

## **In Confidence**

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Sector Pensions Authority (PSPA) on 19 June 2015 at 14.00 in the PSPA Meeting Room, Goldie House, Douglas.

**Present: PSPA**

Mr J Carter (Chair)  
Mr J P Shimmin, MHK (Vice Chair)  
Mr E Holmes  
Mr T P Wild, MLC

**In Attendance:** Mr I T Murray  
Mr I W C Burnett (Secretary)  
Ms K C Brondon

**Apologies:** Mr K Flint

**Minute No**

### **Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared in relation to the items on the agenda.

### **29/15 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **30/15 Matters Arising**

**X**

Minute not Published.

### **31/15 Risk register review**

The Risk Register was reviewed and the changes that had been made since the previous meeting of the Board were noted.

### **32/15 PSPA Board Training**

The Board considered a proposed schedule of training.

The Board noted that training had previously been provided to the Board when the PSPA was first established in 2012. However, following the appointment of new Board members and following a recommendation made in the recent Internal Audit report, it was agreed that a schedule of training for Board members should be prepared and implemented.

The Board agreed that short training modules should be delivered at the beginning of future Board meetings. After due consideration the Board agreed the following schedule of training up to January 2016:

- July – History of Public Sector Schemes on the Isle of Man
- September – Actuarial Principles
- October – Current Schemes

November - Advisers

December - Report & Accounts

January - Delegations

### **33/15 PSPA Annual Review of the Year Ended 31 March 2015**

The Board considered and noted the content of a draft PSPA Annual Review for the year ended 31 March 2015.

The Board noted that whilst the PSPA is a Statutory Board of Tynwald, there is no requirement for it to produce an annual report or review in the same way that there is for other Departments and Statutory Boards of Government. However, as the PSPA produced an annual review the previous year, the Executive considered that the PSPA should continue with the practice and had thereby drafted an Annual Review.

The Board noted the recommendation that, subject to its approval, the report be submitted to the Council of Ministers.

After due consideration it was agreed that, subject to minor amendments being made to the document, it should be submitted to the Council of Ministers.

The Board considered that following consideration by the Council of Ministers, subject to being amended and anonymised, the Annual Review should be published on the PSPA website.

### **34/15 Public Sector Pension Scheme Accounts – ‘Going Concern’ statement**

The PSPA Board considered a memorandum from the Finance Manager seeking its approval to a ‘going concern’ assessment of all pension schemes the PSPA manages on a ‘global’ basis for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

The Board noted that Accounting Standards required that accounts be prepared on a ‘going concern’ basis in that there is an assumption that the schemes being audited will continue to operate and to be supported financially for the foreseeable future and that it was the responsibility of the PSPA as the Schemes’ Manager to receive assurances to this effect. As the Schemes operate on an unfunded basis, the shortfall between income and expenditure is funded by monies released by Treasury. The Board noted that a letter from Treasury had been received confirming this would continue to be the case into the future.

After due consideration the Board approved the ‘going concern’ basis of the Schemes.

### **35/15 Public Sector Pensions Committee**

#### Appointment of a Joint Chairman

Mr Homes declared an interest in this matter and absented himself from the discussion regarding the appointment of a Joint Chairman to the PSPA Pensions Committee.

The Board noted that it had previously agreed, via e-mail, from the Committee’s Staff Side’s nomination that Mr Eric Holmes, in his capacity as Regional Officer for Unite the Union, be appointed as the Staff Side Joint Chair. The Board noted that the e-mail request seeking its approval to this appointment had only been circulated to four of the Board Members and had not included Mr Holmes.

After due consideration the Board ratified its previous decision to Appoint Mr Holmes as the Staff Side Joint Chair to the PSPA Pensions Committee.

### Update of Committee meeting held on 22 May 2015

The Chief Executive provided a verbal update in respect of the outcomes of the meeting held on 22 May 2015.

The Board noted that at that meeting the following action points were agreed:

- The establishment of a Communications sub-group which would prepare a Member Notice, based upon the open letter to the Employees' Side, for consideration by the Joint Chairs' prior to issue.
- The appointment of First Actuarial and that the Committee was content for the PSPA liaise directly with First Actuarial in relation to the scope and timescales for the work. It was confirmed that Treasury had approved funding for the work to be carried out.
- The formation of a Technical sub-committee which ultimately would consider of the wider aspects of the Working Group report. However, it would initially consider Cost Sharing.

The Board noted that the next meeting of the PSPA Pensions Committee was due to be held on 26 June 2015.

### **36/15 Tynwald Members Scheme**

The Board noted that the Chief Executive had met with the Tynwald Emoluments Committee and that proposals for changes to the Tynwald Members Scheme were to be circulated to Tynwald Members.

The Board noted that the proposals included Tynwald Members Joining the Unified Scheme and for the management of the Tynwald Members pensions to move to the PSPA.

#### **Date of next meeting**

The Board agreed the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 28 July starting at 2pm.

**The meeting closed at 15:20**