



People, Performance and Development Committee
29 January 2016

Appointment of an individual member of the Local Pension Board

Purpose of the report:

This report sets out the proposed further appointment of an individual member of the Local Pension Board for approval by the People, Performance and Development Committee.

The Local Pension Board is a requirement under section 5 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013, and Regulation 106 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the proposed appointment of an individual member of the Local Pension Board (Annex 1) is approved.

Introduction:

1. Under the provisions of section 5 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (“the 2013 Act”) and regulation 106 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations 2013 (as amended) (“the Regulations”) each LGPS Administering Authority must establish a new Local Pension Board for the purposes of assisting the Administering Authority in all aspects of governance and administration of the LGPS, including funding and investments.
2. The Local Pension Board is constituted separately to the Surrey Pension Fund Committee which has delegated authority to carry out pensions functions for the Council as the Administering Authority.

3. On 17 March 2015, the Council established the Local Pension Board, and delegated the appointment of members of the Local Pension Board to the People, Performance and Development Committee (PPDC). An appointment panel of officers and Members was established to oversee the recruitment process and produce recommendations for the PPDC.
4. On 17 July 2015 the PPDC appointed the required eight employer and member representatives of the Local Pension Board. One member of the Local Pension Board has since resigned, leaving a vacancy.
5. This report sets out the recommendation of the appointment panel of an individual to fill the current vacancy and asks the PPDC to approve this proposed appointment to the Local Pension Board.
6. The role of the Local Pension Board, the constitution of its membership and the roles and responsibilities of the Board members are set out in the Local Pension Board terms of reference. It is expected that each Local Pension Board member so appointed will serve for the life of the current Surrey County Council, which will continue until spring 2017. Appointments can be extended for further periods subject to re-nomination.

Financial and value for money implications

7. The cost of provision of democratic support to the Board will be contained within existing resources, and therefore will not be an additional cost to the Council. Any additional expenses will be borne by the administration cost centre of the Pension Fund and must be approved by the Director of Finance.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

8. The establishment of the Board is a statutory requirement. There are no specific equality implications arising from these appointments.

Risk Management Implications

9. All risk related issues related to the appointment of Board members are managed within the Board's terms of reference, as agreed by Council on 17 March 2015 and amended by the Pension Fund Committee on 18 September 2015.

Next steps:

The next public meeting of the Local Pension Board will be organised prior to the end of March 2016, following the appointment of the new Board member.

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Annexes:

Annex 1 – Recommendation to the People, Performance and Development Committee for the appointment of an individual member of the Local Pension Board

Sources/background papers:

Public Service Pensions Act, 2013

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations, 2013

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