

Minutes of the Pensions Board Meeting held on 8 December 2017

Present:

Gordon Alcott
Ian Jenkinson (Chairman)
Tim Legge

Kate Salter
Christina Washington

Apologies: Corrina Bradley

PART ONE

19. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

20. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 October 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

21. Training - Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure

The Board received a presentation from Ian Colvin of Hymans Robertson on Internal Dispute Resolution Procedures (IDRPs).

The presentation covered a range of issues including:

- The basic process
- Decision making in the LGPS:
 - First Instance Decisions
 - Stage 1 Appeal
 - Stage 2 Appeal
 - The role of the Pensions Advisory Service
 - The Pensions Ombudsman
- IDRPs in the real world
 - What often goes wrong
 - Ill health IDRPs
 - Case studies
- Lessons learned

In response to a question from the Chairman as to how data relating to the number of disputes dealt with by the Administering Authority was recorded and whether this information could be made available to the Board, the Director of Finance and Resources indicated that the information was recorded in the Breaches Log and in the Fund's Annual Report and Accounts.

RESOLVED – That Mr Colvin be thanked for his presentation.

22. Matters arising from the meeting of the Pensions Committee (including the minutes of the Pensions Panel):

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

23. Risk Register

The Chairman suggested that Corrina Bradley and Christina Washington be invited to attend the next meeting of the Officer Risk Working Group.

RESOLVED –That the Director of Finance and Resources be requested to extend an invitation to Corrina Bradley and Christina Washington to attend the next meeting of the Officer Risk Working Group.

24. Dates of Future Meetings

- Friday, 16 March 2018 at 1:00pm

25. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED - That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) indicated below.

PART TWO

The Board then proceeded to consider the following matters:

26. Exempt minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2017
(Exemption paragraph 3)

27. Exempt Matters Arising from the meeting of the Pensions Committee (including the minutes of the Pensions Panel)
(Exemption paragraph 3)

Chairman