

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday, 30 April 2015

Appointment to the Scottish LGPS Scheme Advisory Board

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Executive summary

Council is asked to appoint Councillor Alasdair Rankin, as Convener of the Pensions Committee, to the Scheme Advisory Board for the Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 Council is asked to approve the appointment of Councillor Alasdair Rankin, as Convener of the Pensions Committee, to the Scheme Advisory Board for the Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme.

Background

- 2.1 Further to the paper to Council on 5 February 2015 noting new governance arrangements for the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in Scotland, a Scheme Advisory Board was established for the scheme with effect from 1 April 2015.
- 2.2 The Scheme Advisory Board is responsible for advising Scottish Ministers on the operation of the LGPS in Scotland and any changes required to the scheme. It will also advise the councils who administer the individual LGPS funds and their Pension Boards. The Scheme Advisory Board is expected to meet quarterly.
- 2.3 The Scheme Advisory Board is made up of 7 trade union representatives and 7 employer representatives, including 5 Scottish council representatives appointed via COSLA.

Main report

- 3.1 COSLA's Resources & Capacity group recently agreed the following councillor nominations to the Scheme Advisory Board:
 - Alasdair Rankin, City of Edinburgh Council
 - Stewart Cree, Moray Council
 - Jim Goodfellow, East Lothian Council
 - John Mitchell, Scottish Borders Council
 - Ian Macalpine, East Renfrewshire Council.
- 3.2 Therefore Council is asked to appoint Councillor Alasdair Rankin, as Convener of the Pensions Committee, to the Scottish LGPS Scheme Advisory Board.

Measures of success

- 4.1 The interests of pension funds are served by ensuring governance arrangements remain open, transparent and continue to actively seek full participation from key stakeholder representatives.

Financial impact

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 The Scheme Advisory Board is an important addition to the governance of the LGPS in Scotland.

Equalities impact

7.1 There are no adverse equalities impacts arising from this report.

Sustainability impact

8.1 There is no sustainability impact arising from this report.

Consultation and engagement

9.1 The Pensions Committee and Consultative Panel of Lothian Pension Fund were informed of Councillor Rankin's nomination to the Scheme Advisory Board at their meeting on 25 March.

Background reading / external references

Not applicable.

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Council outcomes CO26 - The Council engages with stakeholders and works in partnerships to improve services and deliver agreed objectives.

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Appendices None