# PENSIONS COMMITTEE AND BOARD

### Thursday, 4th March, 2021, 7.00 pm - MS Teams (watch it here)

**Members:** Councillors John Bevan (Chair), Julie Davies (Vice-Chair), James Chiriyankandath, Paul Dennison, Viv Ross, and Noah Tucker.

Employer Member: Keith Brown Employer Member: Vacant Employee Member: Ishmael Owarish Employee Member: Randy Plowright

Quorum: 3 Council Members and 2 Employer / Employee Members.

#### 1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

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The Chair of the meeting has the discretion to terminate or suspend filming or recording, if in his or her opinion continuation of the filming, recording or reporting would disrupt or prejudice the proceedings, infringe the rights of any individual, or may lead to the breach of a legal obligation by the Council.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### 3. 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 18 below).

#### 4. 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

The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 defines a conflict of interest as a financial or other interest which is likely to prejudice a person's exercise of functions. Therefore, a conflict of interest may arise when an individual:

- i) Has a responsibility or duty in relation to the management of, or provision of advice to, the LBHPF, and
- ii) At the same time, has:
  - a separate personal interest (financial or otherwise) or
  - another responsibility in relation to that matter,

giving rise to a possible conflict with their first responsibility. An interest could also arise due to a family member or close colleague having a specific responsibility or interest in a matter.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair will ask all Members of the Committee and Board to declare any new potential conflicts and these will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and the Fund's Register of Conflicts of Interest. Any individual who considers that they or another individual has a potential or actual conflict of interest which relates to an item of business at a meeting must advise the Chair prior to the meeting, where possible, or state this clearly at the meeting at the earliest possible opportunity.

#### 5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

To consider any requests received in accordance with Part 4, Section B, paragraph 29 of the Council's constitution.

#### 6. RECORD OF TRAINING UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING

### 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.

#### 7. MEMBERSHIP

To confirm one employee member for a four year term of office.

#### 8. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 10)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Pensions Committee and Board meeting held on 21 January 2021 as a correct record.

#### 9. PENSION ADMINISTRATION REPORT (PAGES 11 - 14)

This report provides updates regarding:

- The amount of visits made to the Haringey pension fund website.
- An update in light of the current Coronavirus pandemic.
- Details of an employer joining the pension fund.
- A vacancy for a pensions administration apprentice.

# 10. REVIEW OF THE PENSION ADMINISTRATION STRATEGY AND INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE (PAGES 15 - 70)

This report reviews the Pension Fund's Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure. It also reviews and updates the Pension Administration Strategy which has been sent to employers for comment.

# 11. PENSION FUND QUARTERLY UPDATE AND INVESTMENTS UPDATE (PAGES 71 - 86)

This report provides updates on the following matters in respect of the three months to 31 December 2020:

- Investment asset allocation
- Independent Advisor's Market Commentary
- Update on the Fund's accounts and annual report
- Funding position update
- Investment Performance
- London Collective Investment Vehicle (LCIV) Update
- Stewardship Update

#### 12. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD (PAGES 87 - 90)

This report presents the results of the investment management consultancy services contract tender and asks the Pensions Committee and Board to agree the selection of the Pension Fund's investment management consultant following the outcome of the competitive tender process.

#### 13. INVESTMENT STRATEGY CONSIDERATIONS ON THE STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION TO GILTS AND/ OR THE LONDON FUND (PAGES 91 - 94)

This report presents an Investment Strategy considerations paper and seeks approval for a change to the Pension Fund's strategic asset allocation within the Investment Strategy Statement.

#### 14. LONDON COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT VEHICLE (LCIV) RENEWABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (RIF) SUITABILITY ADVICE (PAGES 95 - 98)

This report presents suitability advice in relation to a top up of the allocation to renewable energy investments through the London Collective Investment Vehicle (LCIV) Renewable Infrastructure Fund (RIF) and seeks agreement for the additional allocation.

## 15. LOCAL AUTHORITY PENSION FUND FORUM (LAPFF) VOTING UPDATE (PAGES 99 - 100)

The Fund is a member of the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) and the Committee and Board has previously agreed that the Fund should cast its votes at investor meetings in line with LAPFF voting recommendations. This report provides an update on voting activities on behalf of the Fund.

#### 16. RISK REGISTER (PAGES 101 - 124)

This paper provides an update on the Fund's risk register and an opportunity for the Committee and Board to further review the risk score allocation.

#### 17. FORWARD PLAN (PAGES 125 - 130)

The purpose of the paper is to identify topics that will come to the attention of the Committee and Board in the next twelve months and to seek members' input into future agendas. Suggestions for future training are also requested.

#### 18. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

#### **19. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The dates of future meetings will be confirmed at the Council meeting in May 2021.

#### 20. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Items 21-26 are likely to be subject to 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 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); para 3; namely information relating to the

financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## 21. PENSION FUND QUARTERLY UPDATE AND INVESTMENTS UPDATE (PAGES 131 - 180)

As per item 11.

#### 22. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD (PAGES 181 - 182)

As per item 12.

23. INVESTMENT STRATEGY CONSIDERATIONS ON THE STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION TO GILTS AND/ OR THE LONDON FUND (PAGES 183 - 208)

As per item 13.

#### 24. LONDON COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT VEHICLE (LCIV) RENEWABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (RIF) SUITABILITY ADVICE (PAGES 209 - 216)

As per item 14.

#### 25. EXEMPT MINUTES (PAGES 217 - 218)

To confirm and sign the exempt minutes of the Pensions Committee and Board meeting on 21 January 2021 as a correct record.

#### 26. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

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