

# **WIRRAL COUNCIL**

## **PENSIONS COMMITTEE**

**19 SEPTEMBER 2011**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ADMISSION BODY APPLICATION MACK TRADING</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs Members of a decision taken under delegation, to approve the application received from Mack Trading (Heaton Park) to Merseyside Pension Fund as a Transferee Admission Body. The company has secured the operation of Bowring Golf Course contract, for the period 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2031.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Members note the approval of the application for admission to the Merseyside Pension Fund of Mack Trading.

### **3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The application for admission meets the prescribed regulatory and financial requirements under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations. The appropriate supporting documentation has been received and approved. All parties to the agreement are legally enforced to comply with the governance policy of Merseyside Pension Fund.

### **4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The application is to provide pension provision for five transferred members who wish to continue to participate in the local government pension scheme.
- 4.2 Mack Trading is a private company limited by shares and the principal activity of the company is computer related activities.
- 4.3 The principal activity for Mack Trading (Heaton Park) during 2009/2010 was that of golf course management.

## **5.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 5.1 The potential risk of financial loss resulting from the admittance of the company is mitigated by virtue of Regulation 38(3) (a) of the Local Government Pension (Administration) Regulations 2008. Knowsley Council would be responsible for any outstanding contributions on the closure of the body which may not be recoverable from the contractor or parent company.

## **6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 The contractor's preferred route in accordance with the Statutory Best Value Authorities Staff Transfer (Pension) Direction 2007 is to secure admitted body status as an alternative to the provision of a comparable pension scheme.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 No consultation required as staff retained access to the LGPS.

## **8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

## **9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

- 9.1 The latest Financial Statement to 30 September 2009 of Mack Trading (Heaton Park) has been approved.
- 9.2 The transfer of past service liabilities is to proceed on a fully funded basis which will have no immediate impact on the Knowsley Council current assessed contribution rate.
- 9.3 Five Knowsley Council employees transferred under TUPE Regulations to the alternative employer.

## **10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 The legal documents to be drafted and approved by the Director of Law.

## **11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no equalities implications as employees retain access to the LGPS.
- 11.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)
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| (a) Is an EIA required?               | No |
| (b) If 'yes', has one been completed? |    |

## **12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 None arising from this report.

## **13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 13.1 None arising from this report.

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**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

The report produced by Mercer the Actuary, dated 11 May 2011, was used in producing this report.

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	