

In Confidence

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Sector Pensions Authority (PSPA) on 16 January 2017 in the PSPA Meeting Room, Prospect House, Douglas

Present: PSPA

Mr J B Carter, (Chairman)

Hon C C Thomas, MHK (Vice Chairman)

Mr D J Ashford

Ms A B Moffatt

Mr E R Holmes

In Attendance: Mr I W C Burnett, (Secretary)

Mr I T Murray

Ms K C Brondon

Apologies:

Minute No. Minute

02/17 Conflicts of Interest

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared in addition to those previously recorded.

03/17 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of 15 November 2016, 7 December 2016 and 10 January 2017 were approved and signed.

04/17 Risk Register Review

The Board considered and noted the contents of the Risk Register.

The Board considered that a new risk should be added relating to the recent publication of the Government Programme, and in particular in relation to the elements regarding legacy funding of Public Service Pensions.

05/17 Matters Arising

Contracting Out

The Chief Executive provided a verbal update on contracting out. The Board noted that Treasury was due to commence a consultation exercise shortly seeking views on the future for contracting out. It was anticipated that this would commence towards the end of January.

Teachers Pension Scheme

The Executive advised that it had received a timeline document from the Teaching Trade Unions which set out the discussions which had taken place so far between the Trade Unions and the Executive. It was agreed the timeline document would be circulated with the Board.

The Executive summarised some of the themes from the document. The Board noted that a concern raised by the Unions was the effect changes

on Pension Schemes may have on the recruitment and retention of Staff. The Board was informed that the Unions had outlined that they accepted the need for change, but considered that now was not the right time to make any changes.

The Board noted there was a further meeting scheduled for 6 February 2017.

The Vice Chair advised the Board that the Teaching Unions were due to hold a general meeting with Members of Tynwald. The Chief Executive enquired as to whether he may attend. As the meeting was a Union meeting rather than at the request of Tynwald Members it was agreed that the Chief Executive would approach the unions regarding the possibility of attending the meeting.

06/17

Public Sector Pensions Reform

Unified Scheme

The Board considered a memorandum and draft notice dated 10 January 2017, from the Chief Executive, concerning cost sharing in Public Sector Pension Schemes.

The Board considered and, after due consideration, approved the draft notice. It was noted that the letter received from the Trade Unions dated 5 January 2017, concerning risk sharing, had been used as the basis for the notice. It was agreed that this notice should form the basis of a statement to accompany the explanatory memorandum to Tynwald Members for the February sitting of Tynwald when the Amendment Scheme would be considered.

The Board agreed that as the statement was based upon the letter received from the Trade Union Committee, the Executive should write to acknowledge the letter and what steps the PSPA were taking as a consequence of it.

The Board also agreed that once the Scheme had been placed on the Tynwald agenda, and ahead of the February 2017 sitting, there should be a presentation to Tynwald Members to fully explain the background to the proposals and the principles of risk sharing to Tynwald Members and other key stakeholders as part of the "next steps". It also proposed that a statement regarding cost sharing could be included in the Vice-Chairman's statement when moving the Amendment Scheme at the February 2017 sitting of Tynwald.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13 February 2017 at 10.00 am.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.20