

**WIRRAL COUNCIL  
PENSIONS COMMITTEE  
20 MARCH 2012**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ADMISSION BODY APPLICATION ADDACTION</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs members of my decision taken under delegation, to approve the application received from Addaction for admission to Merseyside Pension Fund as a Transferee Admission Body. The company has secured a substance misuse contract with St Helens Council for the period of two years from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2014.
- 1.2 A report elsewhere on this agenda contains exempt information. This is by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, i.e. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

**2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 2.1 The application is to provide pension provision for eight transferred staff members who were previously employed by St Helens MBC and wish to continue to participate in the local government pension scheme.
- 2.2 Addaction is both a voluntary and a not for profit organisation that has a registered charity number of 1001957 and the date of incorporation was 19 February 1991.
- 2.3 The principal activity of the company is the provision of substance misuse services. Addaction was established to relieve poverty and sickness among persons dependent on, or affected by, addiction to drugs and alcohol and to provide education and training to individuals and to the community, in respect of the dangers arising from substance abuse.
- 2.4 Addaction receives 96% of its funding from contractual statutory sources and therefore has close links with both the NHS and local authorities through the Drug and Alcohol Action Teams, (DAATS).

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 3.1 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 the bond provider.

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

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

### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

### **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

- 7.1 The latest audited Report and Financial Statement to 31 March 2011 of Addaction have been approved.

### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No, as there are no equalities implications as employees retain access to the LGPS.

### **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 None arising from this report.

### **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 None arising from this report.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION**

12.1 That the Pensions Committee note the approval of the application for admission to the Merseyside Pension Fund of Addaction.

## **13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

13.1 The application for admission meets all prescribed regulatory and financial requirements under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations and 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.

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## **APPENDICES**

Exempt Report on this agenda.

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

Report produced by Mercer the Actuary, dated 11 January 2012.

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>