

AT A MEETING of the PENSION FUND PANEL of the County Council held at The Castle, Winchester on Friday 19 November 2010.

Chairman:
p Councillor M.N. Kemp-Gee

Councillors:

a F.G. Allgood
p C. Carter
p B.D. Dash
p A.G. Dowden

p B. Tennent
p T. Thacker
a T.K. Thornber, CBE

Co-opted members:

p Councillor P. Giddings (Test Valley Borough Council)
p Councillor J. Moulton (Southampton City Council)
p Mr E.W. Hughes (pensioners' representative)
p Mr P. Reynolds (employee representative)

Independent adviser:

p Mr H. Cole

Also in attendance for the duration of the meeting:

p Councillor T.G. Knight

121 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors F.G. Allgood and T.K. Thornber gave their apologies.

122 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that, where they believed they had a personal or prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should, normally at the time of the debate, declare their interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code. The declaration should be made at the time of the relevant debate.

The pensioners' representative Mr E.W. Hughes advised the meeting that he held a personal investment in shares in the company IQE. This company was also held by the Pension Fund's investment manager GLG Partners and had been identified by GLG Partners as a holding on which they wished to comment during their presentation at this meeting.

123 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2010 were amended to clarify the Declarations of Interest (Minute 114) by the independent adviser Mr H. Cole. He confirmed that his personal investment in

Aberdeen Asset Management was in the shares of the company itself.

The amended Minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

124 **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman invited members of the Panel to report on seminars attended since the last meeting of the Panel, which included Newton's client conference on 12 November 2010.

The Chairman confirmed that a meeting of the Panel would be arranged in early 2011 to enable Panel members to consider the future investment management arrangements for the Pension Fund.

125 **HUTTON INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS COMMISSION – RESPONSE TO SECOND CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

The Panel considered a report of the County Treasurer (Item 5 in the Minute Book) regarding proposals for a response to the Independent Public Service Pensions Commission's second call for evidence. The Commission had published an interim report in October 2010 and was now seeking further evidence for its final report which was due to be issued by March 2011.

Panel members agreed the overall approach of the draft response whilst suggesting a number of amendments to the detailed content.

The County Treasurer suggested that the draft response, including amendments requested by Panel members at the meeting, should be circulated to all the Pension Fund's employers to assist them in making their own responses to the Commission.

A revised draft of the County Council's response would be reported to the Panel's next meeting on 15 December 2010 so that it could be sent to the Commission by their deadline of 17 December 2010.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the draft response to the Commission be circulated to the Pension Fund's employers to assist them in preparing their own responses to the Commission.
- (b) That the Panel consider a final draft of the response on behalf of the County Council at the meeting on 15 December 2010.

126 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

127 **INVESTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS – UPDATE INCLUDING RECENT PERFORMANCE RETURNS**

The Panel considered an exempt report from the County Treasurer (Item 7 in the Minute Book) providing an update on investment matters. [SUMMARY OF A MINUTE WHICH CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION]