

Avon Pension Fund Committee

Date: Friday 27th March 2026

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

Bath and North East Somerset Councillors: Toby Simon (Chair), George Leach (Vice-Chair), Shaun Stephenson-McGall, 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: Edmund Cannon (Parish & Town Councils), Shona Jemphrey (Unison) and James Hillary (Unite)

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.

The Council will broadcast the images and sounds live via the internet www.bathnes.gov.uk/webcast. The Council may also use the images/sound recordings on its social media site or share with other organisations, such as broadcasters.

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

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

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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: 12TH DECEMBER 2025 (Pages 7 - 28)

8. DRAFT PENSION BOARD MINUTES: 11TH MARCH 2026 (TO FOLLOW)

9. INVESTMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT (Pages 29 - 52)

10. 2025 VALUATION OUTCOME & UPDATED FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT (Pages 53 - 166)
11. BUDGET, SERVICE PLAN & ADMINISTRATION UPDATE (Pages 167 - 210)
12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY (Pages 211 - 218)
13. SF3 BENCHMARKING DATA (Pages 219 - 234)
14. LEGISLATION UPDATE (Pages 235 - 240)
15. GOVERNANCE UPDATE (Pages 241 - 302)
16. POOLING CHANGES (Pages 303 - 310)
17. INVESTMENT STRATEGY REVIEW PROGRESS UPDATE (Pages 311 - 334)
18. INVESTMENT GOVERNANCE REVIEW - VERBAL UPDATE

The Democratic Services Officer for this meeting is Mark Durnford who can be contacted on 01225 394458.