

## **In Confidence**

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Sector Pensions Authority (PSPA) held in the King Orry Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Main Government Building, Bucks Road on 26 June 2023 at 12 noon.

**Present: PSPA**

Mr J Carter (Chair)

Ms K Lord-Brennan MHK (Vice Chair)

Mr R Mercer MLC

**In Attendance:** Mr IT Murray

Ms K Brondon (Board Secretariat)

Mr J McMillan (Assistant Board Secretariat)

**Apologies:** Mr I Wright

Mrs D Halsall

**Minute No. Minute**

**43/23 Minutes**

The Board approved the Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

**44/23 Conflicts of Interest (minutes 12/21, 22/21, 42/21 and 64/21 refer)**

There were no other conflicts of interests declared in addition to those previously recorded.

**45/23 Matters Arising**

All matters were covered on the Agenda or under Any Other Business. The PSPA Board Meeting Actions Log was reviewed and will be updated for the next meeting.

**Audit Report and Audited Accounts for the financial year to 31 March 2022**

The Board received PSPA Paper 13/23, together with draft 2021/22 accounts for the PSPA Schemes, a draft copy of the Letter of Representation and a copy of the Audit findings for the year ended 31 March 2022 (Completion Report). The Board discussed these documents and their content and the following points were agreed:

1. that the Board would ask PwC who could sign the Letter of Representation and who could sign the accounts;
2. that following the recent review of the Office of Human Resources, the Executive should consider a further meeting with the Interim Chief Executive (Isle of Man Government), the Interim Executive Director of the Office of Human Resources and senior management at GTS, to revisit potential ways to improve the provision of information required by the PSPA from the Office of Human Resources to undertake its statutory functions. It was noted that, if there were no further changes that could be made to improve the sharing of information, the PSPA would continue to manage those aspects it could influence and were under its control, and that the issue would remain on the Risk Register as an ongoing item.

██████████ (PJ) from PwC joined the meeting at 12.26 pm.

PJ presented the Completion Report – Audit findings for the year ended 31 March 2022 to the Board.

PJ gave a summary of the main points contained in the report including;

- the 2021/22 audit had been done in parallel with the 2020/21 audit and the results produced a few months apart;
- A prior year restatement was required in respect of the Judicial Pension Scheme 1992;
- Identified risks / Control recommendations;
- Control recommendation in respect of Declaration of Entitlement exercise;
- Control recommendation in respect of allocation of members to Schemes;
- No uncorrected misstatements detected by the audit;
- Future funding for the schemes was confirmed by the Treasury on a “going concern” basis.

PJ also confirmed the accounts must be signed by the Board, ideally the Chair and Vice Chair, and that the letter of Representation could be signed by a Board Member and a member of the Executive, ideally the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chair thanked PJ and the PwC team for their work on the PSPA Schemes’ audit.

PJ left the meeting at 12.45 pm

Thereafter the available Board Members discussed the accounts and determined that agreement to pass the following Resolution be sought from a majority of members:

1. That the accounts for 2021/22 be approved by the Board and signed by the Chair and Vice Chair;

2. That the Letter of Representation be approved by the Board and signed by the Chair and also by the Chief Executive Officer (as confirmation that the requirements of the audit process as set out in the Letter of Representation have been undertaken by the Executive and its staff);
3. That once signed on behalf of the Board and by PWC, approval is given by the Board for the accounts to be progressed to the Council of Ministers and thereafter, laid before Tynwald.

The Deputy Chief Executive (DCE) responded to a point raised by email by Mr Speaker regarding the potential review of 2 small scheme accounts rather than a formal audit. The DCE advised that under the Public Sector Pensions Act 2011, the PSPA must arrange for annual audited accounts to be drawn up in respect of any scheme for which it is responsible. The DCE advised however, that the recently appointed Auditor General would be reviewing the audit functions of Government bodies as part of their remit.

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### **Appointment of PSPA Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**

The Board received PSPA Paper No.14/23 from the CEO. The Board discussed the appointment process, including the interview panel. It was agreed that there would be an interview panel of three Board Members, with advisory input from the Executive, the Treasury and OHR.

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### **Any Other Business**

- i) Cost Sharing - The CEO advised that the Extraordinary Board Meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023, to discuss the cost sharing assumptions has now been cancelled and will instead form part of the September 2023 Board Meeting. It was also mentioned that the agenda for the

July Board Meeting was light and the meeting may be able to be held via exchange of email.

- ii) Actuarial Services Procurement - The CEO advised that the tender exercise to procure actuaries following the end of the existing contract on 31/12/23 had commenced.

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**Date of the next meeting – 24 July 2023 at 12 noon**

The meeting closed at 13.12 pm