

**Non-Exempt Minutes of the Meeting of
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
Pensions Panel
held at Headquarters, Shrewsbury
on Monday, 6 August 2012 at 2.00 pm**

Present

Members

Councillors Adams, Minnery (Chair) and West

Officers

Chief Fire Officer, Acting Human Resources Manager, Corporate Services Manager and Pensions Team Leader (Shropshire Council)

1 Election of Chair

It was proposed by Councillor West and seconded by Councillor Adams

That Councillor Minnery be elected Chair of the Pensions Panel to hold office for the ensuing year.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Minnery was duly elected Chair.

2 Introductions

At the request of the Chair, Members and officers introduced themselves.

3 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

4 Declarations of Interest

The Corporate Services Manager pointed out that the agenda erroneously referred to 'personal and/or prejudicial interests', when it should have stated 'pecuniary interests'.

The Chair asked if any Members had any pecuniary interests to declare. None were declared.

5 Public Questions

No questions, statements or petitions had been received from members of the public

6 Pensions Panel Procedure

The Chair brought the procedure to be followed by the Panel to the notice of its members and to officers. He advised that the Human Resources Manager would present the report at item 8, rather than the Pensions Team Leader.

7 Local Government Act 1972

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor West and

Resolved that, under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined by the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12(A) to the Act, by virtue of Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3:

- Information relating to any individual;
- Information, which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and
- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person

The meeting entered into private session at this point.

8 Request for Early Release of Pension Benefits under Regulation 30B of Local Government Pension Regulations (Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3)

This report asked the Pensions Panel to consider a request for pension benefits to be released early with no reduction under the Regulation 30B of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Referring to section 5.1.5 of Appendix 2 to the report, the Corporate Services Manager pointed out that this part of the procedure had been superseded by creation of the Pensions Panel, which now dealt with such cases.

Resolved that the decision of the Pensions Panel be confirmed in writing in accordance with the procedure agreed

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

Chair

Date