



Local Pension Board

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Local Pension Board - Appointments for the period 2018/19 to 2020/21

Report of the Head of Legal Services

Purpose of report

1. This report updates the Board on the appointments made by the Council for the Local Pension Board for the period 2018/19 to 2020/21.
2. The Board is recommended to:
 - (i) Note the appointments made; and
 - (ii) Elect a Vice Chair to serve for the Period 2018/19 - 2020/21 and to then take over as Chair.

Background

3. The Local Pension Board was established by South Tyneside Council on 12 March 2015.
4. The Council's Constitution and the Governance Statement for the Local Pension Board provide that the Local Pension Board will consist of 8 members, with the membership to be comprised in the following way:
 - 4 member representatives who are to be nominated by the relevant Trade Unions;
 - 3 employer representatives who are to be nominated by participating employers; and
 - 1 South Tyneside Council Councillor who is independent of Pensions Committee (also classed as an employer representative).

Existing Board Members

5. The position of the existing Board members needs to be differentiated between the previous Vice Chair, and now Chair, Jim Woodlingfield, and the other Board Members.
6. In relation to the Vice Chair, the Governance Statement states:

35. After the initial three (3) year term, the appointment of the Chair shall be made by ascension from the previous Vice Chair.
7. Applying paragraph 35 of the Governance Statement, Jim Woodlingfield was automatically appointed as a Board member for the period 2018/2019 to 2020/21 and as the new Chair of the Board.
8. In respect of the other Board Members, the following extracts of the Governance Statement are noted:

38. The term of office for Board Members is three (3) years. A Board member's term of office ends and they are not reappointed, unless they are the current Vice Chair.

39. A Board member may be appointed for further terms of office by the Committee with the agreement of the Board.

Nomination process and nominations received

9. Officers wrote to all Scheme employers and all relevant Trade Unions requesting nominations. The following nominations were received:

Trade Union nominations:

Unison nominated: (i) Nicholas Wirz; and
(ii) Christopher Sharkey

GMB nominated: (i) John Pearson; and
(ii) Tom Hunter.

Employer representatives:

North East Regional Employers Organisation nominated Michael Brodie.

TT2 has nominated Philip Smith.

10. At its Annual Meeting the Council appointed Cllr Pat Hay as its employer representative for the Board and confirmed the appointment of the nominees mentioned above.
11. As stated above, the appointment of Jim Woodlingfield (Newcastle College Group) is automatic by way of ascension to the Chair of the Board.

Election of Vice Chair

12. As stated above, the Vice Chair will serve a term of 3 years and will then automatically become the Chair of the Board for a further 3 year period. Board members are requested to appoint a Vice Chair.

13. Paragraph 34 of the governance Statement provides as follows:

“Subject to the meeting arrangements in paragraphs 54 to 58 below a Chair and Vice Chair shall be appointed for the Board by the Employer and Member Representatives of the Board on a rotating basis with the term of office shared between an Employer and a Member representative on an equal and opposite basis. “

14. In accordance with the above, the new Vice Chair will need to be appointed from amongst the Member Representatives.

Recommendation

15. The Board is recommended to:
 - (i) Note the appointments made by the Council and note the automatic appointment of Jim Woodlingfield as an Employer Representative and Chair of the Pension Board; and

- (ii) Appoint a Vice Chair from amongst the Member Representatives on the Board.

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The following is a list of the background papers (excluding exempt papers) relied upon in the preparation of the above report:

Background Paper	File Ref:	File Location
South Tyneside Council Constitution; Governance Statement for the Local Pension Board	N/A	Head of Pensions, South Shields Town Hall