

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**  
**PENSIONS COMMITTEE**  
**19 SEPTEMBER 2011**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ADMISSION BODY APPLICATION TAYLOR SHAW – GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL</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 my decision taken under delegation, to approve the application received from Taylor Shaw to Merseyside Pension Fund as a Transferee Admission Body. The company has secured the catering contract at Grange Primary School, a Sefton School, for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2013.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Pensions Committee note the approval of the application for admission to the Merseyside Pension Fund of Taylor Shaw to undertake the catering contract at Grange Primary School.

**3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The application for admission meets all 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 one transferred member who wishes to continue to participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme
- 4.2 Taylor Shaw has already successfully gained admission agreements with Merseyside Pension Fund in respect of catering contracts held with other Sefton schools.

- 4.3 Taylor Shaw's principle activity is to provide a catering and support service with particular focus on the education market.

## **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. Sefton 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 on staff transfers was 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 31 March 2011 of Taylor Shaw has been received.
- 9.2 The transfer of past service liabilities is to proceed on a fully funded basis which will have no impact on the Sefton Council current assessed contribution rate requirement.
- 9.3 One Sefton Council employee transferred under TUPE Regulations to Taylor Shaw.

## **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 22 June 2011, was used in producing this report.

### **APPENDICES**

The Annual Report of Merseyside Pension Fund will be provided at the meeting.

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None used in the preparation of this report.

### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>