

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

25 February 2020

Subject: Appointments to the Local Pension Board

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Simon Jacobs
Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement**

Key Decision: Non-Key

Executive Summary

Two vacancies have arisen on the Local Pension Board, to which Council appoints membership as the Administering Authority. The report sets out the recruitment process undertaken and recommends appointments to Council.

Proposal

That Council appoints

- a) Paul Smith to the Local Pension Board for a four year term as an Employer Member Representative.
- b) Mark Spilsbury to the Local Pension Board for a four year term as Independent Chairman.

Reason for Proposal

To ensure compliance with the Public Sector Pension Act (2013) along with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment Governance) Regulations 2015.

**Alistair Cunningham OBE
Chief Executive Officer**

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Purpose of Report

1. To report to Council the outcome of a selection process for the Local Pension Board, and seek Council's endorsement for the appointment as set out in the recommendation above.

Background

2. Under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and consequent amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, each administering authority is required to appoint a local pension board to assist the administering authority to comply with relevant legislation and guidance, and to ensure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the Local Government Pension Scheme. Such Boards are constituted entirely under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and are not local authority committees, membership is as defined in the Public Service Pensions Act 2013.
3. The term of office of an Employer Member Representative on the Board has come to an end in February 2020. The current Chairman's term of office had been extended to allow for continuity during the training of other members in 2019/20, now this period is complete the current Chairman will now step back from the role.

Main Considerations for the Council

4. An appointment process has been undertaken in line with the Local Pension Board Terms for Reference. Paul Smith, of Swindon Borough Council, has been selected for appointment to represent 'Group 2' of employers within the Fund which includes Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Police. Mark Spilsbury has been selected as the Independent non-voting Chairman.
5. The appointment of Paul Smith will take place with immediate effect, the appointment of the Chairman will take effect from 1st April 2020, when the current Chair is to step down.

Safeguarding Implications

6. There are no safeguarding implications.

Public Health Implications

7. There are no public health implications.

Procurement Implications

8. There are no Procurement implications

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

9. There are no equalities implications.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

10. There are no environmental implications.

Financial Implications

11. There are no financial risks associated with these appointments.

12. The Independent Chairman receives an allowance which is forecasted within the Administration Budget, in addition to expenses for other members.

Legal Implications

13. Vacancies are required to be filled to ensure the Council fulfils its statutory duties as administering authority under the Public Sector Pension Act (2013) along with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment Governance) Regulations 2015.

Conclusions

14. In order to ensure the effective operation of the Local Pension Board, it is recommended the appointment is confirmed, in accordance with the process outlined in the Board's Terms of Reference.

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