

# Avon Pension Fund Committee

**Date: Friday, 13th December, 2024**

**Time: 10.00am**

**Venue: Community Space, Market Walk, Keynsham**

**Bath and North East Somerset Councillors:** Paul Crossley (Chair), Shaun Stephenson-McGall (Vice-Chair), Toby Simon, Chris Dando and Joanna Wright

**Co-opted Voting Members:** Councillor Mike Drew (South Gloucestershire Council), Councillor Robert Payne (North Somerset Council), Councillor Fi Hance (Bristol City Council), Charles Gerrish (Academies), William Liew (HFE Employers), Wendy Weston (Trade Unions), Pauline Gordon (Independent Member), John Finch (Independent Member) and Jackie Peel (Independent Member)

**Co-opted Non-voting Members:** Councillor Kate Kelliher (Parish & 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.**

Further details of the scheme can be found at:

<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: 20TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (PUBLIC & EXEMPT) (Pages 7 - 22)

8. PENSION BOARD DRAFT MINUTES: 5TH DECEMBER 2024 (TO FOLLOW)

9. LGPS CONSULTATION: FIT FOR THE FUTURE (Pages 23 - 36)

The government is consulting the LGPS on further changes to how our investment assets are managed. The proposals embed pooling and extends the role of the FCA regulated pool company in managing our assets.

10. INVESTMENT STRATEGY (FOR PERIODS ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024) (Pages 37 - 90)

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, notable Responsible Investment developments and operational aspects of the Fund.

11. ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES (Pages 91 - 144)

The Committee reviews the strategies annually to assess whether they continue to meet the Fund's strategic objectives. The annual review also considers any financial implications on the wider portfolio, specifically in terms of collateral requirements.

12. INTERIM ACTUARIAL VALUATION 2024 AND GAD SECTION 13 UPDATE (Pages 145 - 186)

Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 require the Fund to carry out an actuarial valuation every three years, the next is due as at 31 March 2025. Between these mandatory valuations, the Fund periodically requests interim valuations to assess whether the funding strategy is on track and to begin the discussions with the actuary, committee and employers about the 2025 valuation.

13. PENSION FUND ADMINISTRATION - OVERVIEW & SUMMARY PERFORMANCE REPORT (Pages 187 - 228)

The purpose of this report is to present the Fund's administration performance for the period up to and including 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 vs key performance indicators (KPI's).

14. RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS & RISK REGISTER (Pages 229 - 236)

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

15. LEGISLATION UPDATE (Pages 237 - 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.

16. GOVERNANCE UPDATE (Pages 245 - 370)

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