

Decisions of the Pension Fund Committee

6 September 2017

Cllr Mark Shooter (Chairman)
Cllr John Marshall (Vice-Chairman)

* Rohit Grover
* Peter Zinkin

* Arjun Mitra
* Jim Tierney

1. MINUTES (Agenda Item 1):

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2017 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (Agenda Item 2):

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Andreas Ioannidis.

3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3):

All members declared a non disclosable pecuniary Interest by virtue of being beneficiary of LGP Scheme and/or having shareholdings in a number of companies that the fund had invested in.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENTS (IF ANY) (Agenda Item 4):

None

5. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY) (Agenda Item 5):

None

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY) (Agenda Item 6):

None

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARKETS IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DERIVATIVE (Agenda Item 7):

The Chairman introduced the report. The Committee discussed possible training options including frequency.

Following the considering of the item the Committee Resolved:

1. That the Pension Fund Committee noted the potential impact on investment strategy of becoming a retail client with effect from 3rd January 2018.

2. That the Pension Fund Committee agreed to the commencement of applications for elected professional client status with all relevant institutions in order to ensure it can continue to implement an effective investment strategy.

3. That the Pension Fund Committee acknowledged and agreed to forgo the protections available to retail clients attached as appendix 1.

4. That the Pension Fund Committee agreed to approve delegated responsibility to the Chief Financial Officer for the purposes of completing the applications and determining the basis of the application as either full or single service.

8. PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS AND EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT UNDER INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ON AUDITING (ISA) 260 FOR THE YEAR 2016/17 (Agenda Item 8):

The report was presented by external auditor Mr Leigh Lloyd-Thomas from BOD. He highlighted the matters arising from the audit of the 2016/17 Pension Fund Accounts and Annual report in line with International Standard on Auditing 260 (ISA 260).

The Committee noted that the report had been circulated following the publication date of the agenda and in addition to that a supplemental document had been published and circulated to Members of the Pension Fund Committee.

The Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of Mr Leigh Lloyd-Thomas. The Committee highlighted concerns and it was noted that there were issues which needed to be addressed as documented.

The Chairman thanked Mr Leigh Lloyd-Thomas for his attendance and presenting the report.

- 1. That the Pensions Fund Committee approved the 2016/17 Annual Report and Pension Fund Accounts**
- 2. That the Pensions Fund Committee noted the matters raised by the external auditor in respect of the audit of the 2016/17 Accounts and Annual Report**
- 3. That the Pensions Fund Committee requested that:**
 - the £64,000 documented in the report be investigated and therefore Pension Fund Committee Members and Local Pension Board Members be updated.**
 - the Council's response be shared with Pension Fund Committee Members and Local Pension Board Members**
 - that the Pension Fund Committee noted that in the event that any decision which may derive from the report which are outside an Officer's scheme of delegation such decision be reported to the relevant decision making body.**
- 4. That the Pension Fund Committee requested that the report be circulated to the Local Pension Board**

9. ISSUE OF REGULATORY INTERVENTION (Agenda Item 9):

The Director for Resources introduced the report. She informed the Committee of the issue of a regulatory intervention report by the Pensions Regulator. The intervention report related to a fine that was levied due to non-completion of the 2016 Scheme Annual Return.

Following the considering of the item the Committee Resolved:

That the Pensions Fund Committee noted the issue of a regulatory intervention report by the Pensions Regulator in relation to the London Borough of Barnet Superannuation Fund and the actions being taken in response.

10. ANY ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES IS URGENT (Agenda Item 10):

The Chairman stated that the Pension Fund Committee needed to reinstate the meeting that was proposed to take place on 24 October. This was agreed by the Committee.

Councillor John Marshall stated that he was not happy that this meeting did not include the normal quarterly reports.

The Committee requested that a work programme be devised that included training and this be regally. The Committee also noted that an update on the Barnet Council Pension Fund – Implementation of the Markets in Financial Instruments Derivative (MiFID II) be reported to the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 8:15pm