

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Local Pension Board – Avon Pension Fund	
MEETING DATE:	30 th July 2015	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Appointment of the Chairman of the Board	
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None		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to confirm the appointment of the Independent Chairman of the Local Pension Board (LPB).

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Local Pension Board is asked to approve the appointment of Howard Pearce as Independent Chairman of the Board.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Chairman's role receives an annual allowance of £6,583 and this is within the existing budget allocation of the Board.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 The requirement for an Independent Chairman was outlined in the terms of reference to the LPB which were agreed by full Council on the 15th January.
- 4.2 Adverts for the role were placed on the Fund's website, Western Daily Press, Jobsgopublic.com, Local Government Chronicle online and the Council's job vacancy website.
- 4.3 Nomination packs included the role profile and person specification with a closing date of April 16th. All applicants were then reviewed against the five published criteria and a shortlist of four candidates drawn up for interview with the Strategic Director of Resources, Head of Business, Finance and Pensions and the Head of Audit West.

- 4.4 Interviews were held on the 12th of June and a preferred candidate – Howard Pearce – was identified and recommended to the LPB.
- 4.5 The appointment will run for a period of four years commencing from the 1st of July 2015 and the LPB is asked to confirm the appointment of Howard Pearce as Independent Chairman at its first formal meeting.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.
- 5.2 The appointment of an independent chairman will mitigate the risk of the LPB not fulfilling its duties as outlined in the Terms of Reference elsewhere on the agenda.

6. EQUALITIES

- 6.1 A proportionate equalities impact assessment has been undertaken and there are no significant issues to report.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The report was distributed to the S151 Officer for consultation.

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Background papers	<i>Council Report – Establishment of Avon Pension Fund Board – 15th January 2015</i>
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