


Non-Executive Report of the: Pensions Committee 23rd July 2015	 TOWER HAMLETS
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Pensions Committee Terms of Reference, Membership, Quorum and Dates of Meetings	

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Wards affected	All Wards

Summary

This report sets out the Terms of Reference, Membership and Quorum of the Pensions Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16 for Members' information.

Recommendations:

The Pensions Committee is recommended to:

1. Note its Terms of Reference, Membership and Quorum as set out in Appendix A to this report.
2. Determine the preferred time at which the scheduled meetings will start

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The report is brought annually to assist new and returning Members by informing them of the framework of the Committee set out in the Council's Constitution.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The report asks Members solely to confirm its constitutional arrangements and therefore they are not required to consider any alternative options.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Background

- 3.1 At the reconvened Annual Council Meeting on 24th June 2015, Members were appointed to the various Committees and Panels established for the new municipal year as set out in the Constitution.
- 3.2 The terms of reference for the Pensions Committee together with the appointed Membership and Quorum thereof are set out in Appendix A.

4. Membership

- 4.1 Council on 24th June 2015 agreed that the Membership of the Committee be set at 7 Members in line with the recommendations of the Constitutional Working Party adopted by Council in April 2010 to ensure the proportionality arrangements are upheld.
- 4.2 Council also agreed that one Admitted Body and one Trade Union representative be invited to join the Committee on a non-voting basis in line with the recommendations of the Constitutional Working Party. Officers will verbally update Members on the process for appointing to these positions at the meeting.

5. Programme of Meetings

- 5.1 The Council has agreed a programme of meetings for the municipal year. Meetings of the Pensions Committee are scheduled as follows:

23 July
17 September
26 November
10 March (2016)

- 5.2 The Constitution provides that, the meetings will take place at 7.30pm unless the Chair otherwise decides. The Chair and Pension Committee Members, in the past, have agreed the meetings will take place at 7.00pm in accordance with the programme of meetings for principal committees as this time is deemed to be more convenient for members and public. Additionally any meetings that fall during the holy month of Ramadan are scheduled to commence at 5.30pm. Members may wish to determine their own meeting time in the forthcoming municipal year and are permitted to offer their views to the Chair.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

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

7. LEGAL COMMENTS

Appendix A sets out the terms of reference and composition of the committee as set out in Paragraph 3.3.10 of the Council's Constitution. There are no immediate legal consequences arising from this report.

8. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no specific equalities considerations arising from the recommendation in the report.

9. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific best value implications arising from the recommendations in the report.

10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

[Authors should explain how the proposals in the report will contribute to a sustainable environment and/or identify any environmental implications of the proposals and the action proposed to address these.]

11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific risk management implications arising from the recommendations in the report.

12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific crime and disorder reduction implications arising from the recommendations in the report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference and Membership

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

- NONE

Officer contact details for documents:

- N/A