



**Haringey** Council

<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Pensions Committee</b>	<b>Item Number:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Local Government Pension Scheme - Designated Person for the Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure.		
<b>Report Authorised by:</b>	<b>Jacque McGeachie - Interim Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development</b>		
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Janet Richards Pensions Manager</b>		
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b> None	<b>Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:</b> <b>Non Key Decision</b>		

### **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations requires the Administrating Authority to appointment a Designated Person to adjudicate Stage 2 Appeals under the Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure (IDRP).

### **2. Cabinet Member introduction**

Not applicable

### **3. Recommendations**

That approval is given to the appointment of Bhikhu Samat, Principal Lawyer of the Employment Education and Corporate team as the Designated Person for the Stage 2 Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure.

### **4. Alternative options considered**

n/a

### **5. Background information**



The Pensions Act 1995 requires occupational pension schemes to make arrangements for the resolution of disputes between the managers of the scheme on the one hand and scheme members on the other. Regulations made under the LGPS Regulations 1997 and amended by LGPS amendment regulations 2004 and LGPS Regulations 2013 set out the regulatory framework for the LGPS appeals procedure.

The role of IDRPs Stage 2 designated person has normally been undertaken by the Principal Lawyer of the Employment Education and Corporate team which had been Dave Burn. After Dave Burn left the Council this Principal Lawyer of the Employment Education and Corporate team remained vacant for a period of time and there was no IDRPs Stage 2 designated person. In order to cover this IDRPs Stage 2 designated person function, Bernie Ryan the Head of Legal was nominated to undertake the IDRPs Stage 2 designated person role. Now that Bhikhu Samat has been appointed to the Principal Lawyer of the Employment Education and Corporate team it is recommended that he becomes the IDRPs Stage 2 designated person.

## **7. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications**

7.1 There are no financial implications.

## **8. Assistant Director for Corporate Governance and legal implications**

8.1 The Assistant Director for Corporate Governance has been consulted on the content of this report and there are no legal issues raised.

## **9. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments**

N/A

## **9. Head of Procurement Comments**

N/A

## **11. Policy Implication**

N/A

## **12 Reasons for Decision**

The role of Stage 2 Designated Person is awarded to the current Principal Lawyer of the Employment Education and Corporate Team, Bhikhu Samat.

## **13 Use of Appendices**

n/a

## **14 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**