

MINUTES

meeting: **INVESTMENT ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE**

date: **3 APRIL 2013**

PRESENT:

Councillor T Singh (Chair)	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Bilson	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Heap	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor T H Turner	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Bains	-	Coventry City Council
Councillor Silvester	-	Sandwell MBC
Councillor Martin	-	Solihull MBC

TRADE UNION OBSERVERS:

M Cantello	-	UNISON
M Clift	-	UNITE

EXTERNAL ADVISORS IN ATTENDANCE:

W Marshall	-	Hymans Robertson
M Daggett	-	CBREGI
M Roul	-	CBREGI

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

G Drever	-	Director of Pensions
K Dervey	-	Senior Investment Manager
D McGrath	-	Head of Finance
M Fox	-	Democratic Support Officer- Governance

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Ian Smith (Trade Union observer) and John Fender (External Adviser).

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PART I – OPEN ITEMS
(open to press and public)

Substitute members

- 26 Councillor Silvester attended the meeting on behalf of Councillor Eling.

Declarations of interest

- 27 No interests were declared.

Minutes

- 28 Resolved:-
That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2013 be approved as a correct record.

Exclusion of press and public

- 29 Resolved:-
That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from consideration of the items of business in part II of the agenda on the grounds that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, exempt information falling within the paragraph 3 of schedule 12A of the act (information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person) is likely to be disclosed.

Investment presentations (appendix 1/14)

The Sub-Committee received a presentation from Insight Investment, which highlighted the advantages of investing in agriculture and the Fund's exposure to this asset class. They were represented by Reza Viskai, Head of Specialist Investments Group and Gary Wilkinson, Client Director. The presentation was accompanied by a written document which gave a background to the organisation and more detail about their Global Farmland Fund. The representatives also gave information about investment in Romania.

After a period of questions, the Chair thanked the representatives for their attendance at the meeting and they withdrew.

A further presentation was then received from HSBC Securities Services which focused on stock lending and how the Fund benefits from activity in this area. HSBC was represented by Roy Zimmerhansl, Global Head of Securities. A prepared written document was circulated which defined securities lending and its characteristics and which detailed the securities lending programme for the Pensions Fund, overall performance and outlook.

The representative responded to various questions raised by the Sub-Committee, following which the Chair thanked him for his attendance.

- 30 Resolved:-
That the presentations from Insight Investment and HSBC Securities Services be received.

Strategic investment allocation benchmark (SIAB) update review (appendix 1/15)

A report was submitted which provided an update on the implementation plan on the 2012 SIAB.

- 31 Resolved:-
That the report be noted.

Pensions infrastructure platform (PIP) (appendix 1/16)

This report provided a further update on the progress of the National Association of Pension Fund's infrastructure initiative, which was originally presented to the Sub-committee in July 2012.

- 32 Resolved:-
That the report be noted.

Cleveland estate planning applications (appendix 1/17)

The report provided an update on the progress of planning applications on potential developments of the Fund's land holdings at Marske on sea.

- 33 Resolved:-
That the report be noted.

Investment management activity from 1 October – 31 December 2012 (appendix 1/18)

This report detailed investment management activity between October - December 2012. The transaction list was also made available for inspection. The Director was able to advise that the market value of the Fund has increased since the period represented by the report. In a discussion on the property section of the report, the

Sub-committee considered progress regarding a property in London (Southwest House) and it was suggested that this be included in property site visits to be arranged later in the year.

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Resolved:-

That the report be received and that property site visits be arranged for the Sub-Committee during the summer to include Southwest House, London.