

Report to: **Governance Committee**

Date: **4 June 2019**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Title of report: **East Sussex Pension Board – Nomination/Appointment of Members**

Purpose of report: **To agree the appointment of Pension Board members in compliance with the arrangements for the administration of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in East Sussex.**

RECOMMENDATIONS – The Governance Committee is recommended to agree to the appointment of the Pension Board members as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report for a term of 2 years.

1. Background

1.1 The Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015 require each Administering Authority to establish a *Local Pension Board* for the purposes of “assisting” the Scheme Manager (East Sussex County Council), and the Council established the Pension Board in compliance with the regulations. The County Council agreed to delegate authority to the Governance Committee to (i) determine the selection process for appointment to the Pension Board and (ii) appoint to, and remove from, the Pension Board.

1.2 Following the expiration of some Pension Board representatives 4 year term of office, the Governance Committee, at its meeting on 5 March 2019, considered a report on the steps being taken in relation to the membership of the Pension Board and the appointment of an Independent Chair.

2. Pension Board Representatives nomination/appointment

2.1 The methodology for appointing employer and member representatives is not prescribed by the Regulations. It is therefore up to the Administrative Body’s (ESCC) discretion to establish an appropriate process, which has been included within the East Sussex Pension Board constitution and terms of reference. In summary, all appointments to the Board, including the Independent Chair, are made by the Governance Committee. The term of office for Board members shall be 4 years or such time as agreed by the Governance Committee.

2.2 At its meeting on 23 April, the Committee appointed the Independent Chair, the three Scheme Member representatives and the Employer representative nominated by the University of Brighton.

2.3 Due to the local council elections on 2 May 2019, the East Sussex District and Borough Councils and Brighton & Hove City Council were not in a position to confirm their Pension Board nomination. It was therefore agreed that a further report on the appointment of the 2 outstanding employer representatives would be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

2.4 The following nominations have now been received:

Representing	Organisation	Pension Board Nomination	Proposed Term of Office
Employer	One representative for East Sussex District and Borough Councils	Councillor Doug Oliver	2 years
Employer	Brighton & Hove City Council	Councillor Carmen Appich	2 years

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Committee is recommended to agree to the appointment of the two Pension Board representatives as set out in the report. Having reflected on the term of membership and the impact of seeking representations every 4 years, including the potential loss of knowledge and experience from the Board, it was previously agreed to develop a phased approach to the term of office for Board members. As previously agreed, it is proposed that the Pension Board members for the East Sussex District and Borough Councils and Brighton & Hove City Council be appointed for 2 years. Subsequent appointments will then be made for 4 years. This will then ensure that at no point is the Pension Board required to seek nominations for more than 50% of the Board.

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