

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PENSIONS AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON THURSDAY 29TH
SEPTEMBER 2011**

PRESENT: County Councillor G.P. Vaughan (Chairman)

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

In attendance: Simon Mayne and Rachel Hammonds of AON Hewitts.

1.	APOLOGIES	PIC24 - 2011
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There were no apologies for absence.

2.	MINUTES	PIC25 - 2011
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The Chairman was authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2011.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	PIC26 – 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.

4.	ACCESS TO INFORMATION	PIC27 - 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).

5.	QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT	PIC28 - 2011
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County Councillor S.R.M. Baynes arrived at 10.34 a.m.

The Committee received from Aon Hewitt the Investment Performance Review for the second quarter of 2011.

6.	DOWNGRADE OF INVESTEC AND GSAM	PIC29 - 2011
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The Committee received a report by Aon Hewitt on changes to the Currency High Alpha Ranking.

7.	MEDIUM TERM ASSET ALLOCATION UPDATE	PIC30 - 2011
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The Committee received an update report by Aon Hewitt.

8.	STEWARDSHIP CODE	PIC31 - 2011
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The Committee received a summary of the UK Stewardship Code and advice on the extent to which their fund managers complied with the Code. Members were satisfied that no further action was needed.

9.	INVESTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT	PIC32 - 2011
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The Committee received an overview of how the Fund had evolved since Aon Hewitt became investment consultants.

The Strategic Director, Finance & Infrastructure advised the Committee that they might wish to consider whether diversification was appropriate in a small pension fund and whether the number of fund managers could be reduced. However there was evidence that diversification was working and he saw no reason to recommend a change to the investment strategy at present.

10.	TRAINING ON INFLATION AND INTEREST RATE HEDGING FOR PENSIONS SCHEMES	PIC33 - 2011
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The Committee received training on inflation and interest rate hedging.

11.	GAM	PIC34 - 2011
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The committee received a presentation by Kier Boley, Investment Manager and Janine Vanzetta, Client Manager from GAM.

CLLR. G.P. VAUGHAN
Chairman