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NOTICE OF AUTHORITY MEETING

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority to be held at the offices of the South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat on Thursday 9 June 2011 at 10.00 am for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda.

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Councillors A Sangar (Chair), R Wraith (Vice-Chair), D Baker, D Barker, E Butler, R Ford, K Goulty, T Hussain, B Johnson, M Lawton, B Perrin, and P Wootton

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SOUTH YORKSHIRE PENSIONS AUTHORITY

9 JUNE 2011 AT 10.00 AM AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE JOINT SECRETARIAT, 18 REGENT STREET, BARNSELY

Agenda: Reports attached unless stated otherwise

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY

1. Purpose of the Report

To report on membership of the Authority.

2. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note this report.

3. Information

There have been changes in the membership of the Authority this year. The current membership is set out below.

Barnsley Councillors	Doncaster Councillors	Rotherham Councillors	Sheffield Councillors
B Perrin R Wraith	E Butler B Ford B Johnson	K Gouly P Wootton	D Baker D Barker T Hussain M Lawton A Sangar

4. Implications

There are no legal, financial or diversity implications.

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Background papers: None.

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QUESTIONS IN MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILS

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider the appointment of representatives of the Authority to answer questions raised in meetings of the District Councils and to feedback District Council pensions issues at each meeting of the Pensions Authority.

2. Recommendations

Members are recommended to consider the Section 41 appointments.

3. Information

- 3.1 Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985, requires arrangements be made for questions to be raised at District Council meetings and for the Authority to nominate Members to answer them.
- 3.2 In addition the Authority has agreed that the Section 41 Members should be responsible for reporting back District Council pensions issues into each Pensions Authority.
- 3.3 The current appointments and substitutes are as shown below:

Council	Spokesperson	Substitute
Barnsley MBC	Councillor R Wraith	Councillor B Perrin
Doncaster MBC	Councillor B Johnson	Councillor R Ford
Rotherham MBC	Councillor K Goulty	Councillor P Wootton
Sheffield CC	Councillor A Sangar	Vacancy

4. Implications

There are no legal, financial or diversity implications.

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APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS, COMMITTEE AND CHAIRS

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider the appointment of Boards, Committee and Chairs for 2011/12.

2. Recommendations

Members are recommended to consider the Terms of Reference and memberships of the Boards, Management Committee and their Chairs for 2011/12.

3. Information

3.1 The terms of reference of the Authority's Boards and Committees appear in the Appendix.

3.2 The current membership and Chairs of the two Boards and Management Committee are shown below:

Corporate Planning & Governance Board	Investment Board	Management Committee
6 members	6 members	Section 41 members
Councillor R Wraith (Chair)	Councillor A Sangar (Chair)	Councillor A Sangar (Chair)
Councillor D Baker	Councillor B Johnson	Councillor K Goulty
Councillor E Butler	Councillor K Goulty	Councillor B Johnson
Councillor R Ford	Councillor B Perrin	Councillor R Wraith
Councillor P Wootton	Vacancy	
Vacancy	Vacancy	
And three trades unions representatives	And three trades unions representatives	

4. Implications

None

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Background papers: None

Other sources and references: None

Corporate Planning and Governance Board

To secure the Authority's responsibilities in relation to the delivery of the most efficient, effective and economic service

In connection with this:

- 1) Determine strategies to implement the priorities set out with the Authority's Corporate Plan
- 2) Determine a work programme for the Board
- 3) Management and review of stakeholder relationships, including District Council relationships
- 4) Review of results from stakeholder consultation and using those results to inform priorities and quality of service delivery
- 5) Agreeing and monitoring delivery against Service Level Agreements, reporting any issues of major concern to the full Authority
- 6) Carrying out the following core audit committee functions:
 - a. Consider the effectiveness of the Authority's risk management arrangements, the control environment and associated anti-fraud and anti-corruption arrangements
 - b. Seek assurances that action is being taken on risk-related issues identified by auditors and inspectors
 - c. Be satisfied that the Authority's assurance statements, including the Statement on Internal Control, properly reflect the risk environment and any actions required to improve it
 - d. Approve (but not direct) Internal Audit's strategy and plan
 - e. Monitor performance against internal audit's strategy and plan
 - f. Review summary internal audit reports and the main issues arising, and seek assurance that action has been taken where necessary
 - g. Receive the annual report of the Head of Internal Audit
 - h. Consider the reports of external audit and inspection agencies
 - i. Ensure that there are effective relationships between Internal Audit and external audit, inspection agencies and other relevant bodies, and that the value of the process is actively promoted

- j. Review financial statements, external auditor's opinion and reports to members, and monitor management action in response to the issues raised by external audit
 - k. To oversee the production of, and approve, the Authority's Statement on Internal Control.
 - l. To review and approve the annual Statement of Accounts, focusing on:
 - the suitability of, and any changes in, accounting policies;
 - major judgemental issues e.g. provisions
 - m. To receive and agree the response to the external auditor's report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts, focusing on significant adjustments and material weaknesses in internal control reported by the external auditor.
- 7) Monitor the Authority's risk register and Statement of Internal Control, reporting issues of concern to the full Authority
 - 8) Monitor delivery provision of high quality pensions services
 - 9) Triennial and interim valuations and agreeing the assumptions leading to the setting of employer contribution rates
 - 10) Be responsible for liaison with the Actuary
 - 11) Monitor compliance with:
 - a. FSA
 - b. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

and raising any matters of concern with the full Authority
 - 12) Respond, on behalf of the Authority, to Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and other government or industry consultation exercises, notifying the Authority of any major issues
 - 13) Set and monitor the admissions policy
 - 14) Formulate, review and publish Strategies and Policies on Administering Authority discretions
 - 15) Determine, publish and review a:
 - a. Funding Strategy
 - b. Governance Policy
 - c. Communications Strategy
 - 16) Determine and maintain, as appropriate, employment practices for the Authority's own workforce
 - 17) Determine and maintain an appeals procedure under the scheme's IDRP

Investment Board

To obtain the best financial return in order that the fund can meet both its immediate and long-term liabilities.

In connection with this:

1. Development of a work programme for the Board
2. Develop the Investment Strategy – medium and long term in accordance with guidelines applied by the Authority, including the commission of asset and liability modelling studies or similar as necessary
3. Hold the fund managers to account for delivery of the Authority's Investment Strategy
4. Review the overall Fund Performance
5. Be aware of industry developments
6. Develop investment strategies beyond the 5 year horizon
7. Develop, publish and review a Statement of Investment Principles
8. Develop, publish and review corporate governance / socially responsible investment policies
9. Develop, publish and review voting guidelines
10. Membership of pressure groups etc eg LAPFF
11. Monitor performance and membership mix of Panel
12. Respond, on behalf of the Authority, to Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and other government or industry consultation exercises, notifying the Authority of any major issues
13. Appointments of External Managers. Professional Advisors and Members of the Authority's Investment Advisory Panel

Management Committee

1. Receive urgent reports and make decisions on behalf of the Authority, or its Boards, where, due to tight timescales, it is not possible to refer to the Authority or Boards
2. To exercise all the Authority's functions in respect of:
 - a. Appeals by staff (where a right of appeal exists)
 - b. Complaints against senior officers.

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