

ITEM NO: 3(b)

GREATER MANCHESTER PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT PANEL

19 June 2009

Commenced: 10.00am

Terminated: 12.45pm

Present: Councillor Oldham (Chair)

Councillors: Baldwin (Wigan), Beeley, Bell, Cooney, Doubleday, Harrison, J Lane, Middleton, Pantall (Stockport), Pennington (Salford), Ricci, Smith (Manchester) Sweeton, K Welsh and Whitley

Apologies for absence: Councillors: Buckley, Morris (Bolton), Mitchell (Trafford)

1. DEATH OF COUNCILLOR MARTIN WAREING

The Chair reported with great sadness on the recent death of Councillor Martin Wareing. He paid tribute to his outstanding achievements, both as a Tameside Councillor and as a Trustee of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund. He stated that the death of Councillor Wareing would be a great loss to the Fund and to all who had the pleasure of meeting and working with him.

The Chair requested those present to stand in silence for a few moments, as a mark of respect for the late Councillor Martin Wareing.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel held on 6 March 2009, were signed as a correct record.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Pension Fund Management Panel held on 6 March 2009, were signed as a correct record.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Urgent Matters Meeting of the Pension Fund Management Panel held on 7 April 2009 were signed as a correct record.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Urgent Matters Meeting of the Pension Fund Management Panel held on 24 April 2009 were signed as a correct record.

4. PROJECT GOLF

At this juncture, Peter Moizer, Adviser to the fund and a member of the Competition Commission, left the meeting to prevent a conflict of interest.

The Director of Pensions updated members with regard to an investment opportunity of a confidential nature, details of which had been explained to members at the last meeting of the Panel (Meeting of 6 March 2009, Minute 78 refers).

He explained the current position with regard to the bidding process and abort costs. He also thanked everyone involved in this particularly demanding piece of work, especially Mr Taylor and members of the Investments Team. He added that progress would be reported to the next meeting of the Panel.

The Director of Pensions reiterated that Mr Moizer had not participated in any part of the process.

Peter Moizer rejoined the meeting at this juncture.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

(a) Urgent Items

The Chair announced that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

(b) Exempt Items

RESOLVED

That under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that:

- (i) they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act specified below; and**
- (ii) in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information for reasons specified below:**

| <u>Items</u> | <u>Paragraphs</u> | <u>Justification</u> |
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| 5, 9, 10, 11, 12 ,13 14 | 3&10, 3&10, 3&10, 3&10, 3&10, 3&10, 1&10 | Disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Fund and/or its agents, which could in turn affect the interests of the beneficiaries and/or tax payers. |

6. APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

7. ETHICS AND AUDIT WORKING GROUP

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Ethics and Audit Working Group held on 17 April 2009 were considered.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

8. LOCAL INITIATIVES AND VENTURE CAPITAL WORKING GROUP

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Local Initiatives and Venture Capital Working Group held on 24 April 2009 were considered.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

9. PROPERTY WORKING GROUP

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Property Working Group held on 24 April 2009 were considered.

The Chair of the Working Group, Councillor Whitley, explained that with regard to Elisabeth House, it was hoped that planning proposals would be submitted to Manchester City Council in September 2009.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

10. SUMMARY VALUATION OF THE PENSION FUND INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008 AND 31 MARCH 2009

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

11. UNDERWRITING, STOCKLENDING AND COMMISSION RECAPTURE

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

12. EXTERNAL MANAGERS' PERFORMANCE

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

13. MAIN FUND AND LONG TERM PERFORMANCE

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

14. LONG TERM PROPERTY PERFORMANCE (IPD REVIEW 2008 ETC)

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

15. REPORTS OF THE MANAGERS

Representatives of Capital International and UBS Global Asset Management attended before members of the Panel to comment on their investment strategy and to answer questions raised by the Advisers and Members.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

16. INVESTMENT STRATEGY

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

17. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

18. PROPERTY INVESTMENTS QUARTERLY REPORT

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

19. LIABILITY OF FORMER SCHEME EMPLOYERS – IMPLICATIONS OF THE SOUTH TYNESIDE CASE

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

20. THE LGPS (AMENDMENT) REGS 2009 (SI 2009/1025)

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

21. THE REGISTERED PENSION SCHEMES (AUTHORISED PAYMENTS) REGS 2009 (SI 2009/1171

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

22. ACCOUNTING FOR PENSION COSTS – FRS 17

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

23. GMPF QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Issue 31 of the above was submitted for Members information.

24. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of future meetings for the 2009/10 municipal year were noted as follows:

18 September 2009

20 November 2009

5 March 2010

CHAIR