

# MINUTES

meeting: **PENSIONS COMMITTEE/PENSIONS JOINT  
CONSULTATIVE PANEL – SPECIAL JOINT  
MEETING**

date: **18 JULY 2012**

## **PRESENT:-**

Councillor T Singh (Chair) - Wolverhampton City Council  
Councillor Silvester - Sandwell MBC  
Councillor Martin – Solihull MBC  
Councillors Bateman, Bilson, Clarke, M Evans, Heap, Johnson and  
Reynolds – Wolverhampton City Council

J Houston - Head of Pensions at the Local Government Association  
(by invitation)

## **TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES:-**

W Bond - UNISON  
M Cantello - UNISON  
A Maybury - UNISON  
M Cliff - UNITE  
S Poole - UCATT  
S Witton - UCATT

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-**

### **Wolverhampton City Council**

G Drever - Director of Pensions  
M Crutchley - Head of Communications – West Midlands Pension Fund  
N Perrins - Chief Pensions Service Manager  
M Fox - Democratic Support

**Wolverhampton**  
City Council



**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of:-

Councillors Walkling & Pocock (Birmingham City Council), Councillor Bains (Coventry City Council) and Councillors McGregor, Shah and Turner (Wolverhampton City Council)

**PART I – OPEN ITEMS**

**Substitute Members**

- 18 Councillor Silvester attended the meeting on behalf of Councillor Eling (Sandwell MBC).

**Declarations of Interest**

- 19 No interests were declared.

**Presentation – Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 – Employer Overview**

The Director of Pensions gave a presentation with the aid of pre-prepared slides (Appendix 1/12) on the consultation process for the New LGPS 2014 Proposals. The presentation detailed the new Scheme benefits and the impact of the proposals and gave an opportunity for the Committee to respond to the consultation process. Jeff Houston of the Local Government Association was also in attendance to answer additional questions raised by Pension Committee Members and Trade Union Representatives.

Questions raised included possible restrictions on the 50/50 option and options for people having 2 or more jobs. It was noted that there would be no restriction on the 50/50 option and that members would still be able to move in and out of the scheme. The meeting was also advised that cases of employees having more than one job would be looked at individually. Jeff Houston responded to questions about the effect of employees taking on non-contractual overtime and why there was a need for change.

It was noted that the Chief Executive would be submitting a response on behalf of Wolverhampton City Council but Councillor Bilson stated that this was a good opportunity to state a view by Councillors serving on the Committee and he recommended that they support Option 1 as detailed in the presentation, on the basis that the cost-sharing mechanism brings costs back to acceptable levels as quickly as possible

- 20 Resolved:-

That the presentation on the Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 proposals be noted and that the Committee support

Option 1 as detailed in the presentation, on the basis that the cost-sharing mechanism brings costs back to acceptable levels as quickly as possible.