

HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY**PENSION BOARD****17 JULY 2015****PRESENT:**

Employer representatives: Councillor Hodgson and K Evans (Director of Public Safety)

Scheme Member representatives: R Vaux and D Riggall

Executive Director Service Support/Section 151 Officer and Scheme Manager, Monitoring Officer/Secretary, the Senior Finance Officer (Contracts and Procurement) and Committee Manager.

The meeting was held at the Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Kingston upon Hull. Meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m.

(The Monitoring Officer/Secretary took the Chair for the following item (Minute 4895).

4895 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON – The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report on the appointment of a Chairperson for 2015/16 indicating that the Chairperson is an annual appointment made at the Annual General Meeting of the Authority or elected at the first meeting of the Pension Board following the Annual General Meeting. The Terms of Reference of the Pension Board as set out in Article 10A of the Constitution provided that the position of Chairperson will normally rotate on an annual basis between the Employers' representatives and the Member representatives on the Board.

Resolved – That Councillor Hodgson be appointed Chairperson of this Board until the Annual General Meeting of the Humberside Fire Authority in 2016.

(Councillor Hodgson took the Chair.)

4896 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Councillor Hodgson, K Evans (Director of Public Safety), R Vaux and D Riggall declared that they were members of the Fire Service Pension schemes or otherwise in receipt of pensions.

4897 PENSION BOARD COMPOSITION 2015/16 AND TERMS OF REFERENCE – The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report confirming the composition of the Pension Board for the current year as approved by the Fire Authority on 26 June 2015 as follows:

<u>Employer representatives</u> (2):	1 Elected Member (Councillor Hodgson) 1 Officer (Director of Public Safety)
<u>Scheme Member representatives</u> (2):	1 representative nominated by the representative bodies via discussion and agreement at the Joint Consultative Committee (Mr R Vaux) 1 representative selected from expressions of interest by individual HFRS FPS members or those eligible to be HFRS FPS members (Mr D Riggall)

A copy of the Board's Terms of Reference extracted from the Constitution was attached for Members' information at Appendix 1 to the report. Article 10A.5 provides that the membership of the Pension Board shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Authority and that Board members may be appointed for a maximum of two 3 year terms.

Also attached at Appendix 2 to the report was a copy of the quick guide for public service pension board members published by the Pensions Regulator to help Members become familiar with their role as a member of a public service pension board. In terms of reporting to the Fire Authority, minutes of meetings of the Pension Board will be submitted to the next meeting of the Fire Authority.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

4898 CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS 2015/16 - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report indicating that the Annual General Meeting of the Authority on 26 June 2015 had set the calendar of its meetings for the forthcoming year. With regard to the Pension Board, its calendar of meetings was a matter for the Board. The report indicated that in terms of meetings of the Pension Board, Article 10A.12 of the Constitution provided that there shall normally be two ordinary meetings of the Pension Board in each year and that the schedule of meetings shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting of the HFA. In addition, extraordinary meetings may be called at such other times as the Board or Chairperson of the Board may determine. The report set out the dates proposed for meetings of this Board during 2015/16. Attached at Appendix 1 to the report was a schedule showing the calendar of meetings approved by the Fire Authority with the proposed dates for meetings of this Board incorporated.

Resolved – That the dates and times of meetings of this Board set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

4898 HFA PENSION ADMINISTRATION - OVERVIEW - The Senior Finance Officer (Contracts and Procurement) gave a brief presentation outlining the Authority's arrangements for the administration of firefighters' pensions. Questions by Members were answered by the Senior Finance Officer (Contracts and Procurement). In response to a query the Senior Finance Officer (Contracts and Procurement) undertook to provide Members with a breakdown of the membership of the pension schemes.

Resolved – That the information be received.

4899 TRAINING FOR PENSION BOARD MEMBERS – The Executive Director Service Support/Section 151 Officer circulated details of Local Pension Board Training received from the Local Government Association and reported that Councillor Hodgson, D Riggall and the Senior Finance Officer (Contracts and Procurement) would be attending the training event at Bradford on 22 July 2015 and that the Director of Safety would be attending the event in Manchester on 30 July 2015. Mr R Vaux stated that the only event he might be able to attend would be the event at Eastbourne on 13 August 2015. Members stated that they would provide Mr Vaux with feedback and materials from the earlier events which might mean that he decided that he did not need to go to Eastbourne.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

Meeting closed at 11.02 a.m.