

# DECISIONS OF THE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

20 DECEMBER 2011

COMMITTEE:

\*Councillor Anthony Finn (Chairman)  
\*Councillor Mark Shooter (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

Alex Brodkin                      \*Jack Cohen                      \* Geof Cooke                      \*Susette Palmer MA  
\*Geoff Johnson  
(substituting for  
Alex Brodkin)

\*Denotes Member present

\$Denotes Member absent on Council business

## 1. MINUTES (Agenda Item 1)

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (Agenda Item 2):

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alex Brodkin.

## 3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3):

Members declared the following interests:

<b>Councillor:</b>	<b>Agenda Item(s) :</b>	<b>Interest :</b>
Geof Cooke	7 – Barnet Council Pension Fund – Performance for the Quarter July 2011 to September 2011	Personal but non-prejudicial interest as Councillor Cooke has small shareholdings in a number of companies that the fund has investments in. Councillor Cooke remained in the room and took part in the debate and in the decision making process.
Susette Palmer	7 – Barnet Council Pension Fund – Performance for the Quarter July 2011 to September 2011	Personal but non-prejudicial interest as Councillor Susette Palmer has small shareholdings in a number of companies that the fund has investments in. Councillor Palmer remained in the room and took part in the debate and in the decision making process.

Mark Shooter	7 – Barnet Council Pension Fund – Performance for the Quarter July 2011 to September 2011	Personal but non-prejudicial interest as Councillor Shooter has small shareholdings in a number of companies that the fund has investments in. Councillor Shooter remained in the room and took part in the debate and in the decision making process.
Anthony Finn	7 – Barnet Council Pension Fund – Performance for the Quarter July 2011 to September 2011	Personal but non-prejudicial interest as Councillor Finn has small shareholdings in a number of companies that the fund has investments in. Councillor Finn remained in the room and took part in the debate and in the decision making process.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Agenda Item 4):**

There were no public questions.

**5. MEMBERS' ITEMS (Agenda Item 5):**

There were no Members' Items.

**6. REPORT WITHDRAWN:**

The Committee noted that the below report had been withdrawn.

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Report</b>
Item 9	Admission of Blue 9 Security Ltd in to London Borough of Barnet Pension Fund

**7. ONE BARNET AND THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET PENSION FUND (Report of the Deputy Chief Executive – Agenda Item 6)**

RESOLVED - The Committee noted the content of the presentation provided to the Committee.

**8. BARNET COUNCIL PENSION FUND PERFORMANCE FOR QUARTER JULY 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 2011 (Report of the Deputy Chief Executive – Agenda Item 7)**

The Committee was addressed separately by representatives of the two fund management companies, Newton Investment Management Limited and Schrodgers Investment Management Limited. The Committee questioned the Fund Managers on their presentations, their performance for the quarter July 2011 to September 2011 and their plans for the coming months.

RESOLVED – The Committee noted the performance of the Pension Fund for the quarter July 2011 to September 2011.

**9. INVESTMENT OF SURPLUS CASH: ASSET ALLOCATION REVIEW (Report of the Deputy Chief Executive – Agenda Item 8)**

The Committee moved an amendment to recommendation 2 of the report that the surplus cash be allocated equally, 50:50 between the two funds.

RESOLVED – The Committee;

1. noted the disposal of the holdings in the Pension Fund property unit trusts and the accumulation of £30 million surplus cash by 31 December 2011.
2. instructs the Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer to invest surplus cash available from the disposal of the property unit trust holdings, allocating 50:50, in accordance with the agreed strategic asset allocation between the Diversified Growth Fund and Corporate Bond Mandates held by Newton and Schroders pending further consideration of allocation to additional asset classes and to address any issue that it considers necessary.
3. considered the options for making an allocation to complimentary asset classes including institutional investment into residential housing.
4. considers the case for disposing of the legacy assets held with Legal and General Asset Management in indexed assets and corporate bonds for further investment within the strategic allocation or alternative investments

**10. ADMISSION OF NSL SERVICES GROUP INTO THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET PENSION FUND (Report of the Assistant Director, Environment, Planning & Regeneration – Agenda Item 10)**

RESOLVED – The Committee;

1. noted the 14 December 2011 Cabinet Resources Committee approval to create a strategic partnership with NSL to transfer the Parking Service and TUPE transfer the relevant staff; and
2. approved admission to the Local Government Pension Scheme under Admission Body Status for NSL.
3. noted a status update regarding NSL securing a bond will be provided at the next Pension Fund Committee through the Admitted Body Organisations report.

**11. ADMISSION OF MEARS GROUP INTO LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET PENSION FUND (Report of the Deputy Chief Executive – Agenda Item 11)**

RESOLVED – The Committee approved admission to the Local Government Pension Scheme under Admission Body Status for Mears Group PLC.

**12. NEW REVISED ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT FOR TURNERS CLEANING SERVICES (Report of the Deputy Chief Executive – Agenda Item 12)**

RESOLVED - That Committee approved a new revised Admissions Agreement to include additional staff being transferred from Barnet to the existing cleaning contract with Turners Cleaning and Support Services.

**13. UPDATE ON ADMITTED BODY ORGANISATIONS (Report of the Deputy Chief Executive – Agenda Item 13)**

RESOLVED - The Committee noted the update to issues in respect of Admitted Body Organisations within the Pension Fund, as detailed in the spreadsheet attached to the report.

**14. STATUS UPDATE ON HOUSING 21 AND RELATED CONTRACTS (Report of the Assistant Director Adult Social Care and Health – Agenda Item 14)**

RESOLVED – The Committee;

1. noted the update to issues in respect of admitted body organisations within the Pension Fund, as detailed in section 10 of the report and granted approval for Admitted Body status for Allied Healthcare.
2. granted approval to the admission in principle of three lead providers who are now confirmed as London Care, Enara and Personnel and Care Bank following contract selection award effective from November 1 2011 (refer to paragraph 9 of the report for background).

The meeting finished at 9.55pm