

INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

PART 1 MINUTES OF THE INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2017 AT KENNET ROOM, COUNTY HALL.

Present:

Cllr Tony Deane (Chairman), Cllr Gordon King and Cllr Roy While

Also Present:

Jim Edney, Joanne Holden, Cllr Philip Whitehead and Nick Weaver

36 Membership

There were no changes to the membership of the Sub Committee.

37 Attendance of non-members of the Sub-Committee

Philip Whitehead (Cabinet Member for Finance), Shruti Moraes, Chris Ashton and Nick Weaver, Pension Fund Officers, were in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed Nick Weaver as the Interim Head of Pensions.

38 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Steve Weisinger and Mike Pankiewicz.

39 Minutes

Resolved:

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017.

40 Declarations of Interest

David Anthony declared an interest in item 13, Brunel Pension Partnership update, as he was soon to be employed by the company. Cllr Roy While declared himself a member of the Wiltshire Pension Fund.

41 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reminded the Sub-Committee that recruitment was underway for a new Investment Manager and Head of Pensions Administration and Relations, interviews were to be held in the coming weeks.

Officers were thanked for their hard work to support the production of the 2016-17 Annual Report and for organising an Investment Training Away Day for Committee and Board members.

42 Public Participation and Councillors Questions

There were no members of the public present.

43 Date of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting was for 21 February 2018, however members were advised this date may be pushed back.

44 Urgent items

The Chairman highlighted the Fund had experienced a significant increase in assets over the last year and questioned why this had not reduced liabilities by a similar amount. Members discussed the change to the base rate for interest and it was explained that short term interest rate changes did not have much impact upon the Fund since this was already factored into the Valuation. The Fund's advisors explained there were different methods used by actuaries to value liabilities. Members noted the costs of LGPS schemes benefits were high.

Resolved:

To note the update provided by the Chairman and advisors.

45 Exclusion of the public

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Minute Numbers 46-52 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

46 **Review of the Investment Away Day**

Discussion on the Investment Away Day was brought forward on the agenda.

Resolved:

To note future investment issues for the Committee to consider.

To endorse the use of Equity Protection strategies to the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee and to recommend allowing officers to consider options and progress between meetings as appropriate.

To recommend a paper on Liability Driven Investing (LDI) outlining the actions, timelines and costs required to update the Flight Path and consider LDI options is brought to the next meeting of the Committee with a recommendation to allow further work to be progressed.

47 **Investment Quarterly Progress Report**

Confidential reports, including one from Mercer, were circulated updating the Committee on the performance of the Fund's investments as to the end of September 2017.

Resolved:

To note the updates provided by officers and Members.

48 **Brunel Pension Partnership Update**

The Head of Pensions provided an update on the establishment of Brunel Pension Partnership.

Resolved:

To note the update on the progress of Brunel Pension Partnership

49 **CBRE- Review of 2016-17 and Plans for the Future**

Representatives from CBRE updated the Sub Committee on the performance of its mandate and plans for the future.

Resolved:

To note the update and presentation from CBRE.

50 Partners- Review of 2016-17 and Plans for the Future

Representatives from Partners updated the Sub Committee on the performance of its mandate and plans for the future.

Resolved:

To note the update and presentation from Partners.

51 M&G Review of 2016-17 and Plans for the Future

Representatives from M&G updated the Sub Committee on the performance of its mandate and plans for the future.

Resolved:

To note the update and presentation from M&G.

52 Minutes

Resolved:

To confirm the Part 2 minutes of the Investment Sub Committee meeting held on 13 September 2017.

(Duration of meeting: 1.30 - 5.15 pm)

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