



Meeting	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE
Date	Thursday 7 March 2024 at 10.30 am

membership

COUNCILLORS

Eric Kerry (Chairman)
Mrs Sue Saddington (Vice Chairman)

Richard Butler	Sheila Place - Apologies
John Clarke MBE	Francis Purdue-Horan
Bethan Eddy	Tom Smith
Stephen Garner - Apologies	Lee Waters
Roger Jackson	

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Jim Creamer for Councillor Sheila Place

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Nottingham City Council

Councillor Graham Chapman
Councillor Zafran Khan
Councillor AJ Matsiko

District / Borough Council Representatives

Councillor Davinder Viridi, Rushcliffe Borough Council - **Absent**
Councillor Dan Henderson, Bassetlaw District Council - **Absent**

Trades Union

Yvonne Davidson - **Apologies**
Vacancy

Scheduled Bodies

Sue Reader - **Apologies**

Pensioners' Representatives

Vacancy x 2

Independent Adviser

William Bourne

Officers in Attendance

Ciaran Guilfoyle	(Chief Executive's Department)
Tamsin Rabbitts	(Chief Executive's Department)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executive's Department)
Sarah Stevenson	(Chief Executive's Department)
Jo Toomey	(Chief Executive's Department)

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2023

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14 December 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

2. TO NOTE THE REPLACEMENT OF COUNCILLOR ANDRE CAMILLERI WITH COUNCILLOR RICHARD BUTLER

Members noted the replacement of Councillor André Camilleri with Councillor Richard Butler.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Camilleri for the work he had done both as a member of the committee and as its former vice-chairman.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Councillor Sheila Place (other reasons)
- Councillor Stephen Garner (sickness/medical)
- Yvonne Davidson (Trade Union representative)
- Sue Reader (Scheduled bodies representative)

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None were disclosed.

5. WORKING PARTY

The Senior Accountant (Pensions and Treasury Management) presented the report which updated Committee about key issues and recommendations arising from a working group meeting held on 11 January 2024.

During discussions:

- One member commented about the Fund's holdings in tobacco stock in the context of ambitions for Nottinghamshire to become smoke free
- Members asked about the Fund's ability to positively engage with and influence companies when fund managers had lent stock

- The committee was assured that changes to the age at which people retire had been taken into account as part of the Fund's revaluation and there was sufficient liquidity to meet pensioner demand

RESOLVED 2024/001

1. That the out performance target be reduced to 0.8% as part of the gradual process of de-risking the Fund as it becomes more mature.
2. That the allocation to Growth be reduced by 3% through a 1% reduction in each of Developed Markets, Emerging Markets and Private Equity.
3. That the allocation to Income be increased by 1% and the income category subclass allocations be amended as set out in Table 1 in the report.
4. That the allocation to Liquidity be increased by 2%.
5. That the Inflation category subclass allocations be amended as shown in Table 2 in the report.

6. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024/25

The Investments Officer presented the report on the Pension Fund Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2024/25.

RESOLVED 2024/002

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2024/25 be approved as set out in the report.

7. CONFERENCES AND TRAINING

The Senior Accountant (Pensions and Treasury Management) introduced the report which presented the committee training plan for 2024/25 and asked for approval of Member attendance at conferences and training in 2024/25.

RESOLVED 2024/003

1. That the training plan attached at Appendix A to the report be approved.
2. That attendance at conferences and training as set out in the report be approved.

8. LOCAL AUTHORITY PENSION FUND FORUM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

The Senior Accountant (Pensions and Treasury Management) presented the report which highlighted key topics discussed at the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum Conference held between 6 to 8 December 2023.

RESOLVED 2024/004

1. That the Pension Fund Committee members should continue to attend appropriate conferences to enable members to be kept up to date with the main national topics relating to investments.
2. That no further actions are required in relation to this report and that its contents are noted.

9. INDEPENDENT ADVISER'S REPORT

William Bourne, the Independent Adviser to the committee, presented his report.

During discussions, Members:

- Asked about the possibility of deflation and any associated risks that might present to the Fund
- Noted the position of the US market and sought to understand how it might be affected by the outcome of the 2024 presidential election

RESOLVED 2024/005

That the contents of the report be noted.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

Members noted that there was an additional item to be added to the work programme for the meeting on 18 April 2024: impacts of the implementation of the new Code of Practice.

RESOLVED 2024/006

That the work programme be agreed with the addition of a holding item on the committee's composition and voting rights pending the Government's response to the Scheme Advisory Board's good governance review.

11. PENSION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM

The Group Manager, Business Services Centre presented the report on the alignment of the main Civica Universal Pension Manager (UPM) contract and the contract for the UPM system migration to a cloud hosting environment into an LGPS Enhanced Solution contract.

RESOLVED 2024/007

That the alignment of the two contracts into an LGPS Enhanced Solution contract with Civica be approved for a period of 7 years from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2031.

12. FUND VALUATION AND PERFORMANCE

The Senior Accountant, Pensions and Treasury Management presented the Fund Valuation and Performance report, which covered the period up to 31 December 2023.

During discussion of the report a member asked whether it would be possible in future versions to include details of stock lending to help the committee understand whether further consideration was required around the practice.

RESOLVED 2024/008

That the contents of the report be noted.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED 2024/009

That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions were likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

14. PENSIONS ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED 2024/010

Members noted the contents of the exempt appendix to the Pensions Administration System report.

15. FUND VALUATION AND PERFORMANCE – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED 2024/011

Members noted the contents of the exempt appendix to the Fund valuation and performance report.

16. FUND MANAGERS' PRESENTATIONS

16a Abrdn

Jon Holguin, James McClean and Caroline Casson provided an update to the committee on the recent activity of Abrdn.

16b Schroders

Olivia Docker, Rory Bateman, Andy Simpson and Sue Nofke provided an update to the committee on the recent activity of Schroders.

12:59 – Councillor Waters left the meeting and did not return

13:08 – Councillor Saddington left the meeting and did not return

13:30 – Councillor Creamer left the meeting and did not return

The Chairman concluded by thanking Mr Simpson for the work he had undertaken on behalf of the fund and wished him the best in his retirement.

The meeting concluded at 13:35.

CHAIR