current municipal year, the membership and Chair will be as follows:

Councillor Meehan (Chair) Councillor Amin Councillor Khan

Councillor Wilson Councillor Beacham

(c) note that the Monitoring Officer will update the Constitution accordingly to give effect to the new Pensions Committee, including amendments to the terms of reference and protocol of the existing Corporate Committee to reflect the changes agreed at (a) and (b) above.

4. Alternative options considered

- 4.1 The benefits of the proposal to establish a pensions committee are (1) to free up Corporate Committee time for non pension issues, (2) to better manage the training and knowledge and skills requirements through a smaller focused committee, and (3) to streamline decisions by having detailed debates at the decision making Pensions Committee rather than the non decision making Pension Working Group, which will rarely be required in future.
- 4.2 The alternative to the planned changes is to continue with the current structure of detailed discussion at the Pensions Working Group and decisions at the Corporate Committee. Pension issues are often specialist and complex. Members of the Corporate Committee who have not attended the Pensions Working Group are at disadvantage in that they have not had an opportunity to previously debate the issues indepth and hear the opinions of the advisors. Nor have they the accumulation of pension knowledge that comes from greater exposure to the issues. The proposals reflect the common structure across LGPS where specialist committees deciding pension issues, particularly investment related, are the norm.

5. Background information

5.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Full Council appoints Committees of the Council in accordance with Article 4.02 and Part 4 Section A of the Constitution. The AGM also ratifies the appointment of the Chair of each Committee. Any newly created bodies in addition to



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those agreed at Annual Council can be established during the Municipal Year with ratification of Full Council to their establishment. The proposal is to revert to a stand alone Pensions Committee that will assume all pension fund duties that are currently performed by the Corporate Committee.

- Pension fund issues currently occupy a significant proportion of the Corporate Committee's available time. Proposals to reform Local Government Pension Schemes (LGPS) will introduce additional governance requirements. In particular there will be a need to demonstrate that members taking decisions have sufficient knowledge and skills to understand the issues. This will involve both increased training and periodic assessments of the effectiveness of training. Meeting these requirements within a dedicated Pensions Committee will be more achievable than if applied to the larger Corporate Committee.
- 5.3 An additional advantage of establishing a Pensions Committee is that the detailed monitoring currently undertaken by the Pension Working Group can be assumed by the Pensions Committee thereby streamlining decision making.
- During 2013 the Government consulted on the LGPS governance arrangements and is expected to require the establishment of a Pensions Board with employee and pensioner representation to scrutinise the work of the Pensions Committee. Should the Government regulate as expected this will require a second pension related entity to be established to carry out the scrutiny function, although the decision making responsibility will remain with the Pensions Committee.
- 5.5 It is envisaged that going forward, meetings of the Pensions Committee will take place quarterly. There are no plans to hold a meeting during the remainder of the current municipal year 2013/2014 but if required, a meeting may be convened in accordance with the Committee Procedure Rules.
- 5.6 Appendix 1 sets out the Terms of Reference of the proposed Pensions Committee. Appendix 2 provides details of the composition of the Committee including non-voting co-optees, being the employer representatives and member representatives.
- 6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications
- 6.1 The proposal to establish a dedicated pension committee will not only allow greater time to be devoted to pension issues but will allow the Corporate Committee to concentrate on its other roles. Pension issues



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are becoming increasingly complex and the increased commitment and training needs for Members is better suited to a smaller committee.

- 7. Assistant Director of Corporate Governance comments and Legal Implications
- 7.1 There are no specific legal implications arising out of this report.
- 8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments
- 8.1 The Council has a public sector equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to need to:
- tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;

 advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;

 foster good relations between people who those characteristics and people who do not.

- 8.2 Policy and Equalities Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and they comment that the proposals outlined in this report carry no apparent implications for the any aspect of duty outlined above.
- 9. Head of Procurement Comments

N/A

10. Policy Implication

- 11. Reason for Decision
- 11.1 The proposed structure will bring the Council pension decision making structure into line with anticipated government regulations and with standard practice across LGPS. It will better enable the Council to deal with changes in pension regulations being introduced in 2014.
- 12. Use of Appendices



Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference of the proposed Pensions Committee Appendix 2 – Membership of the Pensions Committee

13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Pensions Committee

- (a) To exercise the functions which are stated not to be the responsibility of The Executive in Regulation 2 and Schedule 1 paragraph H of The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) and in any Statute or subordinate legislation further amending these Regulations relating to those matters concerning the Local Government Pension Scheme. The Committee's functions are those of the "Administering Authority" under the Pensions legislation.
- (b) Exercising all the Council's functions as "Administering Authority" and being responsible for the management and monitoring of the Council's Pension Fund and the approval of all relevant policies and statements. This includes:
 - (i) Selection, appointment and performance monitoring of investment managers, AVC scheme providers, custodians and other specialist external advisers;
 - (ii) Formulation of investment, socially responsible investment and governance policies and maintaining a statement of investment principles and funding strategy statement;
 - (iii) Determining the allocation of investments between each asset class:
 - (iv) Reviewing specialist external advisers performance;
 - (v) Publicising statements and policy documents as required by legislation, government directives and best practice.
- (c) To monitor and as appropriate to decide upon Pensions Administration issues.
- (d) Monitoring the Pension Fund Budget including Fund expenditure and actuarial valuations; and to receive the Pension Fund Budget annually.
- (e) To agree to the admission of bodies into the Council's Pension scheme.
- (f) To receive actuarial valuations.
- (g) To ensure that members of the Committee receive appropriate training to undertake their responsibilities.
- (h) To approve the Annual Accounts of the Local Government Pension Scheme and consider recommendations from the Auditor.

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Pensions Committee - Membership

Representatives of	Number of members	Term of Appointment	Method of Appointment
Voting members			
Council Members	5 (split according to rules on	A municipal year	Determined by Full Council at its Annual General Meeting.
	political proportionality)		
Non voting membe	rs		
All other employers	1	4 years from April 2014	Nominations to be determined by eligible employers. Details of process to be agreed by the Chairman.
Active scheme	1	4 years from	Determined by Unison.
members		April 2014	Where Unison fails to nominate a Committee Member for any period of 6 months or more, nominations will be requested from all eligible active scheme members and a representative will be picked following interviews. Details of process to be agreed by the Chairman.
Deferred and pensioner scheme members	1	4 years from April 2014	Determined by Unison. Where Unison fails to nominate Committee Member for any period of 6 months or more, nominations will be requested from all eligible active scheme members and a representative will be picked following interviews. Details of process to be agreed by the Chairman.
Total Committee Members	8		

Chair

The Chair shall be appointed at Full Council at its Annual General Meeting.

Substitutes

Voting members of the Pensions Committee may appoint substitutes in accordance with Committee Procedure Rules.



Report for:	Full Council 24 MARCH 20	Item number	7 (ii)
Title:	Calendar of m	eetings for 2014/15	
Report authorised by :	Chief Executive	e N.Wall	4
Lead Officer:	Clifford Hart, D Tel: 0208 489 2	Democratic Services 2920	Manager
Ward(s) affected:		Report for Key/No	n Key Decision:
N/A		N/A	

1. Describe the issue under consideration

To agree the schedule of meetings for 2014/15. The schedule of meetings is submitted annually to the Council for approval.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

That the attached schedule of meetings for 2014/15 be agreed.

4. Comments of the Chief Financial Officer and Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications.

5. Assistant Director Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer - and Legal Implications

There are no perceived legal implications arising from this report.

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

The 2013/14 schedule of meetings was used during the compilation of this report.

The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Clifford Hart on 0208 489 2920.

7. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

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Report for:	FULL COUNCIL	number	7 (iii)
Title:	Making the M for 2014/15	lembers' Allowa	nces Scheme
Report authorised by :	Chief Executive	N. Wall	~

1. Describe the issue under consideration

Every year the council is required, in accordance with the Local Authorities 1.1 (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, to adopt a Members' Allowances Scheme to run from 1 April to 31 March the following year.

N/A

- This report recommends to full Council the Members' Allowances Scheme 1.2 for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 as set out at Appendix 1.
- In terms of the proposed amounts payable for Members Allowances for the 1.3 period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, with the exception of an additional special responsibility allowance to be payable to the Chair of the newly established Pensions Committee, there are no changes in the amounts to be paid and these are the same as those paid for the previous period from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

2. **Cabinet Member Introduction**

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That Members resolve to revoke the current Members' Allowances Scheme as from 31 March 2014.
- 3.2 That Members resolve to adopt the Members' Allowances Scheme for 1 April 2014 31 March 2015 as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, and to adopt this as the replacement for Part 6 of the Council's Constitution, with the additional special responsibility allowance to be paid to the Chair of the newly established Pensions Committee.

4. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and Financial Implications

4.1 The Chief Finance Officer has reviewed the proposed changes to the Members' Allowances scheme and confirms that there is sufficient budget provision within 2014/15 cash limits to cover the costs of the proposed scheme.

5. Assistant Director of Corporate Governance comments and Legal Implications

The legal implications have been considered within the body of this report and in the drafting of the Appendix 1.

6. Report

- The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 require local authorities to make a scheme of allowances for their members at the start of each municipal year. There is nothing to prevent full Council from amending the Scheme later in the year should it wish to do so, but a Scheme can only be revoked with effect from the beginning of each year.
- The regulations stipulate that before a Council can agree or amend its Members' Allowances Scheme, it must consider recommendations made to it by an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), whose members cannot be members of the same authority. London Councils (formerly the Association of London Government) acts as the IRP for the London Boroughs. The most recent London Councils IRP report was published in 2010 (attached at Appendix 2). The Council has previously taken these recommendations into account, and the report of the IRP has been considered in the preparation of the Scheme which is subject of this report.
- Appendix 1 to this report shows the recommended changes to the Scheme.

 Table A details the Scheme and allowances applicable for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015. Changes to the Scheme are shown in italics and

underlined. There will be an additional special responsibility allowance to be paid to the Chair of the new Pensions Committee. Save for this addition there are no changes in the amounts to be paid and these are the same as those paid for the previous period from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

- The Council has a public sector equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to need to:
- tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
- foster good relations between people who those characteristics and people who do not.
- Policy and Equalities Team were consulted in the preparation of this report and that the proposals outlined in the report carry no apparent implications for any aspect of the duty outlined above.

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Part 6 Members' Allowances Scheme

1. SCHEME FOR THE PAYMENT OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

1.01 Made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 and in force for the municipal year 2013/14 2014/15 (i.e. 1 April 2013 2014 to 31 March 2014 2015).

2. BASIC ALLOWANCE

- 2.01 Each Councillor will be entitled to receive the sum of £10,500 by way of Basic Allowance.
- 2.02 If a Councillor does not serve as such for the whole 12-month period or becomes disqualified, he/she will only be entitled to receive pro-rata payment for the period(s) during which he/she actually was a serving Councillor. This principle applies to education representatives on scrutiny bodies.

3. INCLUDED EXPENSES

3.01 Travel Expenses.

The Basic Allowance includes all travel within the M25. Councillors are not entitled to any form of concession or special permit as Councillors for parking in the Borough.

3.02 Telephones and I.T.

The Basic Allowance includes Councillors' telephone call charges, both mobile and landline, for which Councillors are billed individually. The Council meets the rental for apparatus, including broadband, and all datacharges.

4. MAYORAL ALLOWANCES

- 4.01 The additional allowances for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are:
 - (a) The Mayor is entitled to an additional allowance of £15,750.
 - (b) The Deputy Mayor is entitled to an additional allowance of £3,936.

5. SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

5.01 For the period 1 April <u>2014</u> to 31 March <u>2015</u>, Haringey Council will allocate Special Responsibility Allowances in six bands, to Councillors who take on certain additional roles, in accordance with Table A below. If a Councillor does not serve as such for the whole period or becomes disqualified, he/she will only be entitled to receive pro-rata payment for the period(s) during which he/she actually was a serving Councillor.

Table A

Band	Position	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
Band 4	Leader	£31,497	£41,997
Band 3B	7 or fewer x Cabinet MembersOpposition Leader	£23,622	£34,122
Band 3A	Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	£21,479	£31,979
Band 2B	 Chair of Corporate Committee Chief Whip Chair of Regulatory Committee Chair of Alexandra Palace and Park Board Opposition Deputy Leader Opposition Chief Whip 	£15,750	£26,250
Band 2A	4 x Councillors serving on Overview and Scrutiny Committee	£14,317	£24,817
Band 1	 7 x Area Committee Chairs <u>Chair of Pensions</u> <u>Committee</u> 	£7,875	£18,375

6. MULTIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES

6.01 Where a Councillor holds more than one post of special responsibility, he/she may only receive one Special Responsibility Allowance. Where a Councillor holds more than one post of special responsibility and the posts have Special Responsibility Allowances of different monetary values, the Councillor would receive the higher one. For the purposes

of this paragraph, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor count as posts of special responsibility.

7. CO-OPTEES' ALLOWANCES AND CHAIR OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

- 7.01 Each education representative on scrutiny bodies is entitled to an allowance of £616.50. No allowances are payable to others who are not elected Councillors.
- 7.02 The Chair of the Standards Committee will be entitled to remuneration of £1,263, being equal to the remuneration payable to the former independent Chair of the Standards Committee.

8. BABYSITTING AND DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE

- 8.01 Councillors and non-elected members can claim this allowance based on the following:
 - (a) That reimbursement be made at a maximum rate of £7.85 per hour. The period of payment should include the time of the meeting, together with reasonable travelling time of the member, plus any necessary travelling expenses of the carer to and from their home.
 - (b) Children over the age of 16 must not be claimed for, unless suffering from an illness or disability making constant care essential.

9. TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

- 9.01 Councillors can claim this allowance for attending approved meetings, training and conferences etc. only to the extent that it involves travel outside the M25. Claims must be based on the following:
 - (a) The mileage rate for travel by private car is 34.6 pence per mile. An extra 3 pence per mile is payable for each passenger for whom a travelling allowance would otherwise be payable. The cost of tolls, ferries and parking charges can be claimed.
 - (b) The mileage rate for travel by solo motor cycle is :

Not exceeding150 cc8.5 pence per mileOver150 cc but not over 500 cc12.3 pence per mileOver500 cc16.5 pence per mile

(c) On public transport only the ordinary or cheaper fare can be claimed where more than one class is available.

- (d) The cost of a taxi, including a reasonable tip, can be claimed only in case of urgency or where public transport is not practicable or reasonably available.
- (e) The maximum rates for subsistence allowance on approved duties are as follows:

For an absence of more than 4 hours before 11.00	£4.92
For an absence of more than 4 hours including lunchtime between 12.00 and 14.00	£6.77
For an absence of more than 4 hours including the period 15.00 to 18.00	£2.67
For an absence of more than 4 hours ending after 19.00	£8.38

10. CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS

- 10.01 Where a Councillor is also a Councillor of another authority, that Councillor may not receive allowances from more than one authority in respect of the same duties.
- 10.02 The Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances will be paid in equal monthly instalments.
- 10.03 The Co-optees' Allowance must be claimed by, and will be paid at, the end of the municipal year, subject to paragraphs 2.02 above and 10.05 below.
- 10.04 All claims for Travelling and Subsistence Allowance and Babysitting and Dependents Allowance must be made within two months of the relevant meeting or the costs being incurred by the Councillor or non-elected member, subject to paragraph 10.05 below.
- 10.05 If any Allowance under paragraphs 10.03 or 10.04 is not claimed within the prescribed time limit, the Head of Local Democracy & Members' Services shall have a discretion to make the payment nonetheless.
- 10.06 Any Councillor or non-elected member may elect to forego his/her entitlement to all or part of any allowance by giving written notice at any time to the Head of Local Democracy & Members' Services.

11. MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

11.01 All eligible Councillors are allowed to join the Local Government Pension scheme in respect of the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances paid to them as part of this scheme of allowances.