AT A MEETING of the PENSION FUND PANEL held at Hampshire County Council Offices, The Castle, Winchester on Tuesday 9 February 2010.

Chairman:
p Councillor M.N. Kemp-Gee

Councillors:

p F.G. Allgood	a D.A. Kirk
a C. Carter	a B. Tennent
a B.D. Dash	p T. Thacker
p A.G. Dowden	p T.K. Thornber, CBE

Co-opted members:
p Councillor P. Giddings (Test Valley Borough Council)
a Councillor D. Jones (Portsmouth City Council)
p Mr E.W. Hughes (pensioners' representative)
p Mr P. Reynolds (employee representative)

Independent adviser:
p Mr H. Cole

66 **APOLOGIES**

Councillors B.D. Dash, C. Carter, D. Jones, D.A. Kirk and B. Tennent gave their apologies.

67 **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.

68 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

69 **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman confirmed that letters should have been received by all Panel members detailing the schedule of meetings for 2010.

The Chairman proposed that there should be two half-day training sessions held in 2010, and suggested the week commencing 1 November 2010. The content of the training sessions was to be decided at a later date.

70 **ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL BACKGROUND**

The Panel received and noted a report of the Independent Adviser (Item 5 in the Minute Book) on the economic and financial background.

The Panel noted one point in the report on the recent upsurge in property prices, which could impact directly on the Pension Fund's buying programme. The County Treasurer confirmed that CBRE, the Pension Fund's UK property managers, were being very cautious in making new investments. The Panel agreed that CBRE should be informed that they continue to exercise caution in going into new investments.

RESOLVED:

That the County Treasurer write to CBRE to instruct them to continue to exercise caution in making new investments.

71 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the following items 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 those items 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 reports.

72 **INVESTMENT MATTERS – UPDATE INCLUDING RECENT PERFORMANCE RETURNS (EXEMPT)**

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]

73 **FUTURE OF THE UK EQUITIES PORTFOLIO (EXEMPT)**

The Panel considered an exempt report from the County Treasurer (Item 8 in the Minute Book) concerning the investment management arrangements for the UK equities portfolio.
[SUMMARY OF A MINUTE WHICH CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION]

74 **INVESTING IN EMERGING MARKETS AND GOLD (EXEMPT)**

The Panel considered an exempt report from the County Treasurer (Item 9 in the Minute Book) concerning investment in emerging markets and gold.
[SUMMARY OF A MINUTE WHICH CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION]

75 **RISK MANAGEMENT OF THE PENSION FUND'S INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS (EXEMPT)**

The Panel considered an exempt report from the County Treasurer (Item 10 in the Minute Book) providing an update on options for managing the investment risks of the Pension Fund.
[SUMMARY OF A MINUTE WHICH CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION]

76 **INVESTING IN ASIAN PROPERTY (EXEMPT)**

The Panel considered an exempt report from the County Treasurer (Item 11 in the Minute Book) concerning investment in Asian property.
[SUMMARY OF A MINUTE WHICH CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION]