

Scheme Advisory Board

ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

6th March 2017

Hilton Gateshead

PRESENT

Malcolm Eastwood	Chair
Cllr Rebecca Knox	Scheme Employer Representative (LGA)
Cllr Thomas Wright	Scheme Employer Representative (LGA)
Cllr Darrell Pulk	Scheme Employer Representative (LGA)
Cllr John Bell	Scheme Employer Representative (LGA)
Cllr Roger Price	Scheme Employer Representative (LGA)
Dave Limer	Scheme Member Representative (FBU)
Glyn Morgan	Scheme Member Representative (FOA)
Sam Rye	Scheme Member Representative (FBU)
Tristan Ashby	Scheme Member Representative (RFU)
Justin Johnson	Substitute Scheme Member Representative (APFO)
Joe MacVeigh	Substitute Scheme Member Representative (FBU)
Jayne Wiberg	LGA
Chris Mulholland	GAD
Clair Alcock	LGA – Acting Board Secretary
Marc Sherratt	Home Office Observer

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Des Prichard, Sean Starbuck, Francis Bishop and Cllr John Fuller

2. New appointments to the board

Cllr Howson has advised that due to his other commitments, he is unable to continue as a member of the board.

The independent group at LGA have nominated Cllr Jason Zadrozny, which was accepted by FSMC at their meeting of 27th January, currently awaiting Secretary of State to appoint as a full member

Attendance register has been circulated to members before the meeting.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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4. Chair's Update

Malcolm informed the group of the events he had attended in capacity as chair of the Scheme Advisory Board

Meeting with the Police and Fire minister

Malcolm and Clair met the minister on 19th December 2016, the minister advised he was pleased with the progress made so far and would be interested to hear options from the SAB on how the costs of administration could be improved.

Engagement with boards

- Attended Greater Manchester Fire Local Pension Board
- Attended Hampshire Fire Local Pension Board

Engagement with technical community and administrators

- Attended Eastern Regional Group
- Attended Technical group
- Visited Local Pensions Partnership to understand provisions of service

Engagement with TPR

- TPR Public Sector meeting
- Public Sector Dashboard sessions

Other Events

- Public Sector Pensions Dinner
- APFO Seminar

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5. Update on budget and provision of secretariat

The levy is now being collected, at the date of the meeting there was a 57% response rate.

The Assistant Firefighters Pension Adviser advert had gone live.

6. Contracted out liabilities reconciliation

Jayne Wiberg attended to update board members on what this means and why it should be of interest to board members and Local Pension Boards.

The presentation can be found on the khub [here](#)

Board members observed that as there is no central government funding for this so it needs to be paid for by each authority. Likely to be cheaper for those sharing administrators

ACTION: Secretariat to write to board chairs to encourage early participation

7. 2016 funding valuation

Chris Mulholland attended to update board members on the valuation process and cost cap.

The presentation can be found on the khub [here](#)

ACTION:

- a) **Home Office to consult SAB in early summer on their views of how to take the past service costs into account for the valuation.**
- b) **Home Office to consult SAB in early Autumn on their views for setting the scheme specific assumptions for the 2016 valuation**

8. Voluntary Scheme Pays

Marc Sherratt presented a paper top board members to discuss options for Voluntary Scheme Pays.

AGREED: Board members agreed proposals B & C

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10. SAB Committees

SAB members agreed to progress two committees with workstreams for

- Cost management and effectiveness
- Administration and Benchmarking
- Effectiveness of local pension boards

AGREED: Board members agreed to progress committees before next meeting

11. Notes from the last meeting

- Record of attendance created and circulated – will be published to khub forum
- Scheme Advisory Board levy had been collected, with 57% response rate at date of meeting
- John Fuller has made great progress with Logos, board to record their thanks to Dani

12. Update on actions summary

- Board policies – await appointment of assistant
- SAB to issue survey to local pension boards –action for local pension board effectiveness committee
- Note past service costs are potentially a risk – Noted will be actioned by cost effectiveness committee
- Local pension board chairs request to provide concerns on risk – action for local pension board effectiveness committee
- Survey on pensionable pay – await appointment of legal adviser
- Draft guidance to pension boards on Norman v Cheshire – await appointment of legal adviser
- Issue bulletin on protected pension age – finalise comms and send by end of March
- Ballot for interest for advisers to board – Take advice from LGPS SAB to progress in march
- Risk strategy – to progress in partnership with an adviser
- Sub-committees progress – for board leads to update
- Tax changes – discussing with Police adviser joint procurement that would allow potential cost savings

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13. Future meeting dates and venues

14th June 2017 – London Fire, Union Street

12th September 2017 – Greater Manchester Fire, Training Centre

12th December 2017, Hampshire County Council, Winchester

14. Any other business