



## **PENSIONS/COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2013 AT 12 NOON**

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PRESENT:

Councillors:

W. David, D.M. Gray, Ms. J.G. Jones, C.P. Mann, S. Morgan, D.V. Poole

Together with:

G. Hardacre (Head of Human Resources and Organisation Development), S. Richards (Principal Finance Officer), H. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.E. Fussell, Mrs. J. Gale and Mrs. R. Passmore.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **3. CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor W. David was moved to the Chair.

#### **4. APPLICATION 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 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members were advised that whilst the report refers to a member of teaching staff, the applicant is in fact a member of support staff.

Consideration was given to the report which sought approval for the early access to non-actuarially reduced pension benefits under the Local Government Pension Scheme for one member of support staff at a Secondary School. Members were advised that the Local Government Pension Scheme allows applicants to access their actuarially reduced pension at the age of 55. A recent exercise has been undertaken offering staff in schools the opportunity to express an interest in accessing their pension if they are aged 55 or over without this reduction to their pension benefits. An application has subsequently been received.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation within the report be approved. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report and outlined at the meeting the support member of staff be granted access to unreduced pension benefits.

The meeting closed at 12.20 p.m.