

minutes



Meeting PENSIONS ADMINISTRATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Date Monday, 31st July 2006 (commencing at 10.00 am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Chris Baron

John Carter

M J Cox

Mrs Kay Cutts

James O'Riordan

Thomas A J Pettengell

Sheila Place

Darrell Pulk

Ken Rigby

Stella Smedley

John Stocks

David Taylor

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

A Councillor B Parbutt

A Mr M Evans

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITIES' ASSOCIATION

A Councillor Milan Radulovic

TRADE UNIONS

Mr A Ackerman

Mr J Dunstan

PENSIONERS

Mrs E Bradford

Mr T V Needham

SCHEDULED BODIES

Vacancy

ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: 2006/006

That Councillor Chris Baron be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED: 2006/007

That Councillor Darrell Pulk be elected Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

The Chief Executive reported that since the last meeting, Councillor Chris Baron had been appointed to the Sub-Committee in place of Councillor Paul Henshaw.

RESOLVED: 2006/008

That the report be noted.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 27th April 2006, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chair subject to the following corrections:-

- the addition of a third part to resolution number 2006/004 requesting the Director of Resources to arrange the seminar referred to in the preamble to this resolution and
- the meeting closed at 10.15 am.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest made by Members or Officers.

PROPOSED NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (LGPS) FROM 2008 – CONSULTATION EXERCISE

The Sub-Committee gave consideration to a revised report of the Strategic Director (Resources). This report was supplemented by a presentation from the Strategic Director's representative in order to assist the Sub-Committee's consideration of the issues set out in the report. He requested that the Sub-Committee indicate the general direction of its preferred response to the strategic matters set out in the "What Next?" consultation document in order that he could prepare the more detailed response for the meeting of the Pensions Committee in September.

The majority of Members who contributed to the debate were of the strong view that all the current benefits of the LGPS should be maintained and that, in general terms, there should therefore be no major changes to the current scheme. Such Members did accept, however, that some minor amendments could be made (for example with

regard to contribution rates) which would not undermine current benefits and would take on board the comments of those Members who felt that the LGPS of the future needed to have regard to factors such as economic circumstances and the position of pension schemes generally. A minority of Members who spoke were in favour of a more radical new look LGPS, such as option (d) as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report.

Following full discussion, a motion in terms of resolution number 2006/009 below was moved by the Chair and duly seconded. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried on a show of hands and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2006/009

1. That Officers be requested to compile a response to the “What Next?” consultation document which makes the case for the retention of the current benefits within the LGPS, with the following additional amendments:-
 - (a) making it compulsory that all employees join the Scheme;
 - (b) a modest increase in the employees’ contribution rate;
 - (c) the implementation of a two-tier structure for employee contributions;
 - (d) the rejection of any two-tier ill health provisions and
2. that the response to be compiled on the basis of (1) above be presented for final consideration at the September meeting of the Pensions Committee and submitted to the Department of Communities and Local Government by the deadline of 29th September 2006.

DEATH GRANT

The Sub-Committee gave consideration to a revised report of the Strategic Director (Resources).

Following consideration of the issues set out in the report and on a motion by the Chair, duly seconded, it was:-

RESOLVED: 2006/010

That the Pensions Committee be recommended to approve that the future basis upon which the discretion in such matters will be exercised be as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE

RESOLVED: 2006/011

That the participation of the County Council in the National Fraud Initiative 2006 be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am.

CHAIR

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