

# MINUTES

meeting: INVESTMENT ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

date: 23 NOVEMBER 2006

## PRESENT:-

Councillor T H Turner (Chair)	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Singh	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Mrs J M C Stevenson	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Mrs Johnson	-	Coventry City Council

## UNION OBSERVER:-

M Clift	-	TGWU
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## EXTERNAL ADVISERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

S Bergquist	-	William M Mercer Limited
P Gale	-	Gartmore Investments Limited
A Owens	-	William M Mercer Limited

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

B Bailey	-	Director for Resources and Support
J Saunders	-	Chief Investment Officer, Resources and Support
C White	-	Senior Investment Manager, Resources and Support

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Bilson (Wolverhampton City Council), Councillor Clark (Birmingham City Council), Councillor Zahid Ali (Walsall MBC) and J Fender (John Fender Consultancy)

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City Council



PART I - OPEN ITEMS

Declarations of Interest

12 No interests were declared.

Minutes

13 Resolved:-  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2006 be approved as a correct record.

Exclusion of Press and Public

14 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act is likely to be disclosed.

PART II - EXEMPT ITEMS

Appointment of Active Currency Managers (Appendix 10)

The report provided background information prior to the interviewing of potential managers for an active currency mandate. The Sub-Committee then received presentations from the following potential managers:-

Overlay Asset Management  
Record Currency Management  
Mellon Capital Management

15 Resolved:-  
That Overlay Asset Management, Record Currency Management and Mellon Capital Management be appointed to manage up to £110 million (1.4%), representing part of the Fund's 3% allocation to alternative investments.

Emerging Market Debt (Appendix 11)

The report provided the Sub-Committee with further information regarding a possible investment.

16 Resolved:-  
That the purchase of units in the Ashmore Emerging Markets Liquid Investment Portfolio be confirmed up to the value of £60 million (0.86%), representing part of the Fund's 3% allocation to alternative investments.

Commodities (Appendix 12)

The report provided the Sub-Committee with further information regarding a possible investment.

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Resolved:-

That the purchase of units in the actively managed Goldman Sachs Asset Management Commodities Fund (GS Commodities Fund) be confirmed up to the value of £30 million, whilst a further £30 million be invested passively in the Dow Jones – AIG Index, representing around 0.8% of the Fund and forming part of the 3% allocation to alternative investments.