

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**  
**PENSION COMMITTEE**  
**1 JULY 2014**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ADMISSION BODY APPLICATION LIFELINE PROJECT LTD – SEFTON BOROUGH COUNCIL</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION &amp; RESOURCES</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of the Pensions Committee on the application for admission to the Fund received from Lifeline Project Limited, with effect from 1 October 2013 for a period of 2 years with a further possible extension of 3 years.
- 1.2 The application is made in accordance with Schedule 2 part 3 Regulation 1(d) (i) of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013. Thus the body is providing or will provide a service or asset in connection with the exercise of a function of a Scheme employer as a result of – the transfer of the service or assets by means of a contract or other arrangement.
- 1.3 The appendix attached to the report 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**

- 2.1 Lifeline Project Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee and is registered under Companies House, (number 1842240) effective from 20 August 1984.
- 2.2 There are 9 employees who are currently employed by Sefton Council and are members of Merseyside Pension Fund. They will be transferring to Lifeline Project Ltd in accordance with T.U.P.E regulations and wish to continue to participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- 2.3 Under this agreement between Sefton Council and Lifeline Project Ltd the Council's Adult Substance Misuse Treatment Service will transfer to this organisation.

- 2.4 The principal objective of the company is to relieve poverty, sickness and distress among those persons affected by addiction to drugs and persons suffering from sexually transmitted diseases.

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 3.1 The potential risk of financial loss to the Fund from the admittance of the company is mitigated by virtue of Regulation 64(3) (a) of the Local Government Pension Regulations 2013. Sefton Borough 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 organisation'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 transfer of past service liabilities are to proceed on a fully funded basis and any outstanding contributions either not recovered from the contractor or the bond provider will fall to Sefton Borough Council.

### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The Legal documents to be drafted and approved by Wirral's Legal Department.

### **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/S**

12.1 It is recommended that the members of the Pension Committee note the approval of the application for admission to the Merseyside Pension Fund of Lifeline Project Ltd.

## **13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

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 by the Fund's Legal Monitoring Officer. All parties to the agreement are legally enforced to comply with the governance policy of Merseyside Pension Fund.

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## **APPENDICES**

Exempt Appendix included in committee papers.

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

The report produced by Mercer Limited the Fund Actuary, dated 21 February 2014, was used in producing this report.

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

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