

AT A MEETING of the PENSION FUND PANEL of the County Council held at The Castle, Winchester on Friday 7 November 2014.

Chairman:  
p Councillor M. Kemp-Gee

Councillors:

p C. Carter	p P. Latham
a C. Connor	p T. Rolt
a A. Gibson	p B. Tennent
p A. Joy	a T. Thacker

Substitute Councillor:

p (F. Pearce Conservative substitute member)  
p (S. Cully Labour substitute member)

Co-opted members:

p Councillor P. Giddings (Test Valley Borough Council)  
p Councillor J. Leek (Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council)  
p Councillor H. Mason (Portsmouth City Council)  
a Councillor S. Barnes-Andrews (Southampton City Council)  
p Dr C. Allen (pensioners' representative)  
a Mr P. Reynolds (employee representative)

Independent Adviser:

p C. Dobson

108 **BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

109 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Connor, Gibson, Thacker and Barnes-Andrews and Mr Reynolds gave their apologies.

110 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary

interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Carolyn Dobson declared that she is a member of the board of another of Aberdeen Asset Management's investment funds, as the Pension Fund's investment in a different Aberdeen fund was on the Panel's agenda.

#### 111 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2014 were confirmed.

#### 112 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked all the Panel members that attended the internal training event held on 6 November 2014.

The Chairman informed the Panel that Cllr Connor had represented the Pension Fund at the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum's (LAPFF) most recent quarterly meeting. In Cllr Connor's absence the Chairman circulated a report from Cllr Connor on the meeting.

The Chairman informed the Panel that as part of the County Council's member briefing event on 28 November 2014, there will be a session on treasury management, which is open to all members of the Pension Fund Panel as it applies to the investment of the Fund's cash balances.

#### 113 **PENSION ADMINISTRATION PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Panel considered and noted a report of the Director of Corporate Resources (Item 5 in the Minute Book) giving an update on pension administration performance from April to September 2014 and highlighting the key activities planned for the remainder of the year.

During September Pensions Services experienced four days of unplanned systems downtime, which resulted in the target completion time not being met for a small number of retirement and deferred benefit calculations. There is a plan in place to make up for the time lost to ensure that there is no detrimental impact to the service provided to members.

The Director of Corporate Resources also reported that Pensions Services will be moving to a new administration system from November 2014 and work is well underway on the implementation and migration project.

114 **PENSION BOARDS - UPDATE**

The Panel received and noted a report of the Director of Corporate Resources (item 6 in the Minute Book) updating the Panel following the publication of further consultation by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on amendments to the draft LGPS Governance regulations and consultation published by the Shadow Scheme Advisory Board on its guidance for Scheme Governance.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Director of Corporate Resources' staff will draft responses to both consultations to be approved by the Chairman of the Pension Fund Panel prior to their dispatch.
- b) The consultation responses are shared with the Pension Fund Panel after they have been dispatched.

115 **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 these 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.

116 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26 September 2014 (EXEMPT APPENDIX)**

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2014 were confirmed.

117 **INVESTMENT MANAGER PROCUREMENT**

The Panel noted an exempt Appendix from the Director of Corporate Resources (Item 9 in the Minute Book) concerning the Pension Fund's investment management arrangements. [SUMMARY OF A MINUTE WHICH CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION]

118 **INVESTMENT FEES AND TRANSACTION COSTS 2013/14**

The Panel considered an exempt report from the Director of Corporate Resources (Item 10 in the Minute Book) reviewing the fees and

transaction costs paid by the Fund in 2013/14. [SUMMARY OF A MINUTE WHICH CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION]

119 **INVESTMENT UPDATE**

The Panel received and noted an exempt report from the Director of Corporate Resources (Item 11 in the Minute Book) updating the Panel about the progress of the Pension Fund's investments. [SUMMARY OF A MINUTE WHICH CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION]

120 **ABERDEEN PRIVATE EQUITY FUND LTD**

The Panel considered an exempt report from the Director of Corporate Resources (Item 12 in the Minute Book) considering the Pension Fund's investment in the Aberdeen Private Equity Fund Ltd. [SUMMARY OF A MINUTE WHICH CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION]