

Report to: **Governance Committee**

Date: **2 October 2020**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

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

Purpose of report: **To agree the appointment of a new Pension Board member, 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 a new Pension Board member as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report for a term of 3 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.

2. Pension Board Representative 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 Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) provide an employer representative to the Pension Board. Due to the recent change in political control of the authority, Councillor Tom Druitt has been nominated to replace Councillor Carmen Appich. The proposed term of office for Councillor Druitt is for a period of 3 years to align with the next elections in BHCC in 2023.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

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

KEVIN FOSTER
Chief Operating Officer

Contact Officers: Ian Gutsell, Chief Finance Officer, 01273 481399
ian.gutsell@eastsussex.gov.uk

Local Member(s): All

Background Documents: None