

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

Date: Thursday, 5th September 2024

Committee:

Pensions Committee

Date: Friday, 13 September 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,

Shropshire, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting. The Agenda is attached.

There will be some access to the meeting room for members of the press and public, but this will be limited. If you wish to attend the meeting, please email democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check that a seat will be available for you.

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Tim Collard
Assistant Director – Legal and Governance

Members of the Committee:

Thomas Biggins (Chairman) Roger Evans Simon Harris Brian Williams

Co-opted Members (Voting):

Vacancy Vacancy

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting):

Jean Smith (Pensioner Representative)
Byron Cooke (Employee Representative Telford & Wrekin Council)
Vacancy (Employee Representative Shropshire Council)



Substitute Members of the Committee:

Chris Schofield (SC)
Claire Wild (SC)
Mark Williams (SC)
Vacancy (T&W)
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Vacancy (Pensioner Rep)
Vacancy (SC Employee Rep)
Vacancy (T&W Employee Rep)

Your Committee Officer is:

Sarah Townsend Committee Officer

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AGENDA

1 Apologies and Substitutions

To receive apologies for absence and notification of any substitutions.

2 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

To appoint a Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

3 Disclosable Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting as set out in Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct and consider if they should leave the room prior to the item being considered. Further advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 6)

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2024 are attached for confirmation, marked 4.

Contact: Sarah Townsend (01743 257721)

5 Public Questions

To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 12 noon on Friday, 6th September 2024.

Third Line of Assurance - Internal Audit Outturn Report for Shropshire County Pension Fund 2023/24 (Pages 7 - 20)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached, marked 6.

Contact: Barry Hanson (07990 086409)

7 External Audit - The Audit Findings for Shropshire County Pension Fund 2023/24 (Pages 21 - 48)

The report of Grant Thornton is attached, marked 7.

Contact: Grant Patterson (0121 232 5296)

8 Pension Fund Annual Accounts 2023/24 (Pages 49 - 148)

The report of the Executive Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer) is attached, marked 8.

Contact: James Walton (01743 258915)

9 Corporate Governance Monitoring (Pages 149 - 370)

The report of the Pensions Investment and Responsible Investment Manager is attached, marked 9.

Contact: Peter Chadderton (07990 086399)

10 Pensions Administration Monitoring (Pages 371 - 424)

The report of the Pensions Administration Manager is attached, marked 10.

Contact: Vicky Jenks (01743 252192)

11 Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider a resolution under paragraph 10.2 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules that the proceedings of the Committee in relation to Agenda Items 12 to 18 shall not be conducted in public on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the categories specified against them.

Exempt Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Exempted by Category 3) (Pages 425 - 430)

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2024 are attached for confirmation, marked 12.

Contact: Sarah Townsend (01743 257721)

Abrdn Property Update (Exempted by Category 3) (Pages 431 - 460)

The exempt presentation of Mr Euan Baird and Ms Rachel Childs, Abrdn, is attached, marked 13.

14 Investment Strategy Implementation Update (Exempted by Category 3) (Pages 461 - 472)

The exempt report of the Pensions Investment and Responsible Investment Manager is attached, marked 14.

Contact: Peter Chadderton (07990 086399)

15 Investment Monitoring - Quarter to 30 June 2024 (Exempted by Category 3) (Pages 473 - 514)

The exempt report of the Head of Pensions – LGPS Senior Officer is attached, marked 15.

Contact: Justin Bridges (01743 252072)

Stewardship Code (Exempted by Category 3) (Pages 515 - 624)

The exempt report of the Pensions Investment and Responsible Investment Manager is attached, marked 16.

Contact: Peter Chadderton (07990 086399)

17 Governance (Exempted by Category 3) (Pages 625 - 634)

The exempt report of the Pensions Administration Manager is attached, marked 17.

Contact: Vicky Jenks (01743 252192)

18 New Employers (Exempted by Category 3) (Pages 635 - 638)

The exempt report of the Pensions Administration Manager is attached, marked 18.

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