

## WIRRAL COUNCIL

### PENSIONS COMMITTEE

25 JUNE 2012

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b>	
<b>KEY DECISION</b>	<b>NO</b>

#### 1.0. 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.

#### 2.0. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 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.
- 2.3. Councillor Geoffrey Watt serves as an Executive Member of the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF).
- 2.4. As a result of being an Executive Member of LAPFF, Councillor Geoffrey Watt also represents MPF on the Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change (IIGCC).
- 2.5. Members are requested to consider whether Councillor Geoffrey Watt should continue as an Executive Member of LAPFF. 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.
- 2.6. 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).
- 2.7. 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.

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

3.1 If the Committee does not renew these appointments then MPF would not be represented on these bodies.

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4.1. No other options have been considered.

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

5.1. No consultation has been required in the preparation of this report.

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

6.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

### **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

### **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

### **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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

11.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

### **12.0. RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1. That Councillor Geoffrey Watt continues to be an Executive Member of LAPFF.

12.2. That Councillor Ann McLachlan continues as a LGA Labour Group appointment on the Local Government Pensions Committee.

### **13.0. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

13.1. To agree representation on outside bodies.

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**APPENDICES:**

None

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

None

**SUBJECT HISTORY**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Pensions Committee	27 June 2011
Pensions Committee	28 June 2010
Pensions Committee	22 September 2009
Pensions Committee	18 June 2009