

MINUTES

meeting: INVESTMENT ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

date: 17 JANUARY 2007

PRESENT:-

Councillor T H Turner (Chair)	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Bilson	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Singh	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Mrs J M C Stevenson	-	Wolverhampton City Council
Councillor Mrs Johnson	-	Coventry City Council
Councillor Zahid Ali	-	Walsall MBC

UNION OBSERVER:-

M Clift	-	TGWU
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EXTERNAL ADVISERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

P Gale	-	Gartmore Investment Limited
H Meaney	-	Cushman and Wakefield Investors
A Owens	-	William M Mercer Limited

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

B Bailey	-	Director for Resources and Support
S Stephens	-	Chief legal and Procurement Officer, Resources and Support
J Saunders	-	Chief Investment Officer, Resources and Support
M Fox	-	Democratic Support Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Eling (Sandwell MBC), Councillor Clark (Birmingham City Council), Councillor Kyles (Solihull MBC) and John Fender (John Fender Consultancy)

Wolverhampton
City Council



PART I - OPEN ITEMS

Declarations of Interest

18 No interests were declared.

Minutes

19 Resolved:-
That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2006 be approved as a correct record.

Exclusion of Press and Public

20 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

Investment Presentations (Appendix 13)

The Sub-Committee received a presentation from Barclays Global Investors about their Active European Equity Mandate. They were represented by Stephen Lee, Head of the Local Government Client Team and Michael Walsh, Active Equities Strategist.

A booklet was presented which gave an introduction to the organisation, an overview of current investment strategy, together with details of performance during 2006 and future prospects. Following the presentation and question period, the Chair thanked the representatives for their attendance at the meeting and they withdrew.

The Sub-Committee then received a presentation from Schroder Investment Management on their South-East Asian Equity Portfolio. Schroder's were represented by Jan Kingzett, Client Director. Mr Kingzett also circulated a booklet to illustrate the presentation which focused on performance to the end of December 2006, the outlook for 2007 and the asset allocation strategy.

Following the presentation and question period, the Chair thanked Mr Kingzett for his attendance at the meeting and he withdrew.

21 Resolved:-
That the presentations and report be noted.

Investment Strategy Update (Appendix 14)

The report detailed progress on the final stages involved in the implementation of the Investment Strategy as approved by the Superannuation Committee in December 2004. The Director also circulated an Appendix which gave further details of the split between the asset classes and their respective alpha and beta (Appendix 15). Members noted particularly the introduction of the term “complementary investments”, to replace the term “alternative investments”. The External Advisers commended officers on the content of the report both in terms of the structure and the revised investment approach.

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Resolved:-

That progress on the final stages involved in the implementation of the Investment Strategy as approved by the Superannuation Committee in December 2004 be noted.

West Midlands Pension Fund Investment Management Activity from 1 September 2006 – 30 November 2006 (Appendix 16)

The Director for Resources and Support presented a report giving details of investment activity from 1 September 2006 – 30 November 2006. Mr Meaney also provided additional information for Members on the Property Portfolio.

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Resolved:-

That the report be received and noted.