

PENSION COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 3 September 2013

WRITTEN MINUTES – PART A

Present: Councillor Dudley Mead (Chairman);
Councillor Jan Buttinger (Vice-Chairman);
Councillors Eddy Arram (standing in for Councillor Steve O’Connell),
Donald Speakman, Maggie Mansell and Carole Bonner (standing in for
Councillor John Wentworth)

Also present: Gilli Driver (Pensioner Representative)
Peter Howard (Pensioner representative)
Mike Brakes (Co-opted Member)
Isa Makumbi (Staff Side Member)

In attendance: Ian Bailey (Client Manager, Aon Hewitt)
Pratik Patel (Investment Consultant, Aon Hewitt)

Richard Warden (Actuaries, Hymans Robertson)
Robert McInroy (Actuaries, Hymans Robertson)

Dominic Bradley (Auditor, Grant Thornton)
Tom Ball (Auditor, Grant Thornton)

Absent: Councillors Simon Hall, Steve O’Connell and John Wentworth

A22/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Part A minutes of the meetings held on 14 and 20 May 2013 be signed as a correct record.

A23/13 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Carole Bonner stated that she was a governor at Applegarth Junior School.

Councillor Eddy Arram stated that he was a governor at Shirley Park Oasis Academy.

A24/13 URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

A25/13 EXEMPT ITEMS

There were none.

RESOLVED: that the allocation of business between Part A and Part B of the Agenda as printed be confirmed.

Training session – the Fund’s Actuary, Hymans Robertson, provided the Committee with an overview of the actuarial valuation process to allow Committee members to be able to engage in a meaningful and informed way in the process. The Actuary explained the methodology behind the valuation and the principles under-pinning their risk-based approach.

It was explained that the full figures for the triennial review of Croydon’s Pension Fund would be brought to the 26 November meeting of the committee.

A26/13 2012-2013 PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT

Representatives of Grant Thornton summarised the Audit findings for the London Borough of Croydon Pension Fund: They stated that:

1. Comprehensive and detailed paperwork had been provided and that staff had been helpful and efficient
2. Only one minor adjustment had been made to the figures, and this internal reclassification had not been a material error
3. A potential control deficiency had been observed, and the Pension Team had agreed to ensure that all payroll records were to be checked within one month of benefits being put into payment. . However, the control deficiency observed was not deemed to be significant. No errors in benefit payments had been found by the auditor.
4. Auditors concluded that Croydon’s Pension Fund compared favourably with other funds in the London area

RESOLVED: to accept the annual report and accounts of the Pension Fund.

A27/13 PIRC: VOTING ACTIONS (FTSE 350) FOR APRIL - END JUNE 2013

RESOLVED: That the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services be received and noted

A28/13 PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE FUTURE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

RESOLVED: That the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services be received and noted.

A29/13 RECOVERY OF PENSION FUND DEFICIT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ACADEMIES

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1 - The report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services be received and noted.

- 2 - The share of deficit should be calculated including deferred, pensioners and active members

- 3 - A compromise recovery period be adopted, between the 7 year government guaranteed support period and the current recovery period for the Council, that is to say, 15 years

- 4 - As requested by the CLG, that the Council as administering authority should write to all academies and maintained schools, as well as to all Councillors, to set out the administering authority's position on this issue.

A30/13 CAMERA RESOLUTION

To resolve that the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or proceedings to be conducted, that there will be disclosure of confidential or exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended