

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

PENSIONS PANEL

ABERDEEN, 30th June 2014 – Minute of Meeting of the **PENSIONS PANEL**.

Present Councillor B Crockett, Convener, Councillor A Donnelly, Councillor J Noble and Cllr J Reynolds.

In Attendance Mr S Whyte, Head of Finance, Ms A Mollison, Legal Manager, Ms L Goodchild, Pensions Manager, Ms A MacDonald, External Audit and Ms F Smith, Governance Support Officer.

EXEMPT BUSINESS

1. The Panel was requested to determine that the following items of business, which contained exempt information as described in Schedule 7(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, be taken in private:-

3) Admitted

The Panel resolved:-

In terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 3 so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraph 12.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. Apologies for absence were noted from Cllr A Malone.

The Panel resolved:

To note the apologies received.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Prior to considering the remaining items of business the Board resolved that in terms of Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration on the items on the grounds that it was likely in view of the nature of proceedings that if members of the public were present during the consideration of these items that there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8 & 12 of part 1 of Schedule 7A of the said Act.

ADMITTED BODIES

- 3. Councillor Donnelly declared an interest in part this item as a result of his role as Trustee of Oakbank School. He considered that the nature of his interest required him to withdraw from the meeting, which he did for the part of this item relating to Fund Employers being considered.**

The Panel received a verbal update in respect of on-going litigation from the Legal Manager. Following this update there followed an opportunity for Members to raise any questions and thereafter a detailed discussion on the update was held.

The Committee approved the recommendation made by officers that discussion around the settlement of the action take place and that the litigation be paused to enable this to occur.

The Panel Resolved:

To agree that discussion around the settlement of the action take place and that the litigation be paused to enable this to occur..

COUNCILLOR B CROCKETT - Convenor
