

Minutes of a meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held on Friday 24 October 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1000
Concluded 1030

PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Ellis	M Slater
	L Smith

Apologies: Councillor Sunderland and Swallow

Councillor L Smith in the Chair

32. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- (1) All those in the West Yorkshire Pension Fund disclosed an interest.
- (2) Councillor M Slater disclosed an interest as he was a Member of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund (WYPF) Joint Advisory Group and the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Investment Advisory Panel.

ACTION: City Solicitor

33. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.



34. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2013/14

This Council was required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2013/14.

The Director of Finance submitted **Document “R”** which reported on the Council’s Treasury Management activities for the year ending 31 March 2014.

It was reported that no borrowing was undertaken during the year.

Resolved –

That the Annual Treasury Management Report 2013/14 be noted and referred to Council for adoption.

ACTION: Director of Finance

35. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REVIEW UP TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014

The Council operated a balanced budget, which broadly meant cash raised during the year would meet its cash expenditure. Part of the treasury management operations ensured this cash flow was adequately planned, with surplus monies being invested in low risk counterparties, providing adequate liquidity initially before considering optimising investment return.

The second main function of the treasury management service was the funding of the Council’s capital plans. These capital plans provided a guide to the borrowing need of the Council, essentially the longer term cash flow planning to ensure the Council could meet its capital spending operations. This management of longer term cash may involve arranging long or short term loans, or using longer term cash flow surpluses, and on occasion any debt previously drawn may be restructured to meet Council risk or cost objectives.

The Director of Finance submitted **Document “S”** which reported on the Council’s Treasury Management Mid Year Review up to 30th September 2014.

It was reported that changes to the Council Treasury Management Policy was detailed in paragraph 3.4.2 of the report.

Members were informed that due to the credit rating changes undertaken by Fitch it was recommended that the Fitch support rating be removed from the credit rating requirements. All other credit criteria remained the same.

Resolved –

That the changes to the Treasury Policy set out in section 3.4.2 of Document “S” be noted and referred to Council for adoption.

ACTION: Director of Finance

36. MINUTES OF WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND (WYPF) JOINT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2014

The Council's Financial Regulations required the minutes of meetings of the WYPF be submitted to this Committee.

In accordance with this requirement, the Director of West Yorkshire Pension Fund submitted **Document "T"** which reported on the minutes of the meeting of the WYPF Joint Advisory Group held on 24 July 2014.

It was requested that the Group Whips be informed of any training, conferences and seminars that take place in relation to the Local Government Pension Scheme which would assist in the future with nominating Members onto the WYPF Advisory Group/Investment Advisory Panel.

Members were informed that the Department for Communities and Local Government had confirmed that Councillors could now sit on the local Pensions Board representing employers.

Resolved –

- (1) That the minutes of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Joint Advisory Group held on 24 July 2014 were considered.**
- (2) That the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Staff be congratulated for their efficiencies and being chosen to provide a shared pensions administration service with Lincolnshire County Council.**

ACTION: Director of West Yorkshire Pension Fund

37. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items relating to minutes of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Investment Advisory Panel held on 24 July 2014 because the information to be considered is exempt information within paragraph 3 (Financial or Business Affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It is also considered that it is in the public interest to exclude public access to these items.

38. MINUTES OF WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND (WYPF) INVESTMENT ADVISORY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2014

The Council's Financial Regulations requires the minutes of meetings of the WYPF be submitted to this Committee.

In accordance with this requirement, the Director of West Yorkshire Pension Fund submitted **Not for Publication Document "U"** which reported on the minutes of the meeting of the WYPF Investment Advisory Panel held on 24 July 2014.

Resolved –

- (1) That the minutes of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Investment Advisory Panel held on 24 July 2014 were considered.**
- (2) That the good work of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Staff be noted and the Internal Investment Management Team be congratulated on their excellent performance in beating the benchmark in the three years to 31 March 2014 in Investment Return Targets.**

ACTION: Director of West Yorkshire Pension Fund

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Committee.