

Pensions Committee

Date: Tuesday, 11 July 2023

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room 1 - Birkenhead Town Hall

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AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
- 2. APOLOGIES
- 3. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Committee are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non pecuniary interests, in connection with any item(s) on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2023.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

5.1 **Public Questions**

Notice of question to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Wednesday 5 July to the Council's Monitoring Officer via this link: Public Question Form and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 10.

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5.2 Statements and Petitions

Statements

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Petitions

Petitions may be presented to the Board if provided to Democratic and Member Services no later than 10 working days before the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair. The person presenting the petition will be allowed to address the meeting briefly (not exceeding three minute) to outline the aims of the petition. The Chair will refer the matter to another appropriate body of the Council within whose terms of reference it falls without discussion, unless a relevant item appears elsewhere on the Agenda. If a petition contains more than 5,000 signatures, it will be debated at a subsequent meeting of Council for up to 15 minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. Please give notice of petitions to committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk in advance of the meeting.

5.3 **Questions by Members**

Questions by Members to dealt with in accordance with Standing Orders 12.3 to 12.8.

6. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND 2022-23 (Pages 5 - 28)

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7. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 – MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS (Pages 29 - 68)

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- 8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (LGPS) UPDATE (Pages 69 76)
- 9. MEMBERS' LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (Pages 77 86)
- 10. MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND BUDGET OUT-TURN 2022/23 AND FINAL BUDGET 2023/24 (Pages 87 96)
- 11. APPOINTMENTS TO EQUITY PROTECTION FRAMEWORK (Pages 97 100)

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- 12. WIRRAL LOCAL PENSION BOARD MINUTES (Pages 101 108)
- 13. MINUTES OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS (Pages 109 124)
- 14. NORTHERN LGPS UPDATE (Pages 125 140)
- 15. EXEMPT INFORMATION EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following items contain exempt information.

RECOMMENDATION: That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the relevant paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO EQUITY PROTECTION FRAMEWORK EXEMPT APPENDIX (Pages 141 - 148)

Terms of Reference

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