

Staff and Pensions Committee

Employers Entering and Leaving the Warwickshire Pension Fund

13 December 2021

Recommendation

That the Staff and Pensions Committee

1. delegates authority to the Strategic Director for Resources to approve applications from the listed employers subject to the applications meeting the criteria
 - 1.1. New Academies:
 - 1.1.1. Brailes C of E Primary School (Part of The Stour Federation)
01/08/2021
 - 1.1.2. Houlton School (Part of Transforming Lives Educational Trust)
01/09/2021
 - 1.1.3. The Warwickshire Academy (Part of Thrive Education Partnership)
01/01/2022
 - 1.2. New Employers:
 - 1.2.1. Premier Active 01/09/2021
 - 1.2.2. Miquill Catering Limited 01/09/2021
 - 1.2.3. Prime Facilities Services 06/09/2021
 - 1.2.4. NSL – Marston’s Holdings 01/11/2021 (new contract)
 - 1.2.5. Caterlink 22/07/2021
2. Notes the employers who have left the fund as they have no active members left in the scheme
 - 2.1.1. Rugby First Ltd on 01/08/2021

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Pension Fund must accept applications from scheduled bodies where the requirements of the regulations are met.
- 1.2 An academy is automatically a Scheme Employer on the basis that it meets the criteria of paragraph 20 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 i.e., it is a ‘scheduled body’.

- 1.3 When submitting an application for membership each academy will be required to confirm:
- That it has internal authority to be admitted to the Pension Fund.
 - The number of members to join the Pension Fund.
 - That the academy will comply with the relevant LGPS Regulations.
- 1.4 The Pension Fund must accept an application from an applicant body made under paragraph 1(d) of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 where that body has undertaken to comply with the Regulations.
- 1.5 Coventry Diocese MAT are the letting authority for Premier Active. The Stour Federation are the letting authority for Miquill Catering Limited. Evergreen School are the letting authority for Prime Facilities Services. Warwickshire County Council are the letting authority for the new NSL – Marston’s Holdings contract. Coventry Diocese MAT are the letting authority for Caterlink.
- 1.6 All five have made an application on the basis that they meet the criteria of paragraph 1(d) of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 i.e., it is a ‘transferee body’.
- 1.7 The Applicant Bodies have a contract with another Scheme Employer within the Pension Fund and have LGPS admission in respect of this contract.
- 1.8 The Applicant Bodies will be carrying out a function or service on behalf of the Scheme Employer under a contract.
- 1.9 The Applicant Bodies have confirmed that the Scheme Employer will be party to the admission agreement.
- 1.10 The Applicant Body has undertaken to comply with the relevant LGPS Regulations.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 New entrants to the scheme will be required to cover their own costs and the actuarial process will ensure that employer contributions are appropriate to ensure this is the case.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None

4. Supporting Information

4.1 Warwickshire Pension Fund, Admissions and Terminations Policy 2021

4.2 Funding Strategy Statement

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

5.1 None

Background Papers

1. Warwickshire Pension Fund, Admissions and Termination Policy 2021
2. Funds Strategy Statement

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