

Wolverhampton City Council

**OPEN DECISION ITEM**

Committee / Panel	<b><u>PENSIONS COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b><u>26 JUNE 2013</u></b>
Originating Service Group(s)	<b><u>GOVERNANCE, DELIVERY</u></b>	
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Title/Subject Matter	<b><u>APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE AND FORUM AND DATES OF MEETINGS 2013/2014</u></b>	

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That :-

- (a) Members be appointed to the Investment advisory sub-committee and Joint consultative forum (previously the Joint consultative panel) for the municipal year 2013/2014.
- (b) Dates and times of meetings as set out in the report be approved for the municipal year 2013/2014.
- (c) The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Investment advisory sub-committee and Joint consultative forum be appointed for the municipal year 2013/2014.

## 1.0 **PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To appoint Members and Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the Investment advisory sub-committee and Joint consultative forum for the municipal year 2013/2014.
- 1.2 To agree the dates and times of meetings of the Committee, sub-committee and Joint consultative forum for the municipal year 2013/2014.

## 2.0 **BACKGROUND**

### 2.1 Local Government and Housing Act 1989

Members are asked to note that under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, all committees and sub-committees, with minor exceptions, have to be politically balanced. A further consequence of the Act is the removal of the voting rights of co-opted members.

Members are advised, however, that although the provisions of the Act apply to the Pensions committee, they do not apply to the Investment advisory sub-committee. The constitution of the sub-committee and the voting rights of the co-opted members are not affected by the provisions.

### 2.2 Appointment of Sub-committee and Forum

#### (a) Investment advisory sub-committee

The Pensions committee have previously agreed that this sub-committee comprise the Chair, Vice-Chair and 2 Wolverhampton councillors serving on the Pensions Committee and one Member from each of the other 6 constituent authorities. The Committee also agreed that the Joint consultative forum should nominate 3 trade union representatives to observe meetings of this Sub-committee and 4 to observe the Pensions committee.

The Committee are asked formally to confirm the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Sub-committee, who have previously been the Chair and Vice-Chair of the main Committee, and to appoint the other Sub-committee members, including the 2 Wolverhampton representatives.

#### (b) Joint consultative forum (previously known as the Joint consultative panel)

The Pensions committee have also established a Pensions joint consultative forum comprising the following Members:-

All Members of the Investment advisory sub-committee  
2 Wolverhampton councillors serving on the Pensions committee  
1 Member of the Council's Cabinet (resources) panel  
11 representatives of the trade unions representing employees who participate in the benefits of the Local Government Pension Scheme, including a person to represent retired members.

On 23 July 2013 the Council's Cabinet (Resources) Panel will be asked to appoint a Member to serve as a representative on the Forum for the ensuing municipal year.

Letters have been sent to the various trade unions who are connected with the Fund to seek details of their nominees for the forthcoming municipal year. The 10 trade union representatives, once appointed, will be asked to attend a pre-meeting of the Joint consultative forum at its first meeting in September, to nominate an additional person to represent retired members on the Joint consultative forum. They will also be asked to nominate representatives to observe future meetings of the Pensions committee (4 representatives, including a person to represent retired members) and the Investment advisory sub-committee (3 representatives, including a person to represent retired members). In the meantime, existing representatives will be invited to attend meetings as appropriate.

The Committee are requested to appoint:-

- (i) 2 Members to the forum, and
- (ii) the Chair and Vice-Chair, who have previously been the Chair and Vice-Chair of the main committee.

### 2.3 Dates and Times of Meetings for 2013/2014

The Committee are asked to approve the following dates of meetings of the Committee, Sub-committee and Forum for the remainder of the current municipal year (all at 1330 hours).

(a) **Pensions committee:-**

25 September 2013  
8 January 2014  
26 March 2014

(b) **Investment advisory sub-committee:-**

3 July 2013  
11 September 2013  
11 December 2013  
12 March 2014

(c) **Joint consultative forum:-**

4 September 2013  
4 December 2013  
5 March 2014

### 2.4 Attendance at meetings/training

The Director of Pensions has stressed the importance of attendance at meetings and training in order that members are fully engaged in the work of the West Midlands Pension Scheme. This also applies to the trade union representatives who serve on the Committee, Sub-committee and Forum.

### 2.5 Pensions Act 2013

The Director of Pensions also advises that the new Pensions Act may have implications for the future make up of Pension committees and associated sub-committees and forums and further details will be submitted to the Pensions committee when these are known.

3.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The report has no financial implications.

4.0 **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no legal implications contained in this report other than referred to above.

5.0 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This report has no direct implications for the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

6.0 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 This report has no direct environmental implications.

7.0 **SCHEDULE OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 Nil