

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

29 SEPTEMBER 2008

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

EMPLOYER REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEE

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report recommends a change to the representation arrangements for non District Council employers on the Pensions Committee
- 1.2. Members are recommended to agree to increase the representation on the Committee in respect of the non District Council employers and therefore the total membership of the Committee from 15 to 16 members plus employee representatives.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The composition of the Pensions Committee is currently:

10 elected Members from the Administering Authority (Wirral Council),
1 elected Member from each of the other four District Councils
1 member elected by ballot representing the special interests of the other non District Council employers.

Mrs Jayne Browne the Pension Liaison Officer from Liverpool John Moores University currently represents the special interests of these other employers as a member of the Pensions Committee.

- 2.2. The 111 non District Council employers who in total employ 14,147 active scheme members, comprise a varied range of different types of organisation including educational institutions, voluntary organisations, private contractors undertaking best value contracts for local authorities, housing organisations and a number of other commercial organisations who have inherited former public sector employees.
- 2.3. A request for representation on the Pensions Committee has been received from an admission body - the bus company Arriva (Merseyside), which now employs some 509 former pensionable employees, who were originally employed by Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive (MPTE).
- 2.4. Members have previously agreed that the one existing place on the Committee in respect of the non District Council employers should be allocated based on nominations received and the results of a ballot of the relevant employers held every four years. Jayne Browne was elected in June 2006 and will be due for re-election in June 2010.

3. REPRESENTATION CHANGES PROPOSED

- 3.1. It is proposed that provision be agreed for an additional member on the Pensions Committee to represent the special interests and concerns of this diverse and varied group of non District Council employers. Should the recommendation be agreed nominations would be sought from amongst the relevant employers including Arriva (Merseyside) and a ballot held to elect the additional representative.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are none directly arising from this report.

5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. There are none arising from this report.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. There are none arising from this report.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. There are none arising from this report.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. There are none arising from this report.

9. PLANNING LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. There are none arising from this report.

10. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. There are none arising from this report.

11. MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1. There are none arising from this report.

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1. None were used in the preparation of this report.

13 **RECOMMENDATION**

- 13.1. That Members increase the representation on the Pensions Committee in respect of the non District Council employers and therefore the total membership of the Committee from 15 to 16 members plus employee representatives.

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