

COMMITTEE: Pensions Committee	DATE: 16 June 2014	CLASSIFICATION: Unrestricted	REPORT NO.
REPORT OF: Service Head, Democratic Services ORIGINATING OFFICER(S): Antonella Burgio Democratic Services Officer		TITLE: Confirmation of Trade Unions and Admitted Bodies Representatives of the Pensions Committee 2013-14 Ward(s) affected: N/A	

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is note the continued appointment of 2 non-voting co-optees to the Pensions Committee for the duration of the municipal year.

2. **DECISIONS REQUIRED**

- 2.1 No decisions are required. Members are recommended to note the continued nomination of John Gray (Admitted Bodies Representative) and Frank West (Union Representative) as non-voting co-optees of the Pensions Committee for the municipal year 2014-15 and their reappointment at Annual Council on 11th June 2014.

3. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Under Article 8 (Para. 8.01) and Part 3 Section 3.3.10 of the Constitution, the Council has delegated to the Pensions Committee, responsibility to consider pension matters and meet its obligations and duties under the Superannuation Act 1972 and the various statutory requirements in respect of investment matters.
- 3.2 Part 3 Section 3.3.10 of the Constitution also provides that membership of the Pensions Committee comprise Elected Members, and include 1 Representative of the Admitted Bodies and 1 Trade Union Representative.

4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The Constitution does not provide any alternative arrangements for the appointment of co-optees to this Member Level Body.

5. **BACKGROUND**

- 5.1 Under the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations, the Council is required to maintain a Pension Fund for its employees and other

'scheduled bodies' as defined in the Regulation. The Regulation also empowers the Fund to admit employees of other 'defined' (e.g. other public bodies, housing corporations) bodies into the Fund.

- 5.2 The Pensions Committee has specific delegated function that it has to fulfil in representing the Council as the administering authority to the Pension Fund. This requires that a number of monitoring and management activities are undertaken to ensure that it fully discharges its oversight and governance responsibilities to the Fund.
- 5.3 Part 3 Section 3.3.10 of the Constitution provides that membership of the Pensions Committee comprise Elected Members, and also include 1 Representative of the Admitted Bodies to the Pension Fund and 1 Trade Union Representative.
- 5.4 The Committee's Terms of Reference does not presently stipulate a term of office for these roles. In the absence of a specified term, it is appropriate that the appointment of the co-optees should be periodically reaffirmed to ensure that the persons appointed continue to serve with the endorsement of the external bodies and organisations that (contribute to the Fund and that) have nominated them.

6. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTees

- 6.1 The external organisations and bodies represented by Mr John Gray have been canvassed and none have objected to his reappointment as representative for Admitted Bodies for the municipal year 2014-15.
- 6.2 The Council's recognised Trade unions have been contacted and confirmed that they wish Mr Frank West to continue as representatives of Trade Unions for the municipal year 2014-15.
- 6.3 This matter is therefore brought before the Pensions Committee to note the continued endorsement of Mr Gray and Mr West as co-optees of the Committee and also to note their respective reappointment at Annual Council on 11th June 2014.

7. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 7.1 The functions of the Pensions Committee under the Council's Constitution are: "to consider pension matters and meet the obligations and the duties of the Council under the Superannuation Act 1972, and the various statutory requirements in respect of investment matters". This includes ensuring the Council meets its various obligations under the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 and the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009. As referred to in paragraph 3 above, the Council's Constitution provides for 1 Representative of the Admitted Bodies and 1 Trade Union Representative to be co-opted onto the Pensions Committee. The appointments of John Gray

and Frank West were agreed at the Annual Council meeting on the 11th June 2014.

8. Comments of the Chief Financial Officer

There are no specific comments arising from the recommendations in the report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED) SECTION 100D
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "background papers"

*Name and telephone number of holder
And address where open to inspection*