

PENSIONS/COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON MONDAY, 12TH JANUARY 2015 AT 1.00 PM.

Councillors:

PRESENT:

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

Together with:

G. Hardacre (Head of HR and Organisational Development), T. Shaw (Head of Engineering Services), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

1. **CHAIR**

In the absence of the Chair, it was moved and seconded that Councillor W. David take the chair for the meeting. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs J. Gale, J.E. Fussell and T.J. Williams (respective Cabinet Member).

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

APPLICATION FOR THE RELEASE OF PENSION BENEFITS UNDER REGULATION 30 4. (85 YEAR RULE)

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 detailed the application received from DGR for early access to pension benefits under the Local Government Pension Scheme and Caerphilly CBC's Early Retirement Scheme (utilising the 85 year rule protections). It was noted that the applicant qualifies to apply for early release given their age and years of service.

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

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report and outlined at the meeting, DGR be granted access to their pension benefits under the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The meeting closed at 1.17 pm.