

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

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ADMISSION BODY APPLICATION AGILISYS</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 Agilisys for admission to Merseyside Pension Fund as a Transferee Admission Body. The company has secured a schools' ICT. Contract for the period 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2019 with St. Helens Council.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Pensions Committee note the approval of the application for admission to the Merseyside Pension Fund of Agilisys.

**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 seven transferred members who wish to continue to participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme
- 4.2. Agilisys is a private company limited by shares and the principal activity of the company is IT Managed Services. Agilisys also provides professional services, business process outsourcing and outsourced customer care and sales solutions to private and public sector bodies.

## **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. St Helens Borough 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 audited Report and Financial Statement to 31 March 2010 of Agilisys have been received.
- 9.2 The transfer of past service liabilities is to proceed on a fully funded basis which will have no immediate impact on the St Helens Council current assessed contribution requirement.

## **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 15 August 2011, was used in producing this report.

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

Council Meeting	Date