

**WIRRAL COUNCIL
PENSIONS COMMITTEE
17 JANUARY 2012**

SUBJECT:	ADMISSION BODY APPLICATION INTERSERVE (FACILITIES MANAGEMENT)
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	
KEY DECISION?	N0

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs Members of my decision taken under delegation, to approve the application received from Interserve (Facilities Management) to Merseyside Pension Fund as a Transferee Admission Body. The company has secured the cleaning and caretaking contract at a St Helens school, from 1 January 2012 to 7 November 2036.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Pensions Committee note the approval of the application for admission to the Merseyside Pension Fund of Interserve (Facilities Management) to undertake the Facilities Management contract at Rainford High School, St Helens.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The application for admission meets all prescribed regulatory and financial requirements under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations. The appropriate supporting documentation has been received and approved. All parties to the agreement are legally enforced to comply with the governance policy of Merseyside Pension Fund.

4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The application is to provide pension provision for nine transferred members in ten posts (one member holds two posts) who wish to continue to participate in the local government pension scheme
- 4.2 Interserve's principal activity is to provide facilities management to a range of clients in the public and private sector.

5.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 5.1 The potential risk of financial loss to MPF resulting from the admittance of the company is mitigated by virtue of Regulation 38(3) (a) of the Local Government Pension (Administration) Regulations 2008. St Helens Council would be responsible for any outstanding contributions on the closure of the body which may not be recoverable from the contractor or parent company.

6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 The contractor's preferred route in accordance with the Statutory Best Value Authorities Staff Transfer (Pension) Direction 2007 was to secure admitted body status as an alternative to the provision of a comparable pension scheme.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 No consultation required as staff retained access to the LGPS.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 9.1 The latest Financial Statement to 31 December 2010 of Interserve (Facilities Management) has been approved.
- 9.2 The transfer of past service liabilities is to proceed on a fully funded basis which will have no impact on the St Helens Council current assessed contribution rate.
- 9.3 Nine St Helens Council employees transferred under TUPE Regulations to alternative employer.

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The legal documents to be drafted and approved by the Director of Law.

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no equalities implications as employees retain access to the LGPS.
- 11.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)
- (a) Is an EIA required? No
 - (b) If 'yes', has one been completed?

12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 None arising from this report.

13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None arising from this report.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

Report produced by Mercer the Fund Actuary, dated 1 December 2011.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date