

Pension Board

Agenda

Monday, 8 July 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall,
160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

Members:

Chair: John Jones (Independent Chair)

Vice Chair:

David Stephen Thompson (Representing Retired/Deferred Pension Fund Members)

John Gray, (Representing Active Admitted/Statutory Bodies Pension Fund Members)

Councillor Musthak Ahmed, (Cabinet Member for Jobs, Enterprise, Skills and Growth)

Chris Boylett, (Interim Head of Revenue and Benefits)

Nneka Oroge, Trade Union Representative

Annette McKenna, Representing Admitted Bodies Employers

Substitutes: Michael Alderson

[A meeting is only quorate when at least one person of each member and employer representatives are present including the independent chair, or 50% of both member and employer representative are present]

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A Guide to the Pensions Board

The Pensions Board was created in 2015 under the requirements of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 to assist the Administering Authority (Tower Hamlets Council) in its role as a scheme manager of the Scheme. Its role is to:

- a) secure compliance with the Regulations, any other legislation relating to the governance and administration of the Scheme, and requirements imposed by the Pensions Regulator in relation to the Scheme and;
- b) to ensure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the Scheme.

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London Borough of Tower Hamlets



Pension Board

Monday, 8 July 2024

10.00 a.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

4. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES (PAGES 9 - 18)

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Pensions Board held on 11th March and 20th May 2024.

5. SUBMISSIONS FROM FUND MEMBERS

To consider any written submissions from Fund Members/Stakeholders.

(Submissions must be received by the Clerk to the meeting no later than 5.00p.m. on the day before the meeting.)

6. SUBMISSIONS / RESPONSES FROM PENSION COMMITTEE

7. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1 Pension Board Terms of Reference, Membership, Quorum and Dates of Meetings 2024/25 (Pages 19 - 28)

7.2 Tower Hamlets Pension Fund Closing 2023/24 and External Audit (Pages 29 - 214)

7.3 Governance and Compliance Statement (Pages 215 - 234)

7.4 Admissions Policy (Pages 235 - 262)

7.5 Training Strategy (Pages 263 - 274)

7.6 Annual Benefits Statements (ABS) 2024 (Pages 275 - 278)

8. PENSIONS BOARD WORK PLAN 2024/25



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9. PENSIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING MEETING

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. 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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11 .1 RESTRICTED MINUTES (Pages 287 - 290)

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the restricted minutes of the meeting of the Pensions Board held on 20th May 2024.

11 .2 City Gateway Cessation report for South Quay College (Pages 291 - 354)

Next Meeting of the Pension Board

Monday, 16 September 2024 at 10.00 a.m. to be held in Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

