

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Pension Board of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme
held on 11 July 2017**

Present:

Members

Keith Bray (Chair), Katie Brown, Liz Firmstone, Tony Morgan, Paul Morley, Rob Moyney

Officers

Neil Buxton, Pensions Manager

Jane Pollard, Legal Services Manager

Paul Williams, Democratic Services Team Leader

The Chair apologised that the Local Pension Board meeting had overrun and that Fire Pension Board members had been kept waiting.

1. Introductions and General business

(1) Apologies

None

(2) Board Members' Disclosures of Interests

None

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 12 January 2017 were agreed as an accurate record for signing by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

2. Current Pension Issues - Update

Liz Firmstone (Strategic Finance Manager) presented her published report to members of the Board. Six areas were summarised, namely,

- Ill Health Retirements and Dependents Error
- Pensionable Pay Challenge – RDS Firefighters
- Employee Contributions Holiday
- GAD v Milne Commutation Factors Review
- Transitional Protections Challenge
- Retained Firefighters Modified Scheme

The Board agreed that the matter pertaining to GAD v Milne be put into abeyance as no further action is required.

3. Local Fire Pension Board Training

Katie Brown (HR Manager – Fire) informed the meeting of a training session to be held in Shropshire on 19 July. This was to be facilitated by KPMG and Eversheds. Five officers from Warwickshire County Council were set to attend this session. Katie Brown proposed that if the session is found to be of use something similar could be arranged in Warwickshire for the autumn.

Keith Bray (Chair of the Board) observed that for something that initially appears simple fire pensions comprise up to 6 different schemes all of which interact. This makes it very complicated.

It was agreed that Katie Brown be asked to schedule some local training for the autumn.

4. Next Steps

None

5. Any other business

It was agreed that future meetings should not be scheduled to be on the rising of the Local Pension Board. This approach will avoid Board members having to wait an inordinate time for their meeting.

The board rose at 16.20.

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Chair