

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION OF EMPLOYER BODY

Introduction

1. The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations give the County Council power to admit to the Pension Fund any employer body, so long as it “*provides a public service in the United Kingdom other than for the purpose of gain*”, subject to County Council approval as administering authority. Such organisations are known as Community Admission Bodies.
2. An application can also be made from an outside contractor under a “best value” arrangement, and so long as the transferring employer agrees to be party to the agreement, the administering authority must enter into an admission agreement, subject to certain terms being met. Such organisations are known as Transferee Admission Bodies.
3. A case is brought to this Committee as a Transferee Admission Body for a decision on their application to join the Fund.

New Application

4. Wiltshire Police Authority has negotiated a Private Finance Initiative with Vinci plc for the provision of a new Divisional Headquarters in Swindon. Vinci plc have applied for Admitted Body status to meet their commitments to staff who will become their employees under the TUPE regulations.

Risk Assessment

5. Membership of the Pension Fund is a long-term commitment. If an admitted body were to fold after admittance to the Fund it is possible that it may not have paid sufficient amounts into the Fund to meet the liabilities arising from membership of their employees.
6. If this organisation were to fail, liability would fall on the County Council (as administering authority) or the whole Pension Fund, if it could not be met from any other source. For both these organisations Hymans Robertson, the Fund’s Actuary has recommended that one of the following actions is put in place to protect the Fund –
 - i) to ensure that a Guarantor is in place
 - ii) to require the body to put an indemnity in place
 - iii) to add a loading to the contribution rate quoted as a charge for the additional risk to the Fund.
7. I will conclude the formal financial checks on the body making the application, and subject to these proving satisfactory and one of the above conditions being met, a new admission agreement will be drawn up by the Solicitor to the Council. On that basis I can see no reason not to admit this organisation to the Fund.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

8. There are none.

Proposal

9. The Committee is asked to approve the following employer body admission to the Wiltshire Pension Fund, subject to the County Treasurer and the Solicitor to the Council being satisfied that all required conditions are met and that admission agreement can be settled:

9.1 Vinci plc

MIKE PRINCE
County Treasurer

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report:

NONE

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