

Report to: **Governance Committee**

Date: **23 January 2018**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Title of report: **East Sussex Pension Board – Appointment of a Member Replacement and Vice Chairs**

Purpose of report: **To agree the appointment of Pension Board member replacement in compliance with the arrangements for administering the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in East Sussex; and to agree the appointment of two vice chairs**

RECOMMENDATIONS – The Governance Committee is recommended to agree:

- 1) the appointment of the Pension Board member replacement as set out in the report; and
2 the appointment of the two vice chairs as set out in the report.**
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1. Background

1.1 This report deals with the need to appoint a replacement for scheme member's representative on the Pensions Board and to agree the nominations for a scheme member vice chair and employer vice chair. The Council has established the Pension Board in compliance with the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) regulations.

2. Pension Board appointment – member replacement

2.1 The Council received a letter of resignation from a scheme member representative, who, due to ill-health will not be able to carry out the role as required by the Pension Board terms of reference. Pensioners were immediately contacted through letter, advertisement within the local newspapers, and on the Council's website, seeking an expression of interest as scheme member's representative on the East Sussex Pension Board.

2.2 Following careful consideration by the interview panel on Friday 8 December 2017 and the selection of a successful candidate, the current and revised Pension Board members are as follows:

	Representing	Organisation	Board Members	Revised Board Members
1	Employer	University of Brighton	Sue McHugh	Sue McHugh
2	Employer	Wealden District Council	Cllr. Brian Redman	Cllr. Brian Redman
3	Employer	Brighton & Hove C. C.	Cllr. Kevin Allen	Cllr. Kevin Allen
4	Scheme Members	UNISON	Angie Embury	Angie Embury
5	Scheme Members	GMB	Bernadette Carlyle	Bernadette Carlyle
6	Scheme Members	Pensioners representative	Tony Watson	Diana Pogson <i>~(replacing Tony Watson)</i>
7	Independent Chair	-	Richard Harbord	Richard Harbord

3. Vice Chair appointment

3.1 There is provision in the terms of reference of the Pension Board for a Vice Chair but this role has not yet been appointed to. Meetings of the Board cannot go ahead without the Chair or Vice Chair present, so there is a risk that a meeting of the Board would not be able to proceed if the Chair is unable to attend for any reason.

3.2 The Board agreed at its 16 November 2017 in order to maintain the balance between scheme members and employer representation that a scheme member vice chair and an employer vice chair would be nominated from the existing Board members, and that the role of vice chair would alternate between scheme member and employer at each meeting.

3.3 The Scheme Member nomination is Angie Embury and the employer nomination is Councillor Brian Redman.

4. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

4.1 The Committee is recommended to agree the appointment of a Pension Board member replacement as set out in para 2.2 above, and agree the appointment of the two vice chairs as set out in para 3.3 above.

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Background Documents - None