



PENSIONS/COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON MONDAY 30TH MARCH 2009 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT:

Councillor A.J. Pritchard - Chairman

Councillors:

P.J. Bevan (in place of C.P. Mann), Mrs. A. Collins, D.M. Gray, G. Jones, A.S. Williams (in place of K.V. Reynolds)

Also present for part of the meeting:-

Councillor Miss L. Ackerman (appropriate Cabinet Member for the applications received from the Directorate of the Environment) and Councillor J.A. Pritchard (appropriate Cabinet Member for the application received from the Directorate of Social Services).

Together with:

A.O'Sullivan (Director of the Environment), G. Hardacre (Head of People Management and Development), H. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. Hobbs

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 THE REGULATION 31 (85 YEAR RULE)

Members considered the six 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 reports which detailed various applications for early access to pension benefits under Regulation 31 (85 year rule). It was noted that the applicants qualifies 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) DJ be granted access to their pension benefits by virtue of Regulation 31 (85 year rule) of the Local Government Pension Scheme;
- (ii) JW be granted access to their pension benefits by virtue of Regulation 31 (85 year rule) of the Local Government Pension Scheme;
- (iii) RL be granted access to their pension benefits by virtue of Regulation 31 (85 year rule) of the Local Government Pension Scheme;
- (iv) FJH be granted access to their pension benefits by virtue of Regulation 31 (85 year rule) of the Local Government Pension Scheme;
- (v) GB be granted access to their pension benefits and Employer's consent be given;
- (vi) MD be granted access to their pension benefits by virtue of Regulation 31 (85 year rule) of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The meeting closed at 10.30am