WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

28 JUNE 2010

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. The purpose of this report is to request the Committee to review positions held by Elected Members on external bodies on behalf of Merseyside Pension Fund.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Members of this Committee on occasion represent MPF on external collaborative bodies which promote best practice in particular areas of pensions administration and investment.
- 2.2. Previously attendance on these bodies has been treated as an approved duty and any expenditure incurred met from the MPF budget.

3. LOCAL AUTHORITY PENSION FUND FORUM (LAPFF)

- 3.1. Councillor Ann McLachlan serves as an Executive Member of the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum.
- 3.2. As a result of being an Executive Member of LAPFF, Councillor Ann McLachlan has also represented MPF on the Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change (IIGCC).
- 3.3. Councillor Ann McLachlan has been elected as an Executive Member of LAPFF until January 2011.
- 3.4. Members are requested to consider whether Councillor Ann McLachlan should continue as an Executive Member of LAPFF until January 2011. If a decision is taken to resign the position then it would not be within the power of the Pensions Committee to nominate any other Member. In this situation MPF would cease to be represented on the Executive of LAPFF. Members may wish to consider making no change now but to review the position prior to LAPFF seeking nominations in January 2011.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONS COMMITTEE

4.1. On 22 September 2009 the Pensions Committee agreed to the appointment of Councillor Ann McLachlan to the Local Government Pensions Committee (LGPC) of the Local Government Association (LGA).

4.2. This appointment was at the request of the Labour Group on the LGA. If Councillor Ann McLachlan was to resign from this appointment then again it would not be within the power of the Pensions Committee to appoint any other Member.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. There are none arising directly form this report.

6. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

6.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.1. There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9. LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

9.1. The implications are specific to Councillor Ann McLachlan.

10. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

10.1. There are no specific implications arising from this report.

11. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

11.1. There are no specific implications arising from this report.

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. None used in the preparation of this report.

13. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 13.1 That Councillor Ann McLachlan continue to be an Executive Member of LAPFF until January 2011.
- 13.2. That the Pensions Committee review this representation in November 2010.
- 13.3. That Councillor Ann McLachlan continue as a LGA Labour Group appointment on the Local Government Pensions Committee.

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