

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PENSIONS AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2010**

**PRESENT:** County Councillor S.R.M. Baynes (Chairman)  
County Councillors Miss M.J.B. Davies, E.A. Jones and A.G. Thomas  
County Councillor E.T. Morgan (Outside employers' representative)  
Mr. Gareth Jones (staff representative)

In attendance for part of the meeting: Mr. Mike Jones and Mr. Gareth Rees, Wales Audit Office

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>PIC46 - 2010</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor G.P. Vaughan.

<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>PIC47 – 2010</b>
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County Councillors E.T. Morgan and A.G. Thomas declared personal interests as members of the Powys Pension Scheme.

As Councillor Morgan's interests were not prejudicial he took part in consideration of all business placed before the Committee.

Councillor Thomas's interest in item 10 was a prejudicial interest as he was a Powys pensioner in receipt of compensatory added years. He left the room while this item was discussed, returning after the decision was made. His interest in the other items on the agenda was not prejudicial and he therefore took a full part in consideration of these items.

<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>PIC48 - 2010</b>
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The Chairman was authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

<b>4.</b>	<b>PENSION FUND ACCOUNTS 2009/10</b>	<b>PIC49 - 2010</b>
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The Committee considered the Wales Audit Office report on the Powys Pension Fund accounts for 2009/10.

The Committee noted that the Auditor was intending to issue an unqualified report and requested that the minutes record their thanks to Dan Paley for producing such excellent accounts.

**RECOMMENDED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE that the  
Powys Pension Fund Accounts 2009-10 be approved.**

<b>5 – 8.</b>	<b>STANDARD LIFE CAPITAL PARTNERS</b>	<b>PIC50-53 - 2010</b>
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The Committee received a presentation by Craig Williamson, one of the partners in SL Capital Partners LLP, which managed part of the Pension Fund's investment in the private equity market.

<b>9.</b>	<b>2010 VALUATION – DATA SUBMISSION</b>	<b>PIC54 - 2010</b>
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The Committee noted that all data for the 2010 Valuation was submitted to the Fund actuary within the agreed timetable and it was anticipated that a draft valuation report would be available for discussion by the Committee at their next meeting.

<b>10.</b>	<b>CONVERSION OF COMPENSATORY ADDED YEARS TO LGPS MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>PIC55 - 2010</b>
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County Councillor A.G. Thomas, having declared a prejudicial interest in this item, left the room and took no part in the decision.

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director, Finance & Infrastructure (copy filed with the signed minutes).

**RESOLVED that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, Powys County Council converts all its compensatory added years liabilities to LGPS liabilities under the powers provided by Regulation 12 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 (as amended).**

<b>11.</b>	<b>THE COALITION GOVERNMENT AND THE EMERGENCY BUDGET</b>	<b>PIC56 - 2010</b>
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The Committee received for information a report by the Strategic Director, Finance & Infrastructure (copy filed with the signed minutes).

<b>12.</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO SIMON MAYNE AND DEON DREYER</b>	<b>PIC57 - 2010</b>
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The Committee was introduced to Simon Mayne and Deon Dreyer. Members were advised that Sion Cole was leaving Hewitts and that Simon, assisted by Deon, would be attending meetings in future.

The Chairman thanked Sion for his assistance to the Committee over the past few years and wished him well in the future.

<b>12A.</b>	<b>ACCESS TO INFORMATION</b>	
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**RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 3 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).**

<b>13.</b>	<b>QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT</b>	<b>PIC58 - 2010</b>
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The Committee received an Investment Performance Review by Hewitts for the second quarter of 2010 and a Fund position update dated September 2010 (copies filed with the signed minutes).

<b>14.</b>	<b>POST TRANSITION REPORT FOR THE GLOBAL EQUITY TRANSITION</b>	<b>PIC59 - 2010</b>
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The Committee received a report by Hewitts (copy filed with the signed minutes) which confirmed the successful restructuring of the equity portfolio in line with their current Investment Strategy.

<b>15.</b>	<b>UPDATE ON THE CURRENCY AND HEDGE FUND OF FUNDS TRANSITIONS</b>	<b>PIC60-2010</b>
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The Committee received an oral report by Hewitts.

<b>16.</b>	<b>MEDIUM TERM ASSET ALLOCATION UPDATE</b>	<b>PIC61-2010</b>
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The Committee received a report by Hewitts (copy filed with the signed minutes).

CLLR. S.R. M. BAYNES  
Chairman