

# **Staff & Pensions Committee**

## **Barnardo's Childrens and Family Centres**

12 March 2020

### **1. Recommendation(s)**

- 1.1 That the Staff and Pensions Committee notes the cessation of Barnardo's as a Scheme Employer in respect of the Children Centres contracts and approves the admission of Barnardo's as a Scheme Employer (the Applicant Body) in respect of the Family Centre contract.

### **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1 An updated Admissions and Termination policy was approved by the Staff and Pensions Committee in June 2017, this includes a requirement for admissions and terminations to be approved by the Committee.
- 2.2 In August 2014, Barnardo's became a Scheme Employer in respect of several children centres providing the service on behalf of the County Council. These contracts ended on 31 August 2019 and following a repackaging of the service the County Council has issued a single contract in respect of the Family and Children Centres.
- 2.3 Barnardo's has been appointed as the provider of this service and is applying to be a Scheme Employer in respect of this contract.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 New entrants to the scheme will be required to cover their own costs

### **4. Environmental Implications**

- 4.1 None

### **5. Supporting Information**

- 5.1 The Applicant Body has made an application on the basis that it meets 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' within the meaning of the Pension Fund's Admissions and Termination Policy).

- 5.2 The Applicant Body will be carrying out a function or service on behalf of a scheme employer under contract. The contract is initially for three years and renewed on a triennial basis.
- 5.3 The Applicant Body has confirmed there are 11 members of the LGPS transferring all of which worked on the original contracts.
- 5.4 The Applicant Body has confirmed that the Scheme Employer will be party to the Admission Agreement.
- 5.5 The Applicant Body has confirmed that the Scheme Employer will guarantee any unfunded liabilities arising out of its admission. Effectively the Applicant Body will be pooled with the Scheme Employer paying the same primary rate of pension contribution for the duration of the contract.

## **6. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps**

- 6.1 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
- 6.2 Provide the Committee is satisfied that the requirements of the regulations are met, the application should be granted.
- 6.3 In the event that the application is accepted, arrangements will be made for made for the Applicant Body to enter into an admission agreement with the Pension Fund. Should admission commence prior to any admission agreement being completed the Applicant Body has agreed to be bound by the terms of the standard form admission agreement appended to the Pension Fund's Admissions and Termination policy.

## **Appendices**

1. None

## **Background Papers**

1. None

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