

PENSION COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday 2 December 2014 at 1pm
in Room F10, The Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX

WRITTEN MINUTES – PART A

Present: Councillor John Wentworth (Chairman);
Councillor Simon Hall (Vice-Chairman);
Councillors Jan Buttinger, Maddie Henson, Yvette Hopley,
Humayun Kabir, Dudley Mead, and Andrew Pelling

Also Present:

Ms. Gilli Driver and Mr. Peter Howard (Pensioner representatives)
Councillor Robert Canning (Reserve Member of the Committee)

Absent: Mr. Isa Makumbi (Staff Side Member)

In attendance:

Alison Murray & Dave Lyons (Aon Hewitt)
Robert Walden (Hymans Robertson)

A39/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2014

RESOLVED that the Part A minutes of the meetings held 8 July 2014 be signed as a correct record.

A40/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. Isa Makumbi (Staff Side Member).

A41/14 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were made during the meeting.

Councillor John Wentworth made a personal, non-pecuniary, declaration of interest in item 4B – Update on Matters Relating to Other Employers in the Croydon Local Government Pension Scheme.

A42/14 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business to consider.

A43/14 EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the allocation of business between Part A and Part B of the agenda be confirmed, as printed.

A44/14 UPDATE ON GUIDANCE FOR LGPS ACTUARIES IN RELATION TO ACADEMIES (item 6)

The Committee **NOTED** the contents of the report and reaffirmed the previous decisions taken about the calculation methodology for Academy contribution rates,

A45/14 ELECTED MEMBER SCHEDULE OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITES (item 7)

Members were reminded that compliance with the CIPFA Knowledge & Skills Framework would be monitored at a national, as well local level, from April 2015.

Officers undertook to supply Members with details of the cost of the training opportunities, as well as circulating the dates and times of the forthcoming off-site fund manager visits, as agreed with the Chair and Vice-Chair, so that a minority group member could attend.

The Committee **NOTED** the schedule of training and education opportunities so that the required compliance could be ensured.

A46/14 UPDATE ON THE ASSET ALLOCATION REVIEW PROJECT (item 8)

The Director of Finance and Assets introduced the report detailing the project plan for the implementation of the forthcoming asset allocation review.

The next two items on the agenda represent the first stage of the process working towards recommendations being made to the next meeting of the Pension Committee.

The Committee **NOTED** the content of the project plan.

A47/14 A REVIEW OF THE GOVERNANCE CONTEXT FOR THE PENSION COMMITTEE (item 9)

Alison Murray (AON Hewitt) presented a report on the governance arrangements which must underpin the decision making of the Committee, especially as it undertakes the review of asset allocations, and the role of professional advisors to the Pension Committee.

The Committee **NOTED** the content of the report.

A48/14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME VALUATION & FUNDING (item 10)

Robert Walden (Hymans Robertson) presented a report detailing the role and work of the Scheme Actuary as professional advisors to the Pension Committee on actuarial matters to support the financial management of the pension scheme.

The presentation addressed the nature of the employer's liability and the need to develop an investment strategy which aims to balance liabilities and assets held.

Members discussed the possible causes of the present deficit in the Croydon Pension Fund and how this could best be addressed going forward. The implications to the Fund of a smaller workforce were also considered.

The Committee **NOTED** the content of the report and presentation.

A49/14 PROGRESS REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014
(item 11)

Dave Lyon (Aon Hewitt) presented the report which outlined how the market value of the Pension Fund's investments had increased by £16.2m in the three months between 30 June and 30 September 2014. The report included analysis of performance by fund manager and asset class.

The Committee **NOTED** the Part A content of the progress report.

A50/14 CAMERA RESOLUTION

Councillor Simon Hall proposed and Councillor Dudley Mead seconded the moving of the camera resolution.

The Committee **RESOLVED** 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.

SUMMARY OF PART B DISCUSSION

The remainder of the meeting included disclosure of exempt information (as defined by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A in Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972: 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)'). The minutes of the discussion are therefore also exempt and not available to the public.

A summary of the discussion is below, as required by section 100C(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

A51/14 PART B MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Part B minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A52/14 **PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**
(item B2)

The Committee **NOTED** the Part B content of the progress report.

The meeting ended at 3.45pm