

County Council

14 December 2021

Appointment of Representatives to the Local Pension Board and Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighter's Pension Scheme

Recommendations

1. That Council approves the appointment of Mr Jeffrey Carruthers, Director of Finance at Warwickshire Police, as a scheme member representative on the Local Pension Board.
2. That Council approves the appointment of Councillor John Horner to the Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighter's Pension Scheme.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Following a call for expressions of interest to members within the fund, Mr Jeffrey Carruthers, Director of Finance at Warwickshire Police, has been identified as the new Scheme member representative on the LGPS Local Pension Board. This appointment requires ratification by Council in accordance with the terms of reference of the Local Pension Board
- 1.2 This report also seeks approval to the appointment to a vacancy on Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighter's Pension Scheme.

2. Financial Implications

None.

3. Environmental Implications

None.

4. Supporting Information

Local Pension Board

- 4.1 The Public Services Pensions Act 2013 requires the establishment of a Local Pension Board with responsibility for assisting the Scheme Manager in securing compliance with all relevant pensions laws, regulations and directions and the Pension Regulator's codes of practice.
- 4.2 The Local Pension Board was set up in 2015 to assist the Warwickshire Pension Fund in ensuring that it is complying with relevant laws and regulations in the governance and operation of the Fund. The operations of the Local Pension Board are guided by a Terms of Reference which are approved by Council.
- 4.3 Pursuant to those Terms of Reference, the membership of the Local Pension Board is to consist of seven (7) members to include –
- i. Scheme Member Representatives x 3
 - ii. Employer Representatives x 3
 - iii. Independent Representative x 1
- 4.4 There is a current vacancy in the Local Pension Board for a scheme member representative. Mr Carruthers has previously served on the Board as an employer representative. His current appointment as a Scheme Member representative arises after a campaign to invite applications to the vacancy was unsuccessful and Mr Carruthers subsequently offered to take up the vacancy. Mr Carruthers' appointment has been endorsed by the Chairman of the Board and his appointment will mean that the Board is fully constituted.

Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighter's Pension Scheme

- 4.5 The Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighter's Pension Scheme is a statutory board and the terms of reference specify that the tenure of membership (up to a maximum of nine years) is three years. An independent Chair is also appointed for a three-year term. If a member resigns during their term of office the replacement is appointed for three years. Confirmation of re-appointments is for the Scheme Manager (the County Council as the administering authority).
- 4.6 A vacancy exists for an Employer representative on the Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board. Employer representatives on the Fire & Rescue Board should be either members or officers of the Council and it is proposed that Council make an appointment to this vacancy for a term of three years.
- 4.7 Councillor John Horner has been nominated to fill the vacancy.

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

5.1 If agreed the decision would have immediate effect.

Background Papers

None.

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