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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

ELECTION OF PENSIONER MEMBERS TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the sub-Committee of progress in the election of pensioner members to the Pensions Committee.

2. THE ELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Pensions Committee of 15th October 2004 approved the arrangements for the election of two pensioner representatives to sit on the Pensions Committee for the period of the forthcoming administration.
- 2.2 Nomination papers were sent to all current pensioner members of the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund along with an informal explanatory newsletter in early December 2004.
- 2.3 Three candidates were nominated as a result of this process.
- 2.4 Voting papers have been designed and distributed and the closing date for their return is 28th February 2005. Some 5,000 have already been returned.
- 2.5 The two future pensioner representatives of the Pensions Committee will be announced in March 2005.

3. LEARNING POINTS

- 3.1 Complaints were made in a few cases when initial nomination papers were received by relatives of recently deceased pensioners. By addressing the envelopes directly after an update of pensioner records, this problem was avoided when the voting papers were distributed.
- 3.2 Some pensioners claimed that the requirement for 10 nominees was too much and disqualified them from standing. This aspect of the process is something that may be reviewed prior to the next pensioner election.
- 3.3 Some pensioners have more than one pension from the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund and will have received, as a result, more than one voting paper. It is currently administratively inefficient to resolve this at the beginning of the process but, as the votes are sorted and counted, any duplication will become apparent. A technical solution to avoid this problem in future elections is being sought.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That Members note the progress of the election process so far.

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Director of Resources

Personnel Implications

None.

Equal Opportunities Implications

There are no equal opportunities implications arising from the recommendation in the report.

Crime and Disorder Implications

None.