

# Avon Pension Fund Committee

**Date: Friday, 17th March, 2023**

**Time: 10.00am**

**Venue: Kaposvar Room - Guildhall, Bath**

**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), Richard Orton (Trade Unions), Pauline Gordon (Independent Member), John Finch (Independent Member) and Jackie Peel (Independent Member)

**Co-opted Non-voting Members:** Wendy Weston (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.

**3. Recording at Meetings:-**

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 now allows filming and recording by anyone attending a meeting. This is not within the Council's control. Some of our meetings are webcast. At the start of the meeting, the Chair will confirm if all or part of the meeting is to be filmed. If you would prefer not to be filmed for the webcast, please make yourself known to the camera operators. We request that those filming/recording meetings avoid filming public seating areas, children, vulnerable people etc; however, the Council cannot guarantee this will happen.

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**4. Public Speaking at Meetings**

The Council has a scheme to encourage the public to make their views known at meetings. They may make a statement relevant to what the meeting has power to do. They may also present a petition or a deputation on behalf of a group.

**Advance notice is required not less than two full 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.**

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<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=12942>

**5. Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

When the continuous alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building by one of the designated exits and proceed to the named assembly point. The designated exits are signposted. Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

**6. Supplementary information for meetings**

Additional information and Protocols and procedures relating to meetings

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**A G E N D A**

1. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will ask the Committee Administrator to draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 5.

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 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 4.4 Appendix 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 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: 16TH DECEMBER 2022 (Pages 7 - 14)

8. STRATEGIC INVESTMENT REVIEW (Pages 15 - 128)

9. 2023 - 26 SERVICE PLAN AND BUDGET (Pages 129 - 150)

The purpose of this report is to present to Committee the 3-year Service Plan and Budget for the period 2023-26.

10. ACTUARIAL VALUATION 2022 & UPDATED FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT (Pages 151 - 214)

The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations require LGPS funds to have an actuarial valuation every three years. The 2022 valuation has a base date of 31 March 2022 with new employer contribution requirements becoming effective from 1 April 2023. This report examines the outcome of the valuation process for the whole fund and highlights the principal changes which have occurred since the 2019 valuation.

11. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY (Pages 215 - 224)

The Committee is asked to approve the Fund's Treasury Management policy each year. It was last approved in March 2022. The policy closely mirrors the Council's policy set out in the Councils' Annual Treasury Management Strategy. The policy proposed for 2023/24 set out in Appendix 1 is the same as the policy approved in March 2022. Counterparties acceptable under the policy and their Credit ratings are shown in Appendix 2.

12. PENSION FUND ADMINISTRATION (Pages 225 - 240)

The purpose of this report is to present the Fund's service performance for the three months to 31st December 2022 against target service levels. The report also addresses the Fund's business operational position from an overall risk perspective and provides an update forecast on the Funds cash flow and budget.

13. UPDATE ON LEGISLATION (Pages 241 - 244)

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

14. RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS & RISK REGISTER (Pages 245 - 254)

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee with the quarterly review of the risk register.

15. GOVERNANCE (Pages 255 - 264)

Attached to this report is the work plan for the Committee (Appendix 1) and a separate one for the Investment Panel (Appendix 2) which set out provisional agendas for forthcoming meetings. The dates for future Committee and Panel meetings are also included. The provisional training programme for 2023 is included as Appendix 3.

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