

Report to: **Governance Committee**

Agenda Item 11

Date: **28 April 2015**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

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

Purpose of report: **To agree the appointment of Pension Board members in compliance with the new 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 East Sussex Pension Board members as set out in the report.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015 require each Administering Authority to establish a *Local Pension Board* by 1 April 2015 for the purposes of “assisting” the Scheme Manager (East Sussex County Council).

1.2 The County Council established the Board in time for the 1 April 2015 start date in compliance with the regulations. At its meeting on 2 December 2014 the County Council agreed to establish a local Pension Board and agreed its draft terms of reference. 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. At its meetings on 16 December 2014 and 10 March 2015 the Committee agreed the appointment process for the Board.

2. Pension Board appointment process - outcome

2.1 The Shadow Scheme Advisory Board issued guidance on the creation and operation of local pension boards. Each employer or member representative on a Local Pension Board will potentially represent a significant range of employers or members (as appropriate).

2.2 The direct appointment process has been used to select employer representatives as outlined in previous reports. Three candidates have been nominated to participate -

- 1.** Sue McHugh – Chief Operating Officer, University of Brighton
- 2.** Councillor Brian Redman - Wealden District Council
- 3.** Councillor Andrew Wealls - Brighton & Hove City Council

2.3 The appointment of scheme members’ representatives was made through representative organisations, and a formal selection processes for a Pensioner Member. The proposed representatives are:

- 4.** Angie Embury - UNISON
- 5.** Karen Cooke - GMB
- 6.** Tony Watson - Pensioners representative

2.4 The Regulations also allow for the appointment of other members, and through a formal recruitment process, the scheme manager has appointed an independent member to the local pension board. The successful candidate is -

- 7.** Richard Harbord – Independent Chair

2.5 The Board members have all received copies of the role description for a pension board member and the terms of reference. The scheme manager is responsible for ensuring that appointees have access to training in order to acquire a broad knowledge and understanding as required by the regulation.

2.6 Following these appointments, an induction session will be arranged; where members of the pension board will be provided with training on the role of the pension board, their responsibilities and an overview of their work program.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Committee is recommended to agree the appointment of the Pension Board members as set out in the report.

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Background Documents
None