



PENSIONS/COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, PENALLTA HOUSE,
YSTRAD MYNACH ON TUESDAY 1ST JULY 2014 AT 1PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs J. Gale - Chair

Councillors:

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

Together with:

L. Donovan (HR Service Manager - Customer Services), S. Richards (Principal Finance Officer), H. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor W. David declared an interest in the second application (as the applicant is know to him) and advised that he would leave the meeting when the application was discussed.

3. APPLICATION FOR EARLY RETIREMENT IN SCHOOL

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.

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 the members of support staff from one of the Council's secondary schools. In view of the declaration of interest received, details of only the first application (AL) were outlined at this stage of the meeting.

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 Teachers and support staff the opportunity to express an interest in accessing their pension if they are aged 55 or over without this reduction to their pension benefits, as a measure to avoid compulsory redundancies.

It was moved and seconded that the application of AL 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 (AL) be granted access to unreduced pension benefits.

At this point Councillor W. David declared an interest (as the applicant is know to him) and left the meeting when the application was discussed. Members were then given details of the second application.

It was moved and seconded that the application of AS be approved. By show of hands from the remaining Member this was unanimously agreed

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report and outlined at the meeting: the support members of staff (AS) be granted access to unreduced pension benefits.

The meeting closed at 1.10pm