

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PENSIONS AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS
ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2013**

PRESENT: County Councillor A.G. Thomas (Chairman)

County Councillors P.J. Ashton, E.A. Jones, T.G. Turner and G.P. Vaughan

Councillor A.M.C. Weale (Employers' Representative)

In attendance: Rachel Hammond and Hannah Coleman of Aon Hewitts.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Martin Weale to the meeting.

1.	APOLOGIES	PIC52 – 2013
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There were no apologies for absences.

2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	PIC53 – 2013
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All members present declared interests as members of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

3.	MINUTES	PIC54 – 2013
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The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2013 as a correct record.

4.	MINUTES OF THE PENSION FUND EMPLOYERS MEETING	PIC55 – 2013
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The Committee received the minutes of the Pension Fund Employers meeting held on 8th November 2013.

5.	EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE	PIC56 – 2013
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The Committee noted the appointment of Councillor Martin Weale from Brecon Town Council as the representative of the Pension Fund Employers until May 2017.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
That the report be noted	As per report

It was noted that the name of the Portfolio Holder needed to be corrected on each of the reports.

6.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME REGULATIONS 2013	PIC57 – 2013
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The Committee's attention was drawn to the requirement to establish by April 2015 a "pensions board". It was unclear if this could be the same as the Pensions and Investment Committee, but the obligations and responsibilities were somewhat different to that of the Committee. There would be further reports to the Committee.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
That the report be noted.	As per report.

7.	2013 PENSION FUND VALUATION RESULTS	PIC58 – 2013
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The Committee noted the 2013 Pension Fund valuation results. The Fund was 79% funded compared to 71% three years earlier. This meant that there would be no increase required in the employer's contribution which was a significant benefit in the current budget situation.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
That the report be noted.	As per report.

8.	STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES	PIC59 – 2013
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The Committee considered the Statement of Investment Principles and made two minor amendments to the draft:

Paragraph 2.5 Change Chief Financial Officer to Section 151 Officer.

Paragraph 2.10.1 Change Investment Sub-Committee to Pensions and Investment Committee.

Subject to these amendments it was

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision:
That the Statement of Investment Principles be approved.	Statutory requirement.

9.	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS	PIC60 – 2013
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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	PIC61 – 2013
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The Committee received the Aon Hewitt report for the quarter to 30 September 2013. The Fund had grown in value from £420.1m to £426.7m with the best performance coming from equities.

The Chair noted that this was Hannah Coleman's last meeting before taking up a new position with Aon Hewitt in Canada. He thanked her for her work on behalf of the Fund and wished her every success for the future.

11.	MEDIUM TERM ASSET ALLOCATION UPDATE	PIC62 – 2013
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Since its inception the MTAA had added £8.74m in value returning 27.2% compared to the benchmark of 26.7%. No performance fee was due.

12.	MEDIUM TERM ASSET ALLOCATION MANDATE EXTENSION	PIC63 – 2013
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The Committee discussed extending the MTAA mandate with Aon Hewitt. A paper setting out proposed updates to the portfolio and performance fees was circulated. (Copy filed with the signed minutes).

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
To agree in principle to extending the Medium Term Asset Allocation with Aon Hewitt subject to appropriate officers including the Section 151 Officer, the Monitoring Officer and Procurement Officer being satisfied that these arrangements are in order.	The MTAA has added £8.74m in value to the Fund since inception.

123	PRIVATE EQUITY FUND	PIC64 – 2013
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Hannah Tobin gave a presentation on the Powys Pension Fund assets managed by Harbourvest.

A.G. THOMAS
CHAIR