Minutes

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

28 March 2012



Meeting held at Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 1UW

	Committee Members Present: Councillor Michael Markham (Chairman) Councillor Paul Harmsworth Councillor Janet Duncan Councillor Richard Lewis John Holroyd Andrew Scott LBH Officers Present: Nancy Le Roux, Central Services, Senior Finance Manager James Lake, Central Services, Financial Advisor	
	Ken Chisholm, Central Services, Financial Advisor Natasha Dogra, Central Services, Democratic Services	
	Others Present: Scott Jaimeson, Advisor	
52.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)	Action by
	Apologies had been received from Councillor Philip Corthorne.	
53.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)	Action by
	Councillors Duncan, Harmsworth and Lewis, and advisory member John Holroyd declared a personal interest in all Agenda Items, in that they were all members of the Local Government Pension Scheme, and remained in the room.	
54.	TO CONFIRM THAT ITEMS MARKED PART 1 WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THOSE MARKED PART 2 WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE (Agenda Item 3) Resolved: The Committee agreed that Agenda Items 6 to 10 were to be considered in public; and Agenda Items 11 to 13 were to be considered in private for the reasons stated on the agenda. Members of the press and public would be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of these items.	Action by
55.	CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2011 (Agenda Item 4)	Action by
	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2012 were agreed	

	as an accurate record by the Committee.	
56.	REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT OF THE FUND (Agenda Item 5)	Action by
	Officers presented the review of the fund manager performance for the London Borough of Hillingdon Pension Fund for the period ending on 31 December 2011. The total value of the fund's investments as at 31 December 2011 was £583.7m. Resolved: The Committee noted the update.	Nancy Le Roux, Central Services, Senior Finance Manager
57.	EARLY RETIREMENT MONITOR (Agenda Item 6)	Action by
	The Chairman of the Committee presented the report which summarised the number of Early Retirements in the year 2011/12. Officers informed Members that in quarter 3 of the current year 59 people over the age of 55 had their LGPS benefits put into payment due to redundancy and efficiency.	Nancy Le Roux, Central Services, Senior
	Resolved: The Committee noted the report.	Finance Manager
58.	PENSION FUND BUDGET (Agenda Item 7)	Action by
	Officers presented the Pension Budget Fund 2011/12 to the Committee.	
	Resolved: The Committee noted the budget position as at 30 September 2011.	Nancy Le Roux, Central Services, Senior Finance Manager
59.	ADMINISTRATION PERFORMANCE REPORT (Agenda Item 8)	Action by
	Officers informed the Committee Members that during the period 1 October 2011 to 31 December 2011 Pensions Administration was combined with Payroll under a single manager. Members were pleased with the performance of the Pensions Administration.	Nancy Le Roux, Central
	Resolved: The Committee noted the report.	Services, Senior Finance Manager
60.	GOVERNANCE UPDATE (Agenda Item 9)	Action by
	Officers presented the Committee with an update on Governance Issues.	
	Members discussed what approach should be taken to member development. Members said it was imperative that Officers continue to keep the Committee updated on changes to legislation and to maintain member knowledge. Members agreed that substitute Members of the	

	Pensions Committee should also be provided with a good working knowledge of current issues. Officers agreed to circulate a training leaflet to all Members of the Pensions Committee including substitute Members. Officers also agreed to provide substitute Members of the Pensions Committee with a hard copy of the agenda when requested by individual Members.	
	The Committee discussed the usefulness of Fund Manager Meetings, and decided that Members should only attend these if they deemed it necessary. Officers would continue to meet with Fund Managers and report any urgent issues to Members.	
	Resolved: 1. Members discussed and agreed an approach to Fund Manager Meetings. 2. Members noted the remaining items.	Nancy Le Roux, Central Services, Senior Finance Manager
61.	DELOITTE AUDIT PLAN (Agenda Item 10)	Action by
	Officers informed Members that the pre-audit would begin on 29 March 2012, where Deloitte would identify the key risks to investigate as part of their Annual Audit Plan.	Nancy Le Roux, Central Services, Senior Finance
	Resolved:	Manager
	The Committee noted the report.	
62.	REPORT FROM INVESTMENT SUB COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 11)	Action by
	This item was discussed as a Part 2 item without the press or public present as the information under discussion contained confidential or exempt information as defined by law in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. This was because it discussed 'information	
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The meeting, which commenced at 5.30 pm, closed at 6.05 pm.	

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