

# SOUTH YORKSHIRE PENSIONS AUTHORITY

14 June 2012

## Report of the Clerk and Treasurer

### AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval to proposed amendments to the Authority's Contract Standing Orders.

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#### 2. Recommendations

**Members are recommended to consider and approve the amendments outlined in the report and set out in detail in the Appendix annexed hereto.**

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#### 3. Background Information

- 3.1 In April 2012 the Authority discussed minor changes to Contract Standing Orders arising from the management arrangements approved by the Authority last year and other changes to improve the tender handling process and to take account of legislative changes.
- 3.2 At that meeting Members were advised that officers intended to carry out a comprehensive review of the Authority's Contract Standing Orders in due course and that this would be undertaken as part of the Annual Governance Review together with a review of the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.
- 3.3 However, in the interim it has become clear that some clarification of the wording affecting professional contracts associated with investment property construction and refurbishment projects is necessary. This is to reflect changes in industry practice whereby developments are increasingly presented to potential investors as pre-ordained packages consisting of teams of professional advisors already committed to projects. Such packages are more cost-effective, more time competitive and easier to manage from an end investor's perspective than trying to organise a project completely from scratch.

#### **4. Proposed revisions**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Revisions</b>
Contract Standing Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Re-wording of exemptions (CSO 5.3)</li><li>• Re-wording of reporting requirements stemming from exemption changes (CSOs 5.3 and 11.2)</li></ul>

#### **5. Implications and risks**

5.1 There are no financial, legal or diversity risks arising from this report.

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**Clerk and Treasurer**

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**Background papers** used in the preparation of this report are available for inspection at the offices of the Authority in Barnsley.

**Other sources and references:** None.