

PENSIONS BOARD

Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 5.30 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor Danial Adilypour (Chair) and Councillor Becca Thackray
Co-Opted Members: Ian Fall (Trade Union Representative)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Linda Bray and Councillor Nicole Griffith
Co-Opted Members: Glenis Williamson (Staff representative)

1. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2. **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 03 October 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. **LAMBETH PENSION ADMINISTRATION - QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE UPDATE TO END OF MAY 2018**

The Acting Strategic Director for Corporate Resources, Christina Thompson; and, Linda Osborne, Pensions Operations Manager, presented the report and answered questions as below:

- There were no significant developments since the October meeting.
- The Aquila Heywood training on document production and workflow was due next week.
- The decline of the overall control environment (agenda pack, page 7) was due to the delay incurring by external partners and the reconciliations were now up to date.
- ITM Ltd confirmed the Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) reconciliation project was on schedule and data, which only included figures for pensions less than £1,000, was comparable to other Funds.
- HMRC held data on people's GMPs and whilst this was slightly different from that held by Lambeth, ITM had confirmed that discrepancies were less than other local authority Pension Funds.

Pension Board Members welcomed the full resolution of 69% of discrepancies by April 2019.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the Pensions Administration Service Performance update covering the period September 2018 to November 2018.

4. **LAMBETH PENSION FUND - GOVERNANCE REVIEW ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

Linda Osborne, Pensions Operations Manager, presented the report and answered questions as below:

- The key procedures guide was updated and located under the Pensions Team intranet site.
- Altair were improving the use of task management and workflow, and officers had training

next week.

- The draft Data Improvement Plan was ready and external providers would help clean data for this summer's Pension Fund evaluation, and the Pensions team were investigating additional resources to support data cleansing.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the update and action plan included as Appendix One.

5. LAMBETH PENSION FUND - RISK REGISTER

Linda Osborne, Pensions Operations Manager, presented the report and answered questions as below:

- There were no red-rated risks, but control measures had been put in place for risks PA9 and PA17 (agenda pack, pages 60-1).
- 5% of the Fund's membership were from small employers, some of whom made late payments and employers were contacted via email and letter if they were late contributing. In addition, action was being taken against one consistently late-paying employer whose admitted body's membership was now ceasing as they were finding it difficult to meet payments.
- Pension Fund payment was checked every month and consistently late payment could be taken to the Pensions Regulator if necessary, but this latter step had not been undertaken to date.
- There was no risk to Lambeth pensioners from late payments as they were paid by Lambeth payroll.

RESOLVED:

1. To note and review the Lambeth Pension Fund Risk Register and the additional actions proposed to mitigate risk.
2. To recommend any possible amendments to the Pensions Committee.

6. LAMBETH PENSION FUND - INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW - 31 MARCH 2018

Andrien Meyers, Head of Treasury and Pensions, introduced the annual report and noted:

- The Fund's market value had increased by £20.9m to £1.4bn, although the quarter's performance was below benchmark.
- The funding level had improved to 86.2% (September 2018) from 80% (March 2018).
- Manager's fees remained c£1.8m per quarter due to the savings that had been generated.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report, together with the information in the accompanying exempt from disclosure report, be noted.

7. LAMBETH PENSION FUND - INVESTMENT MANAGER'S SUMMARY - 31 MARCH 2018

Exclusion of the press and summary of part II proceedings.

MOVED by the Chair and,

RESOLVED: That under section 100A-H of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public

be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that, for the item of business summarised below, it was likely that exempt information, as defined by Section 1001 and Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 and as specified by reference to the appropriate paragraph thereof, would be disclosed to them:

3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the authority holding that information.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 5.52 pm

CHAIR
PENSIONS BOARD

Date of Despatch: Thursday 21 February 2019

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