

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**  
**PENSION COMMITTEE**  
**18 SEPTEMBER 2012**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ADMISSION BODY APPLICATION HEALTH MANAGEMENT LTD – LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>INTERIM 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 Health Management Ltd for admission to Merseyside Pension Fund as a Transferee Admission Body. The company has secured the occupational health services contract at Liverpool City Council from 1 September 2012 for three years initially with an option for a further one year extension.
- 1.2 The appendix attached to the report contains exempt information. This is by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local government Act 1972, i.e. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 2.1 The application is to provide pension provision for one transferred staff member who was previously employed by Liverpool City Council and wishes to continue to participate in the local government pension scheme.
- 2.2 Health Management Limited is a private limited company registered in England and Wales, with a Company number of 04369949.
- 2.3 The principal activity of the company is the provision of occupational health and medical advice to corporate organisations.

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

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

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 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.

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

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

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

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

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

- 7.1 The transfer of past service liabilities are to proceed on a fully funded basis and will have no impact on Liverpool Councils employer contribution.

### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The Legal documents to be drafted and approved by Wirral's Legal Department.

### **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No, as there are no equalities implications as employees retain access to the LGPS.

### **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 None arising from this report.

### **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 None arising from this report.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION**

12.1 It is recommended that the members of the Pension Committee note the approval of the application for admission to the Merseyside Pension Fund of Health Management Ltd.

## **13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

13.1 The application for admission meets all prescribed regulatory and financial requirements under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations and 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.

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## **APPENDICES**

Exempt Appendix included in committee papers.

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

The report produced by Mercer Limited the Fund Actuary, dated 28 March 2012, was used in producing this report.

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

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