

minutes



Meeting	PENSIONS INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
Date	Friday, 26 th September 2008 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Chris Baron
John Carter
Michael J Cox
Mrs Kay Cutts
Thomas A J Pettengell
Sheila Place

Ken Rigby
Stella Smedley
John Stocks
Mick Storey
David Taylor

Nottingham City Council

Councillor Alan Clark
Councillor David Liversidge
A Councillor Tony Sutton

Nottinghamshire Local Authorities' Association

A Executive Mayor Tony Egginton
Councillor Michael Rich

Trades Unions

Mr J Dunstan (non-voting)
Mr J Hall

Scheduled Bodies

Mr N Timms

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr J M Corlett - Independent Advisor
Mr G Muir - Barnett Waddingham

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 25th July 2008, having been circulated previously, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence were received from Councillor Sutton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

URGENT ITEM

The Chair agreed to the following item being considered as a matter of urgency, in order to report the Pensions Working Party's discussions at the earliest opportunity.

PENSIONS WORKING PARTY

The Pensions Working Party had met on 25 September 2008, at the instigation of the Pensions Committee, to consider the Funds' current situation in view of the credit crunch and volatility in markets. Representatives of the main fund managers had attended to give their views. Members had concluded that no change to the allocation of assets was necessary. A report on the discussions was circulated. Sub-Committee Members felt that the meeting had been useful and were grateful for the fund managers attending at short notice.

RESOLVED: 2008/052

That the report be noted.

FUNDS' CASH

RESOLVED: 2008/053

That it be recommended to Pensions Committee that:

- (1) For the Main Fund, £20 million be added to the Schrodgers' equity portfolio, and £20 million be added to the Aegon fixed interest portfolio.
- (2) For the Admitted Bodies' Fund, £2.5 million be added to the Schrodgers' equity portfolio, and £2.5 million be added to the Aegon fixed interest portfolio.

PENSIONS FUND - RISK MANAGEMENT

The report proposed a risk management strategy and a risk register. Members' comments were invited, and included:

- Monthly checks on the back up of data

- Increased risk of losing data if employees were working from home
- Examination of fund managers' own risk management processes

RESOLVED: 2008/054

That further consideration be given to Members' comments on the risk management strategy and risk register.

PROXY VOTING 2008

RESOLVED: 2008/055

That the report on the use of the Funds' vote during the second quarter of 2008 be noted.

CONFERENCE REPORT BACK: LGC INVESTMENT SUMMIT

RESOLVED: 2008/056

That the report be noted.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2008/057

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

With regard to the position of those persons in attendance at the meeting, it was further:-

RESOLVED: 2008/058

That, arising from the above, Mr J M Corlett, Mr J Dunstan and Mr J Hall be authorised to remain in the meeting, and that Mr G Muir of Barnett Waddingham be authorised to attend the meeting during consideration of the investment performance item.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

RESOLVED: 2008/059

That the decisions in respect of the following items be as shown in the exempt appendix to these minutes:-

- Exempt appendix to the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2008
- Hermes' Focus Funds

- Investment Performance Statistics 2007/08

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.

CHAIR

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