

NORTH EAST SCOTLAND PENSION FUND

PENSIONS BOARD

ABERDEEN, 23RD APRIL 2015 – Minute of Meeting of the **PENSIONS BOARD**.

Present Mr J Mulholland, Chairperson, Mr D Briggs, Cllr J Cowe, Mr R Henderson, Cllr L Ironside CBE and Mr A Walker.

In Attendance Ms L Colliss, Pensions Manager, Ms D Sim, External Audit and Ms F Smith, Governance Support Officer.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. The Pensions Manager welcomed all Members to the newly constituted Pensions Board. All present introduced themselves.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE PENSIONS BOARD

2. The Pensions Manager explained that, under regulations, the Chair of the Board will rotate on an annual basis between an Employer Representative and a Trade Union Representative.

The Pensions Board agreed that Mr James Mulholland, UNISON would be appointed as Chairperson of the Board for 2015/16, with the role then being filled with an Employer Representative for 2016/17.

The Board resolved:

To appoint Mr James Mulholland as Chairperson of the Pension Board.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Howatson, Aberdeenshire Council.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

4. Cllr L Ironside declared that he is a Board Member of Alcohol Support and a member of UNISON.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BOARD CONSTITUTION

5. The Committee had before it, and approved, the North East Scotland Pension Fund Pension Board Constitution. Board Members agreed to review the constitution on an annual basis.
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The Committee Resolved:

To approve the Pension Board Constitution.

APPOINTMENT OF LEAD ADVISER TO THE BOARD

6. The Board agreed to appoint the Head of Finance at Aberdeen City Council as its Lead Adviser.

The Committee Resolved:

To agree the appointment of the Head of Finance at Aberdeen City Council as Lead Adviser to the Board.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARIAT

7. The Board agreed to appoint Cllr Len Ironside CBE as the Employer Side Secretariat and Mr R Henderson as the Trade Union Side Secretariat.

The Committee resolved:

To appoint Cllr Len Ironside CBE and Mr R Henderson as the Secretariat of the Board.

PENSIONS BOARD MEETING CYCLE INCLUDING TRAINING PROGRAMME

8. The Pensions Manager outlined the Pension Board meeting cycle and the training programme which will be provided to Board Members over the forthcoming year.

The Committee resolved:

To note the report.

MR J MULHOLLAND - Chairperson
