



PENSIONS/COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL 2011 AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT:

Councillor A.J. Pritchard - Chairman

Councillors:

Mrs. A. Collins, D.M. Gray, K.V. Reynolds, A.S. Williams

Cabinet Members - Councillors Ms L. Ackerman, P.J. Bevan and R.W. Gough

Together with:

N. Barnett (Deputy Chief Executive), G. Hardacre (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development), M. Williams (Head of Public Services), R. Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection), N. Scammell (Head of Corporate Finance), K. Evans (Corporate HR Manager), L. Donovan (HR Service Manager, Customer Services), H. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A. Blackman and C.P. Mann.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

2. APPLICATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF PENSION BENEFITS UNDER REGULATION 30 (85 YEAR RULE)

Members considered the three public interest test certificates from the Proper Officer and concluded that on balance the public interests in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was:-

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as identified in paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Consideration was given to the three reports circulated with the agenda which detailed various applications for early access to pension benefits under Regulation 30 (85 year rule). It was noted that the applicants qualify to apply for early release given their age and continuous service.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the reports and outlined at the meeting:-

- (i) NP be granted access to their pension benefits by virtue of Regulation 30 (85 year rule) of the Local Government Pension Scheme;
- (ii) AJ be granted access to their pension benefits by virtue of Regulation 30 (85 year rule) of the Local Government Pension Scheme;
- (iii) JF be granted access to their pension benefits by virtue of Regulation 30 (85 year rule) of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR EARLY RETIREMENT IN SCHOOLS

Members considered the public interest test certificate from the Proper Officer and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was:-

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as identified in paragraphs 13 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Consideration was given to the report circulated with the agenda which sought approval for an early access to non-actuarially reduced pension benefits under the Teachers Pension Scheme for 23 teaching staff at nine schools across the county borough.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report and outlined at the meeting those teaching staff outlined therein be granted non actuarially reduced pension benefits under the Teachers Pension Scheme.

Members wished to place on record their appreciation to Officers, Governors and Heads in recognition of the amount of work they have undertaken in bringing the report forward for consideration and avoiding the need for redundancies.

The meeting closed at 10.45 am.