

Pensions Committee

Date: Tuesday, 30 July 2024

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Wallasey 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 - 6)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2024.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

5.1 Public Questions

Notice of question to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Thursday 25 July 2024 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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Please telephone the Committee Services Officer if you have not received an acknowledgement of your question by the deadline for submission.

5.2 Statements and Petitions

Statements

Notice of representations to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Friday 25 July 2024 to the Council's Monitoring Officer (committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 11.1.

Petitions

Petitions may be presented to the Committee if provided to Democratic and Member Services no later than 12 noon, Friday 25 July 2024, 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 the 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.

Please telephone the Committee Services Officer if you have not received an acknowledgement of your statement/petition by the deadline for submission.

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 2023-24 (Pages 7 - 36)

- 7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (LGPS) UPDATE (Pages 37 42)
- 8. MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND BUDGET OUT-TURN 2023/24 AND FINAL BUDGET 2024/25 (Pages 43 54)
- 9. LETTER FROM MINISTER (Pages 55 64)
- 10. DRAFT RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY (Pages 65 84)
- 11. NET ZERO INVESTMENT TARGETS (Pages 85 88)
- 12. MEMBERS' LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (Pages 89 102)
- 13. NORTHERN LGPS UPDATE (Pages 103 114)
- 14. WIRRAL LOCAL PENSION BOARD MINUTES (Pages 115 122)
- 15. MINUTES OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS (Pages 123 158)
- 16. 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.

- 17. NET ZERO INVESTMENT TARGETS EXEMPT APPENDIX (Pages 159 190)
- 18. WIRRAL LOCAL PENSION BOARD MINUTES EXEMPT APPENDIX (Pages 191 196)

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for this committee can be found at the end of this agenda.

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