

minutes



Meeting	PENSIONS INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
Date	Thursday, 8 th October 2009 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Michael J Cox (Chairman)
Sheila Place (Vice-Chair)

A	Reg Adair	A	Ken Rigby
A	Victor Bobo		S Smedley
	Mrs Kay Cutts		David Taylor
	Carol Pepper		

Nottingham City Council

A Councillor Alan Clark
Councillor David Liversidge
Councillor Tony Sutton

Nottinghamshire Local Authorities' Association

A Executive Mayor Tony Egginton
A Councillor Michael Rich

Trades Unions

Mr J Hall
Mr C King (non-voting)

Scheduled Bodies

A Mr N Timms

Officers in Attendance

Mr J Pearson (Corporate Services)
Mr C Holmes (Chief Executive's)
Mr J Nash (Corporate Services)
Mr S Cunnington (Corporate Services)

Also in Attendance

Mr E Lambert – Independent Adviser
Mr G Muir – Barnett Waddingham

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 3rd September 2009, having been circulated previously, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Reg Adair and Mr N Timms.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE INVESTMENTS SUMMIT 2009

Consideration was given to a report on the Local Government Chronicle's Investment Summit held on the 11th and 12th of September 2009.

RESOLVED: 2009/040

1. That it be noted that attendance at conferences was in line with the agreed Trustee training programme and complies with best practice in maintaining up to date knowledge.
2. That the report be noted.

FUNDS' CASH

There was a discussion about how to invest cash accumulated from net pension contributions during 2009/10. It was reported that Aberdeen had looked at a number of possible land purchases and that although some bids had been made these had not been successful. The search for suitable purchases was continuing. Concern was expressed about the inability to find suitable investments. It was pointed out that the market was very volatile and that there was a risk of making a loss over the short term if funds were put into it.

RESOLVED: 2009/041

That the Pensions Committee be recommended: -

1. That for the Main Fund ;

- (a) £30 million be added to Aberdeen UK property portfolio
 - (b) £10 million be added to the Schroders equity portfolio
2. That for the Admitted Bodies' Fund £3 million be added to Schroders equity portfolio.

PROPOSED MERGER OF THE PENSION FUNDS'

RESOLVED: 2009/042

That the Pensions Committee be recommended to approve the merger of the main and admitted bodies funds on the basis of option 1 which is to retain the arrangement currently in the Admitted Bodies Fund (4 separate employers and 1 pooled rate) once in the Main Fund.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2009/043

That the public be excluded for 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: 2009/044

That, arising from the above Mr E Lambert, Mr C King and Mr G Muir from Barnett Waddingham be authorised to remain in the meeting.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE STATISTICS 2008/09

Mr G Muir from Barnett Waddingham gave a presentation to the Sub-committee on the investment performance statistics of the Nottinghamshire Funds and the individual managers. He indicated that the year to the 31st March 2009 had been a terrible year and the worst year for property ever. The Fund and the manager's had not done too badly relative to the benchmark though. In the 10 years to the 31st March 2009 bonds had beaten equities by a significant margin. He added that all local authority schemes were net investors and that therefore performance was not an issue.

RESOLVED: 2009/045

That the report be noted.

EXEMPT APPENDIX TO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2009

RESOLVED: 2009/046

That the exempt appendix to the minutes of the meeting of the sub-committee held on 3rd September 2009 be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 11.25am

CHAIRMAN

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