

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Avon Pension Fund Committee	
MEETING DATE:	18 March 2011	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Applications for 3 Community Admission Bodies to be admitted to the Avon Pension Fund	
WARD:	ALL	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
Appendix 1: Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008: regulation 5		
Appendix 2: North Somerset Council: Executive Minutes 14/12/2010 [EXE65]		
Appendix 3: Bristol City Council: Cabinet Decision Recording Form 22 July 2010		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Under regulation 5 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 [LGPS (Admin) Regs 2008], an administering authority may make an admission agreement with a community admission body.
- 1.2 Two applications to become members of the Avon Pension Fund have been received from North Somerset Council in respect of Clevedon School Sports Centre (Swiss Valley) and Gordano School Community Trust.
- 1.3 Another application has also been received from Bristol City Council on behalf of Bristol Music Trust.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Pension Committee is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 Clevedon School Sports Centre (Swiss Valley) is allowed entry into the Avon Pension Fund as a Community Admission Body with North Somerset Council acting as guarantor.
- 2.2 Gordano School Community Trust is allowed entry into the Avon Pension Fund as a Community Admission Body with North Somerset Council acting as guarantor
- 2.3 Bristol Music Trust is allowed entry into the Avon Pension Fund as a Community Admission Body with Bristol City Council acting as guarantor.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 In allowing any community admission body to join the fund there is always a need to consider the financial risks such a body may present. However, in such cases, where, at the date that an admission agreement is made with a body mentioned in LGPS (Admin) Regs 2008, Regulation 5, paragraph (2)(b), the contributions paid to the body by one or more Scheme employers equal in total 50% or less of the total amount it receives from all sources, it must be a term of the admission agreement that the Scheme employer paying contributions (or, if more than one pays contributions, all of them) guarantees the liability of the body to pay all amounts due from it under these Regulations or the Benefits Regulations. In all three applications contributions from Scheme employers are less than 50% of income from all sources and both Scheme employers involved have confirmed that they will act as guarantor for their respective applications.

4 THE REPORT

4.1 In all three cases trusts are to be set up to take over the provision of services from the Scheme Employer [Appendices 2 and 3]. In each case existing staff, who are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme [LGPS], will be transferred across to the new body to protect their pension provision.

4.2 In all cases the admission agreement is to be set up as a ‘closed arrangement’ and will only cover staff transferred and not any new employees.

4.3 The number of potential transferring scheme members is currently:

Clevedon School Sports Centre (Swiss Valley)	2
Gordano School Community Trust	1
Bristol Music Trust	26

4.4 The Pension Committee must approve any Community Admission Body who wish to join the Fund

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 In line with Pension Committee policy, officers have ensured that such admissions will only be considered if a guarantor is in place.

6 EQUALITIES.

6.1 There are no direct equality implications from this process

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 No consultation is appropriate

8 ADVICE SOUGHT

8.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>North Somerset Council: Report to Executive 14/12/2010 Swiss Valley and Gordano Sports Centres</i> <i>Bristol City Council: Cabinet Agenda [Item 7] 22/07/2010 Colston Hall Governance Options</i> <i>Bristol Music Trust: Articles of Association</i>
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