

POLICE PENSIONS BOARD

Monday, 3 February 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Pensions Board held at the Guildhall EC2 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Alderman Ian Luder (Chairman) Alexander Barr
John Todd (Deputy Chairman)

City of London Police Authority:

Alistair MacLellan - Town Clerk's Department
Matt Mott - Pensions Manager, Chamberlain's Department
Graham Newman - Chamberlain's Department

City of London Police Force:

Carl Tomlinson - Finance Director

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Helen Isaac, Tim Parsons and Mike Reed.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 8 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

4. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding outstanding references and the following points were made.

2/2019/P – Update on Due Diligence and Market Research

- The Chairman requested that a representative from City Procurement be invited to the June 2020 meeting. Further, the Chairman opined that an extension of the existing contract may be necessary notwithstanding the fact the current contract ran up until October 2022.

9/2019/P – Member Completion of Training Modules

- Members noted that this was an ongoing issue and therefore the current reporting metric should be updated to provide greater visibility and oversight of which Members needed to complete which modules.

10/2019/P – Training Feedback

- The Chairman requested that the offer of bespoke training should be recirculated, and this reference then closed.

12/2019/P – Scheme Member Communication regarding Legal Challenge

- The Chairman noted that Home Office guidance was awaited and that, once this was received, an email communication could be issued to Scheme Members accordingly. The Chairman was mindful that it was not the role of the Pensions Board to offer Scheme Members advice, but that it was important to ensure Scheme Members were appropriately informed.

14/2019/P – Scheme Member Communication regarding Commutation Lump Sums

- The Pensions Manager noted that this reference had been completed as per the update report on the agenda at item 6 and could therefore be closed.

15/2019/P – Revisions to Risk Register

- The Finance Director noted that the McCloud Judgement would be added to the Force risk register and incorporated into the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- The Chairman suggested that the Force should be alerted to the issue of how to collect back-dated employee contributions.
- The Pensions Manager noted that the other revisions were dealt with as per the report on the agenda at item 5. The Chairman noted that officers should remain alive to the risk of unforeseen staff absence.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

5. THE CITY OF LONDON: POLICE PENSION SCHEME - REVISION TO THE RISK REGISTER

Members considered a report of the Chamberlain regarding the City of London Police Pension Scheme – Revision to the Risk Register and the following points were made.

- A motion by a Member, which was seconded, was moved to amend the recommendation within the report to note that Members were not aware of any further risks relating to Police Pensions administration, provided steps were taken to ensure an early update of the administrative IT system.

RESOLVED, that Members

- Have reviewed the existing risks and actions present on the Police Pensions Board Risk Register, and confirm that to the best of their knowledge on the information provided that appropriate control measures were in place, and
- Are not aware of any further risks relating to pension administration overseen by the Police Pensions Board, provided early steps were taken to update the IT administrative system.

6. THE CITY OF LONDON: POLICE PENSION SCHEME - UPDATE

Members considered an update report of the Chamberlain regarding the City of London Police Pension Scheme and the following points were made.

- In response to a question regarding Legal Challenge 2 (Evans & Ashcroft vs Chief Constable of South Wales), the Pensions Manager noted that the judgement related to injury rather than ill health and committed to providing an update outside of the meeting on how many City of London officers were affected by the ruling.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Thanks to the Chairman

Members were heard regarding the fact that this was the Chairman's last meeting prior to him standing down from the Police Authority Board in April 2020. Members noted that the Chairman had been in post since the Pensions Board was established and thanked him for his advice and support to each of them on joining the Board.

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

10. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

11. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT THAT THE BOARD AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 2.31 pm

Chairman

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