WILTSHIRE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE



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MINUTES of a MEETING of the WILTSHIRE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2007.

PRESENT:

Mr KC Wren (Chairman), Mr AN Deane, Miss MF de Rhé-Philipe, Mr JR Henning and Mr P Stoddart.

Also in attendance:

Mr M Pankiewicz Trade Union Representative

Mr K Neale Independent Pensions Advisor

Representing Hymans Robertson

Mr P Summers

47. **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Caldwell, Mr PCB Coleman and Mr T Jackson.

48. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: 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 No. 49 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 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.

49. **2007 Actuarial Valuation Report** Consideration was given to a confidential report by the Chief Financial Officer together with a presentation by Hymans Robertson, the Fund's Actuary setting out the outcome of the 2007 Actuarial Valuation.

During the course of the Actuary's presentation, the Committee noted that valuation margins (eg. deficit recovery periods and investment performance assumptions) were largely used up at present, as they were in the 2004 Valuation. A good outcome at the 2010 valuation (and subsequent valuations) would allow the rebuilding of these margins, but a deterioration in experience and/or market conditions would mean that there was no alternative other than to put up employer contribution rates.

RESOLVED:

- (1) To note the contents of the Chief Financial Officer's report and the presentation by the Actuary.
- (2) To note the assumptions that had been agreed with the Actuary, as set out in paragraphs 10 to 20 of the report.
- (3) To note the summary outcomes of the Valuation as set out in paragraphs 24 to 26 of the report.
- (4) To approve the provisional minimum contribution rates for the next three years, as summarised in the Appendix of the report, for presentation to the employer bodies later that day.
- (5) To note that discussions would be held with employer bodies who request them regarding future contribution rates and that Members would be kept informed of progress at future meetings.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am – 12.00noon)

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