

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Subject: Appointments to the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee and Local Pension Board

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Pauline Church
Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement,
Commissioning, IT, Digital and Commercialisation**

Key Decision: Non-Key

Executive Summary

A vacancy has arisen on the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee, to which Council appoints membership as the Administering Authority. The report sets out the recruitment process undertaken and recommends appointments to Council.

A vacancy has also arisen on the Local Pension Board, and delegation to the Monitoring Officer is requested to make an appointment, upon receipt of nominations.

Proposal

That Council

- a) Appoints Claire Anthony to the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee for a four year term as an Employer Member Representative;
- b) Delegates to the Monitoring Officer to appoint a representative to the Local Pension Board once a nomination is made by the employer group.

Reason for Proposal

To ensure compliance with the Public Sector Pension Act (2013) along with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment Governance) Regulations 2015 and to ensure the sound governance of the Fund.

**Terence Herbert
Chief Executive Officer**

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Purpose of Report

1. To report to Council the outcome of a selection process for the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee and seek to Council's approval for the appointment as set out in the recommendation above. To make arrangements for an appointment to the Local Pension Board to be made between meetings of the Council.

Background

2. The Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee has, delegated from Full Council, decision making responsibility over the administration and management of the Wiltshire Pension Fund. It is a scheme manager as defined under Section 4 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013. The Committee is also a committee of the council under the 1972 Local Government Act.
3. The term of office of an Employer Representative on the Committee came to an end recently when that representative became employed by the Fund.
4. Under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and consequent amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, each administering authority (in this case Wiltshire Council) 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.
5. A vacancy has arisen on the Local Pension Board for a member representing Wiltshire Council as an employer, and nominations are being sought. To avoid delay in appointing to this position (which would normally take place at the next Council meeting) until October 2021, it is requested delegation be made to the Monitoring Officer to make this appointment.

Main Considerations for the Council

6. An appointment process for the Committee has been undertaken in line with the Committee's Terms of Reference and Claire Anthony of Magna Learning Partnership has been selected to represent employer members within the Fund, following a request for nominations by incumbent and applicable employer bodies.
7. Appointments confirmed by Council will take place with immediate effect.
8. Nominations for the Local Pension Board can be made by Wiltshire Council, in accordance with the Board's Terms of Reference, assessed and confirmed by the Monitoring Officer to avoid delay in appointment.

Safeguarding Implications

9. There are no safeguarding implications.

Public Health Implications

10. There are no public health implications.

Procurement Implications

11. There are no Procurement implications

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

12. There are no equalities implications.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

13. There are no environmental implications.

Financial Implications

14. There are no financial risks associated with these appointments.
15. Members of the Committee and Local Pension Board are able to claim travel expenses for their roles, budget for which has been allocated.

Legal Implications

16. 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

17. In order to ensure the effective operation of the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee, it is recommended the appointment is confirmed, and a delegation established to appoint to the Local Pension Board without delay.

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Background Papers - None