

Avon Pension Fund Committee

Date: Friday, 24th September, 2021

Time: 2.00 pm

**Venue: Virtual Meeting - Zoom - Public Access via
YouTube**

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Bath and North East Somerset Councillors: Paul Crossley (Chair), Shaun Stephenson-McGall (Vice-Chair), Bruce Shearn, Chris Dando and Paul May

Co-opted Voting Members: Councillor John Cato (North Somerset Council), Councillor Steve Pearce (Bristol City Council), Councillor Toby Savage (South Gloucestershire Council), Charles Gerrish (Academies), William Liew (HFE Employers), Shirley Marsh-Hughes (Independent Member), Pauline Gordon (Independent Member), John Finch (Independent Member) and Wendy Weston (Trade Unions)

Co-opted Non-voting Members: Richard Orton (Trade Unions), Michael Rumph (Trade Unions) and Cllr John Goddard (Parish and Town Councils)

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers

Press and Public



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NOTES:

1. Inspection of Papers: Papers are available for inspection as follows:

Council's website: <https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>

2. Details of decisions taken at this meeting can be found in the minutes which will be circulated with the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime, details can be obtained by contacting as above.

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4. Public Participation at Meetings: The Council has a scheme to enable the public to make their views known at meetings. They may submit a written statement relevant to what the meeting has power to do. They may also submit a petition on behalf of a group. Advance notice is required not less than two working days before the meeting.

This means that for meetings held on Thursdays notice must be received in Democratic Services by 5.00pm the previous Monday. Further details of the scheme can be found at: <https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=12942>

5. Supplementary information for meetings: Additional information and Protocols and procedures relating to meetings

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13505>

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A G E N D A

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting. Members are asked to complete the green interest forms circulated to groups in their pre-meetings (which will be announced at the Council Meeting) to indicate:

(a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.

(b) The nature of their interest.

(c) Whether their interest is a **disclosable pecuniary interest** or an **other interest**, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)

Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of his staff before the meeting to expedite dealing with the item during the meeting.

4. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR
5. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS
6. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED AND ADDED MEMBERS

To deal with any petitions or questions from Councillors and where appropriate co-opted and added members.
7. MINUTES: 28TH JUNE 2021 (Pages 7 - 14)
8. PENSION BOARD MINUTES: 21ST SEPTEMBER 2021

The minutes of the Pension Board will be circulated once approved.
9. EQUITY PORTFOLIO REVIEW (Pages 15 - 76)

10. ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES (Pages 77 - 98)

The Risk Management Framework encompasses three dedicated risk management strategies and a passive equity fund for collateral management purposes, namely the Liability Driven Investment Strategy, Buy-and-Maintain Corporate Bond Portfolio and the Equity Protection Strategy. These strategies are linked to the funding strategy and de-risk the Fund by placing less reliance on growth assets to fund future pension benefits and to simultaneously protect the Fund's current funding position.

11. BRUNEL UPDATE (Pages 99 - 116)

This report updates the Committee about Brunel and the wider pool covering delivery of service, performance, and risk management aspects of the pool.

12. INVESTMENT PANEL ACTIVITY (Pages 117 - 120)

The Investment Panel is responsible for addressing investment issues including the investment management arrangements and the performance of the investment managers. The Panel has delegated responsibilities from the Committee and may also make recommendations to Committee.

13. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE (Pages 121 - 168)

This paper reports on the investment performance of the Fund and seeks to update the Committee on routine strategic aspects of the Fund's investments and funding level; and policy and operational aspects of the Fund.

14. UPDATE ON LEGISLATION (Pages 169 - 202)

The purpose of this report is to update the Pensions Committee on the latest position concerning the Local Government Pension Scheme [LGPS] and any proposed regulatory matters that could affect scheme administration.

15. PENSION FUND ADMINISTRATION - PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND RISK REGISTER (Pages 203 - 220)

The purpose of this report is to present the Fund's performance for the three months to 30th June 2021 against its key performance indicators (KPI's) in relation to the administration of pension benefits. The report also addresses the Fund's business operational position from an overall risk perspective.

16. BUDGET & CASH FLOW MONITORING (Pages 221 - 228)

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of administration and management expenditure incurred against budget for the year to 31 July 2021.

17. WORKPLANS (Pages 229 - 240)

Attached to this report is the work plan for the Committee and a separate one for the Investment Panel which set out provisional agendas for forthcoming meetings. The dates for future Committee and Panel meetings are also included.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Mark Durnford who can be contacted on 01225 394458.