

Pensions Committee

THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 at 19:00 HRS - .

MEMBERS: Councillors Berryman, Bevan (Vice-Chair), Diakides (Chair), Doron, Marshall, and Ross

Non-voting Members: Roger Melling and Michael Jones (1 vacancy)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of Urgent Business. (Late items of Urgent Business will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items of Urgent Business will be dealt with under Item 11 below. New items of exempt business will be dealt with at Item 14 below).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

(i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and

(ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct.

NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER

When considering the items below, the Committee will be operating in its capacity as 'Administering Authority'. When the Committee is operating in its capacity as an Administering Authority, Members must have due regard to their duty as quasi-trustees to act in the best interest of the Pension Fund above all other considerations.

4. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 4)

To consider and agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2014 as a correct record.

5. PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2013/14 AND AUDIT REPORT (PAGES 5 - 156)

The report presents the audited Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts for 2013/14 and the Annual Governance Report of the external auditors, Grant Thornton, which reports on their annual audit of the Pension Fund accounts.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME IT SYSTEM: CONTRACT RENEWAL (PAGES 157 - 162)

The report proposes that to enable the Council to carry out its functions as an administering Authority under the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), it enters into a contract with Heywood, an external IT contractor, for the provision of a new IT system.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME - ADMISSION OF NEW EMPLOYERS AS TRANSFEREE ADMISSION BODY (PAGES 163 - 166)

The report sets out details relating to the admission of new eligible admission body employers into the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF PENSION BOARD (PAGES 167 - 198)

The report details draft regulations issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) that require each local government pension scheme to establish a pension board.

9. PENSION FUND QUARTERLY UPDATE (PAGES 199 - 222)

The Council is required to review investment performance on a quarterly basis, and sections 13 and 14 of the report provide the information for this.

10. PENSION FUND - WORK PLAN 2014-15 (PAGES 223 - 228)

The report identifies topics that will come to the attention of the Committee in the next nine months and to seek Members' input into future agenda's.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

To consider any items admitted at item 2 above.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The following item is likely to be subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contain exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; paragraphs 1 and 3, information relating to any individual and information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME IT SYSTEM: CONTRACT RENEWAL -APPENDIX A (PAGES 229 - 232)

Exempt appendix related to item 6 above.

14. ANY ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th December 2014 – 7.00pm

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