

**WIRRAL COUNCIL
PENSIONS COMMITTEE
25 JUNE 2012**

SUBJECT:	ADMISSION BODY APPLICATION HALL CLEANING SERVICES
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	ACTING CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs Members of my decision taken under delegation, to approve the application received from Hall Cleaning Services for admission to Merseyside Pension Fund as a Transferee Admission Body. The company has secured a cleaning contract with Wirral Council at Mosslands School for the period of one year from 1 November 2011 to 31 October 2012.
- 1.2 A further report 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 three transferred staff that were employed by Wirral Council and previously contributed to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) and wish to continue to participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- 2.2 Hall Cleaning Services is a private Limited Company, Company number 01545130, and the date of incorporation was 12 February 1981.
- 2.3 The principal activity of the company is that of office and school cleaning.

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. Wirral 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 30 June 2011 of Hall Cleaning Services has been received.

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 Hall Cleaning Services.

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 16 January 2012

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date