

Pensions Committee

Agenda

Monday, 25 March 2024 at 5.30 p.m.
Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall,
160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

Members:

Chair: Councillor Ahmodul Kabir

Vice Chair: Councillor Iqbal Hossain

Councillor Bodrul Choudhury, Councillor Jahed Choudhury, Councillor Rachel Blake,
Councillor Ayas Miah and Councillor Abdal Ullah

Co-opted Members:

Kehinde Akintunde (Trade Union Representative)

Substitutes: Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury, Councillor Abdul Wahid, Councillor
Kabir Hussain, Councillor Asma Islam, Councillor Sirajul Islam and Councillor Maisha
Begum

[The quorum for the Pensions Committee is 3 voting Members]

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A Guide to Pensions Committee

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.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (PAGES 7 - 8)

Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest, identified in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine: whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are also reminded to declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it is the Members' responsibility to identify any interests and also update their register of interest form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of an interest, you are advised to seek advice prior the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (PAGES 9 - 16)

To confirm as a correct record the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11th December 2023.

3. PETITIONS

To receive any petitions relating to matters for which the Committee is responsible.

4. SUBMISSIONS / REFERRALS FROM PENSION BOARD

5. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Local Government Pension Scheme Consultation: Next Steps on Investments (Pages 17 - 20)

5.2 Pensions Administration and LGPS Quarterly Update – December 2023 (Pages 21 - 28)



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6. **TRAINING EVENTS**
7. **PENSIONS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**
8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**
9. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion: “That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

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9.1 RESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 33 - 44)

To confirm as a correct record the restricted minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11th December 2023.

9.2 Revised Investment Business Plan 2023/24 (Pages 45 - 52)

9.3 Quarterly Investment Review - December 2023 (Pages 53 - 100)

9.4 ESG, Voting, Engagement and Stewardship Update (Pages 101 - 188)

9.5 Revised Investment Strategy Statement (ISS) (Pages 189 - 216)

9.6 Portfolio Rebalancing – Index-linked Gilts (Pages 217 - 220)

9.7 Risk Management Policy and Quarterly Review of Risk Register (Pages 221 - 230)

Next Meeting of the Pensions Committee

The date of the next meeting is to be determined by Council on the 20th March 2024.

