

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET

15 APRIL 2010

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND: BANK SIGNATORIES

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to amend the personnel nominated on the Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF) bank mandates with Royal Bank of Scotland and State Street, the Global Custodian.

2. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL

- 2.1. Transactions on the Royal Bank of Scotland and State Street accounts have to be authorised by an approved signatory, and this is satisfied by cheques bearing the pre-printed signature of the Director of Finance. Payments in excess of £10,000 on the Pension Fund account require a second signature on the cheque. MPF also issues daily BACS/BACSTEL and CHAPS instructions for the payment of benefits and for investment transactions.
- 2.2. Copies of the list of bank and cheque signatories are usually required by all counter parties to money market and investment transactions.
- 2.3. The current list of approved signatories is as follows:-

Director of Finance	Ian E. Coleman
Deputy Director of Finance	David L. H. Smith
Head of IT Services	John O. Carruthers
Head of Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services	Malcolm J. Flanagan
Head of Financial Services	Thomas W. Sault
Head of Support Services	Stephen J. Rowley
Head of Change	Jacqueline Roberts
Deputy Head of Pension Fund	Peter G. Mawdsley
Financial Controller	Gerard F. Moore
Benefits Manager	Kevin J. Greenough

- 2.4. For reasons of internal control, the Head of the Pension Fund, Peter Wallach, and Senior Investment Manger, Leyland Otter, who are authorised to make investment decisions, are not empowered to authorise a consequential money transfer.

- 2.5 Three of these authorisers are based at Castle Chambers. However, during the Spring and Summer, two of the three will be away from the office for a prolonged period. Consequently I need to make appropriate arrangements to avoid operational difficulties.
- 2.6 I propose that the Member Services Manager, Yvonne M Caddock, be added to the list.
- 2.7 The revised list of authorised signatories will be as follows:

Director of Finance	Ian E. Coleman
Deputy Director of Finance	David L. H. Taylor-Smith
Head of IT Services	John O. Carruthers
Head of Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services	Malcolm J. Flanagan
Head of Financial Services	Thomas W. Sault
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Member Services Manager	Yvonne M Caddock

3. FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no significant additional costs arising from this report. Overall

4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are none arising from this report.

5. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. There are none arising from this report.

6. LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. This report has no particular implications for any Members or wards.

7. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. There are none arising from this report.

8. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. There are none arising from this report.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None were used in the preparation of this report.

10. RECOMMENDATION

10.1 That the Royal Bank of Scotland and State Street be authorised to accept cheques and other instructions on behalf of MPF signed in accordance with existing mandates by the following:-

Director of Finance
Deputy Director of Finance
Head of IT Services
Head of Revenues, Benefits
and Customer Services
Head of Financial Services
Head of Support Services
Head of Change
Deputy Head of Pension Fund
Financial Controller
Benefits Manager
Member Services Manager

Ian E. Coleman
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IAN COLEMAN
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE