

**HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY****PENSION BOARD****08 JULY 2024****PRESENT:**

Employer representatives: Councillor Shepherd (Chairperson) and Jason Kirby (Area Manager of Emergency Response)

Scheme Member representatives: Sam Miller-Hodges (FBU Representative)

Martyn Ransom - Executive Director of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Scheme Manager, Shaun Edwards – Head of Finance, Sarah Keyes – Senior Finance Officer, David Lofthouse - Head of Finance (Pensions), Lisa Nicholson - Monitoring Officer/Secretary and Rob Close - Committee Manager.

The meeting was held at the Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters.

*The Monitoring Officer/Secretary took the chair for Minute 10/24.*

**10/24 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PENSION BOARD 2024/25 – Resolved** – That Councillor Shepherd be appointed Chairperson of the Pension Board until its Annual General Meeting in 2025.

Councillor Shepherd took the chair.

**11/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Apologies for absence were received from Peter Wheldale.

**12/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.

**13/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 29 JANUARY 2024** - Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 29 January 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**14/24 CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS 2024/25 – Resolved** – That the calendar of Board meetings be received.

**15/24 PENSION FUND ACCOUNT** - The Head of Finance submitted the Pension Fund Account which had been included in the draft Annual Statement of Accounts.

It was confirmed that the Firefighters' Pension Fund Account would be presented to Members of the Humberside Fire Authority (HFA) as part of the Annual Statement of Accounts.

**Resolved** - That the Pension Fund Account be received.

**16/24 REPORTING BREACHES** - The Head of Finance (Pensions) informed the Board that there had been no breaches since the meeting held on 29 January 2024.

**Resolved** - That the update be received.

**17/24 PENSION BOARD WORKSTREAMS UPDATE** - The Executive Director of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Scheme Manager submitted a report setting out an update on the Board's workstreams for 2024/25.

The Board was reminded that Members could submit requests for training. No complaints had yet been received during 2024/25. It was explained to the Board that the Judicial Review of the Cost cap, Risk 7, was beyond the control of the Service but still remained on the risk register. A significant number of communications were being published surrounding pensions recently which were available to Pension Board Members.

**Resolved** - That the report be received.

**18/24 SARGEANT UPDATE** - The Head of Finance (Pensions) updated the Board on the remedy process for the Sargeant case. The Board was advised that there were 231 pensioners and 351 employees in total who would be affected by the remedy. Actions to implement the remedy were progressing, including data extraction, contingent decisions, and face to face meetings for those considering retirement.

The Board was advised that current resourcing available to respond to both the Sergeant and Matthews remedies should be sufficient and officers were confident that members affected by Matthews would have received quotes by the deadline.

**Resolved** - That the update be received.

**19/24 MATTHEWS UPDATE** - The Finance Officer updated the Board on the remedy process for the Matthews case. The Board was advised that 531 people were affected as part of the Matthews remedy, 35 of which were identified as outside of the scope. Of the letters sent out, response had been strong but 87 haven't responded. Currently, there were 153 calculations outstanding.

It was noted that, regionally, other services were having a similar experience to Humberside Fire and Rescue in the endeavour of implementing the remedy.

**Resolved** - That the update be received.

**20/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – There were no items.