

PENSION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Pension Committee held at Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes on 27 July 2015.

PRESENT Councillors Richard Stogdon (Chair), Godfrey Daniel, Bob Standley and David Tutt

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Frank Carstairs.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

2.1 Cllr Godfrey Daniel declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as a scheme member of two East Sussex Pension Fund pensions.

2.2 Cllr Richard Stogdon declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as a trustee of funds managed by Ruffer.

3 URGENT ITEMS

3.1 There were none.

4 TERMS OF REFERENCE

4.1 The Committee considered its terms of reference, as agreed by the Governance Committee on 10 March 2015.

4.2 The Committee RESOLVED to note the terms of reference of the Pension Committee.

5 DRAFT PENSION BOARD MINUTES

5.1 The Committee considered the draft minutes of the Pension Board meeting held 10 July 2015.

5.2 The Committee RESOLVED to note the draft Pension Board minutes.

5a OFFICERS' REPORT - BUSINESS OPERATIONS

5a.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer providing background information on the administration service provided to the Pension Fund by Orbis Business Operations.

5a.2 The Committee RESOLVED to note the report and its appendices.

5b OFFICERS' REPORT - GENERAL UPDATE

5b.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer providing a general update on matters related to its activity.

5b.2 The Committee RESOLVED to note the report and its appendices.

6 REVIEW OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORTS AND PENSION FUND ACCOUNTS 2014/15

6.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer summarising the position of the Pension Fund for 2014/15.

6.2 The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 1) approve the Independent Auditor's (KPMG) Annual Governance Report on the Pension Fund Annual Report; and
- 2) authorise the Chief Finance Officer to sign the formal Letter of Representation to KPMG LLP.

7 INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2015

7.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer providing an update on the performance of the Pension Fund investment portfolio and that of the individual managers for the quarter ending 31 March 2015.

7.2 The Chair agreed to table an updated version of the review of investment managers' performance for the quarter ending 30 June 2015.

7.3 The Committee RESOLVED to note the contents of the report, and the detailed analysis provided by Hymans Robertson as the fund advisor.

8 GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

8.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer containing the Governance Policy Statement and the Compliance Statement to the Pension Regulator Code of Practice.

8.2 The Committee RESOLVED to approve:

- 1) the amendments to the Governance Policy Statement; and
- 2) the Compliance Statement to the Pension Regulator Code of Practice.

9 PENSION COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN 2015/16

9.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer setting out the proposed forward plan for the Pension Board and Pension Committee for 2015/16.

9.2 The Committee RESOLVED to note the report and its appendices.

10 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

10.1 The Committee RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the remaining agenda item on the grounds that if the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial or business

affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

11 INVESTMENT MANAGER (LAZARD) PERFORMANCE

11.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer summarising the performance of Lazard, one of the East Sussex Pension Fund investment managers.

11.2 RESOLVED: The Committee was minded to agree recommendation B contained in the report.

[The full decision is set out in an exempt minute]

(The meeting ended at 1.00 pm)