

**Agenda for a meeting of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Pension Board to be held on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 10.00 am in Aldermanbury House, 4 Godwin St, Bradford, BD1 2ST**

**Members of the Committee**

<b>Employer Representatives</b>	<b>Member Representatives</b>
<b>Councillor S Lal (Chair) – Bradford</b>	<b>Mr G Nesbitt – GMB</b>
<b>Councillor L Martin - Leeds</b>	<b>Mr M Binks – Unison</b>
<b>Councillor L Malkin - Wakefield</b>	<b>Mr C Sykes – Unison</b>
<b>Vacancy - Employer</b>	<b>Mr A Jones – Unite the Union</b>

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**To:**

## A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

### 1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct - Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

*Notes:*

- (1) Members may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an interest which the Member feels would call into question their compliance with the wider principles set out in the Code of Conduct. Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (2) Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*
- (3) Members are also welcome to disclose interests which are not disclosable pecuniary interests but which they consider should be made in the interest of clarity.*
- (4) Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

## 2. MINUTES

### Recommended –

**That the minutes of the meetings held on 22 June 2021 and 14 September 2021 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**

(Jane Lythgow – 01274 432270)

## 3. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

Reports and background papers for agenda items may be inspected by contacting the person shown after each agenda item. Certain reports and background papers may be restricted.

Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic Director or Assistant Director whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(Jane Lythgow - 01274 432270)

## B. BUSINESS ITEMS

### 4. MINUTES OF THE WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND JOINT ADVISORY GROUP 28 JULY 2021

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The report of the Director, West Yorkshire Pension Fund, (**Document “P”**) reminds Members that the role of The Pension Board, as defined by sections 5(1) and (2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013, is to assist the Council as Scheme Manager in ensuring the effective and efficient governance and administration of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) including securing compliance with the LGPS regulations and any other legislation relating to the governance and administration of the LGPS; securing compliance with the requirements imposed in relation to the LGPS by the Pensions Regulator; and any other such matters as the LGPS regulations may specify.

The Minutes of meeting of WYPF Joint Advisory Group are submitted to the Pension Board to enable the Board to ensure effective and efficient governance and administration of the LGPS.

**Members are asked to review the minutes of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Joint Advisory Group on 28 July 2021.**

(Rodney Barton – 01274 432317)

**5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME REGULATIONS UPDATE** 13 - 20

The report of the Director, West Yorkshire Pension Fund, (**Document “Q”**) provides an update on changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) 2014 and provides information on associated matters.

**Recommended –**

**That the report be noted.**

(Tracy Weaver – 01274 433571)

**6. THE PENSIONS REGULATOR'S SCHEME RETURN** 21 - 34

The report of the Director, West Yorkshire Pension Fund (**Document “R”**) reminds Members that all public service pension schemes are legally required to complete an annual scheme returns for the Pensions Regulator(TPR).

A notification was received from TPR on 29 September 2021 that the 2021 scheme return must be completed by 10 November 2021. The scheme return was completed on 18 October 2021and a copy is appended to Document “R”.

**Recommended –**

**It is recommended that the Local Pension Board note the contents of the annual scheme return contained at Appendix 1 to Document “R”.**

(Tracy Weaver – 01274 433571)

**7. REGISTER OF BREACHES OF LAW** 35 - 44

The Director, West Yorkshire Pension Fund, will present a report (**Document “S”**) which informs Members that, in accordance with the Public Service Pensions Act 2013, from April 2015, all Public Service Pension Schemes now come under the remit of the Pensions Regulator.

Section 70 of the Pensions Act 2004 (the Act) imposes a requirement to report a matter to The Pensions Regulator as soon as it is reasonably practicable where that person has reasonable cause to believe that:

A legal duty relating to the administration of the scheme has not been or is not being complied with, and  
The failure to comply is likely to be of material significance to The Pensions Regulator in the exercise of any of its functions.

A register of any breaches of the Pensions Code of Practice is maintained in accordance with the WYPF Breaches Procedure. The Register of Breaches 2021/22 was appended to Document “S”.

**Recommended –**

**That the report and entries on the Register of Breaches of Law, contained in the appendix to Document “S”, be noted.**

(Caroline Blackburn – 01274 434523)

## **8. TRAINING, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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The report of the Director, West Yorkshire Pension Fund, (**Document “T”**) reminds Members that to understand their responsibilities and the issues they are dealing with is a very high priority. Details of training courses, conferences and seminars listed may assist Board Members.

**Recommended -**

**That consideration is given to attendance by Board Members at the events in Section 1 of Document “T” and that members note the requirement to complete the Pension Regulators toolkit training.**

(Caroline Blackburn – 01274 434523)