

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PENSIONS AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON THURSDAY 26TH MAY
2011**

PRESENT: County Councillors P.J. Ashton, S.R.M. Baynes, E.A. Jones, A.G. Thomas and G.P. Vaughan.
County Councillor E.T. Morgan (outside employers' representative)
Gareth Jones (employees' representative)

In attendance: Deon Dreyer and Rachel Hammonds of AON Hewitts.

1.	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	PIC10 - 2011
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RESOLVED that County Councillor G.P. Vaughan be elected Chairman of the Pensions and Investment Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Paul Ashton as a new member of the Committee. He introduced Clare Williams, the new Head of Finance.

2.	ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN	PIC11 - 2011
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RESOLVED that County Councillor S.R.M. Baynes be elected Vice-Chairman of the Pensions and Investment Committee for the ensuing year.

3.	APOLOGIES	PIC12 - 2011
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There were no apologies for absence.

4.	MINUTES	PIC13 - 2011
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The Chairman was authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2011.

5.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	PIC14 – 2011
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County Councillors P.J. Ashton, E.A. Jones, E.T. Morgan, A.G. Thomas and G.P. Vaughan declared personal interests as members of the Powys Pension Scheme. These interests were not prejudicial and all five members took a full part in the meeting.

6.	LGPS (BMC)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011	PIC15 - 2011
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The Committee was advised that the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions)(Amendment) Regulations 2011 had come into operation on 1st April 2011 and noted that these regulations made corrective or clarifying amendments to the regulations made in 2007.

7.	INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS COMMISSION	PIC16 - 2011
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The Committee received for information the report of the Head of Finance on the findings of the Independent Public Service Pensions Commission's review of public service pensions.

8.	FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT	PIC17 - 2011
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The Committee received the draft Funding Strategy Statement for the Powys County Council Pension Fund.

RESOLVED that the Funding Strategy Statement be endorsed, subject to the amendment of the second item in the table in paragraph 6.2 Financial Risks to read as follows:

Inappropriate long-term investment strategy	Set Fund-specific benchmark in accordance with appropriate advice.
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9.	ACCESS TO INFORMATION	PIC18 - 2011
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RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following items 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).

10.	QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT	PIC19 - 2011
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The Committee received from AON Hewitt the Investment Performance Review for the first quarter of 2011.

11.	MEDIUM TERM ASSET ALLOCATION UPDATE	PIC20 - 2011
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The Committee received an update report by AON Hewitt.

14.	CB RICHARD ELLIS	PIC23 - 2011
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The Committee received a presentation by Ian Gleeson and Achal Gandhi of CB Richard Ellis Investors (copy filed with the signed minutes).

County Councillor A.G. Thomas left at 12 noon.

12.	SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT	PIC21 - 2011
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The Committee received a report from AON Hewitt on Socially Responsible Investing.

RESOLVED that the issue of socially responsible investing be explored further.

13.	INFLATION AND INTEREST RATE HEDGING: RELATIVE RISK TO PENSION FUND INVESTMENT	PIC22 - 2011
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It was agreed that this training item would be deferred to the meeting on 29th September .

CLLR. G.P. VAUGHAN
Chairman

2011-05-26 Pensions and Investment Committee
10 a.m. to 12.25 p.m.