

Avon Pension Fund Committee Investment Panel

Date: Tuesday, 26th November, 2024

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Kaposvar Room - Guildhall, Bath

To: All Members of the Avon Pension Fund Committee Investment Panel

Councillor Shaun Stephenson-McGall (Chair), Councillor Paul Crossley, Councillor Chris Dando, John Finch, Pauline Gordon and Jackie Peel

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
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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>

Paper copies are available for inspection at the Guildhall - Bath.

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 draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 5.

2. 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.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

To receive any declarations from Members of the Committee and Officers of personal/prejudicial interests in respect of matters for consideration at this meeting, together with their statements on the nature of any such interest declared.

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: 5TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (PUBLIC & EXEMPT) (Pages 7 - 22)

8. LOCAL IMPACT PORTFOLIO - SME FUNDING MANAGER APPOINTMENT (Pages 23 - 32)

9. NATURAL CAPITAL - INVESTMENT PANEL TRAINING (Pages 33 - 66)

Natural Capital was identified at the last climate policy review as an area the Fund should explore further given its ambitious Net Zero 2045 target. To date, significant progress has been made to decarbonise the portfolio, however decarbonisation alone has limited real world impact.

10. REVIEW OF INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE FOR PERIODS ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (Pages 67 - 144)

This paper reports on the performance of the individual portfolios and seeks to update the Panel on routine aspects of the Fund's investments. The report contains performance statistics for periods ending 30 September 2024.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK REVIEW FOR PERIODS ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (Pages 145 - 198)

The Funding and Risk Management Group (FRMG) is responsible for agreeing the operational aspects relating to the Fund's Risk Management Framework (RMF) thereby ensuring that strategic objectives continue to be met. This quarters report includes the annual health check of the risk management framework, which looks at options for utilising excess collateral held within the QIF.

12. FORWARD AGENDA (Pages 199 - 200)

This report sets out the forward agenda for the Panel for 2025. It is provisional as the Panel will respond to issues as they arise and as work is delegated from the Committee.

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