

AVON PENSION FUND COMMITTEE - INVESTMENT PANEL

Minutes of the Meeting held

Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017, 2.00 pm

Members: Councillor Christopher Pearce (Chair), Councillor David Veale, Councillor Cherry Beath, Ann Berresford, Councillor Mary Blatchford and Shirley Marsh

Advisors: Tony Earnshaw (Independent Advisor), Steve Turner (Mercer) and Kate Brett (Mercer)

Also in attendance: Liz Woodyard (Investments Manager), Matt Betts (Assistant Investments Manager), Nathan Rollinson (Assistant Investments Manager) and Helen Price (Investments Officer)

30 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Democratic Service Officer advised the meeting of the procedure.

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were none.

33 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was none.

34 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS

There were none.

35 ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED AND ADDED MEMBERS

There were none.

36 MINUTES: 14 NOVEMBER 2016

The public and exempt minutes of the meeting of the 14 November 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

37 RESPONSIBLE INVESTING - LOW CARBON INDICES

The Assistant Investments Manager introduced this item.

The Panel, having been satisfied that the public interest would be better served by not disclosing relevant information, **RESOLVED**, in accordance with the provisions of

the Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public should be excluded from the meeting for this item of business, because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended.

After discussion the Panel **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Committee that if it should decide to introduce a low-carbon index in the Investment Strategy Review to be undertaken in 2017, then a broad market optimised approach as recommended in section 5 is the most appropriate.

38 REVIEW OF INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE FOR PERIODS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Panel returned to open session.

The Assistant Investments Manager introduced this item and summarised the key facts as set out in sections 4 and 5 of the report. He also noted the selection decision for the Liability Risk Management Framework mandate, which was summarised in Exempt Appendix 4.

The Chair asked whether in the interests of prudence it was time to think of changing any of the Fund’s managers. The Investment Manager said that she did not think this was the right time to dispense with any managers, because that would require money to be placed somewhere temporarily during the tendering process, and before tendering it would desirable to have a top-level review by Mercer. In addition, the Investments Team did not have sufficient resources to undertake a major tendering exercise. It would be possible to take some decisions about managers as part of the Investment Strategy review.

Mr Turner commented on the Mercer investment performance report including the performance of individual investment managers. Members discussed the report with Mr Turner and officers.

RESOLVED to note the information as set out in the reports and the appendices.

The meeting ended at 4.09 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

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