

Minutes

Pensions Committee

23 March 2016

Meeting held at Committee Room 6- Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



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	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillors Philip Corthorne (Chairman), Michael Markham (Vice-Chairman), Peter Davis, Beulah East and Tony Eginton.</p> <p>Apology for Absence: David O'Hara (Advisor).</p> <p>Also Present: Ajith Nair (KPMG)</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: Tunde Adekoya, Ken Chisholm, Sian Kunert, Nancy Le Roux, Paul Whaymand and Khalid Ahmed.</p>	
32.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING</p> <p>Councillor Philip Corthorne declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in all agenda items because he was a deferred member of the Local Government Pension Scheme. He remained in the room during discussion on the item.</p> <p>Councillor Tony Eginton declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in all agenda items as he was a retired member of the Local Government Pension Scheme. He remained in the room during discussion on the item.</p>	
33.	<p>PART I MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 DECEMBER 2015</p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
34.	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT ITEMS MARKED PART I WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THOSE MARKED PART II WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE</p> <p>It was agreed that Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 would be considered in private.</p>	
35.	<p>PART II MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9 DECEMBER 2015</p> <p><i>This item was discussed as a Part II 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</i></p>	

	<p><i>to Information) Act 1985. This was because it discussed 'information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)' (paragraph 3 of the schedule to the Act).</i></p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p>36.</p>	<p>INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND FUND MANAGER PERFORMANCE</p> <p><i>This item was discussed as a Part II 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 relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)' (paragraph 3 of the schedule to the Act).</i></p> <p>The Committee was provided with a presentation on the current position in relation to the current investment strategy.</p> <p>Reference was made to the decision made by the Council in January to pool Hillingdon Pension Fund assets through the London Collective Investment Vehicle (CIV).</p> <p>Discussion took place on the timetable to respond to the Government consultation of pooling of investments. The Committee was informed that the final detailed submission was due to be submitted by 15 July and a draft would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee to discuss. Included in this would be the approach to be taken for infrastructure assets which were exempt under the new proposals.</p> <p>The basis of the mechanics of the London CIV was discussed before looking at the approach to different asset classes.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the information reported by officers on the Fund position be noted. (2) That approval be given to the course of action detailed in the confidential report and minutes in relation to changes to the current investment strategy. (3) That the Officer and Advisor Investment Strategy Group be given delegation to implement decisions. (4) That approval be given to the consideration of a new Direct lending mandate and officers be asked to bring options to the next meeting of the Committee. (5) That the information reported in respect of existing manager mandates be noted. 	<p>Action By:</p> <p>Nancy Le Roux</p>
<p>37.</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE UPDATE</p>	<p>Action By:</p>

	<p>(1) That the progress made on the transfer of the Pensions Administration be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the latest administration performance figures be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the latest information in respect of early retirements be noted.</p>	
39.	<p>ERNST YOUNG - 2015/16 PENSION FUND ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN</p> <p>The Committee was provided with a report which set out the initial plans for the audit of the Pension Fund Accounts for 2015/16 by the new external auditors, Ernst Young.</p> <p>Members were informed that the draft annual audit of the pension fund would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) That the report be noted.</p>	
40	<p>PENSION FUND RISK REGISTER</p> <p><i>This item was discussed as a Part II 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 relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)' (paragraph 3 of the schedule to the Act).</i></p> <p>The report provided details of the main risks to the Pension Fund which enabled the Committee to monitor and review.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the importance of the Committee's role in the Risk Register, together with learning lessons from the problems associated with underperformance of the Fund's Administration.</p> <p>Officers reported that an Administration Strategy was being developed, which would be submitted to the Committee, before submission to the Pensions Board.</p> <p>The Committee was given an update on outstanding issues from Pension Fund Administration and Members were assured that officers were resolving many of the outstanding performance issues.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) That the Risk Register, in terms of the approach, the specific risks identified and the measures being taken to mitigate those current risks be noted.</p>	
<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.00pm closed at 7.50pm</p>		

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