

SOUTH YORKSHIRE PENSIONS AUTHORITY

16 FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT: Councillor S Ellis (Chair)
Councillor M Stowe (Vice-Chair)
Councillors: J McHale, H Mirfin-Boukouris, P Wood and
R Wraith

Trade Unions: N Doolan-Hamer (Unison), G Warwick (GMB)
and F Tyas (UCATT)

Officers: S Barrett (Interim Fund Director), G Chapman (Head
of Pensions Administration), A Frosdick (Monitoring Officer),
F Foster (Treasurer) and G Richards (Democratic Services
Officer)

Observers: G Boyington and S Ross

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E Butler,
Councillor B Curran, Councillor A Sangar and M McCarthy

1 APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were noted as above.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME: REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSET POOLING

S Barrett gave a presentation to inform the Authority of the current position with regard
to agreeing to join the Border to Coast Pension Partnership.

The Authority then considered a report to seek authority for the South Yorkshire
Pensions Authority to pool its LGPS assets with 11 other Funds in a newly created,
wholly owned, local government regulated asset management company – Border to
Coast Pension Partnership Ltd as its chosen means of achieving regulatory
compliance.

The report contained the following recommendations:

That the Authority meets the regulatory requirements to pool Pension fund assets by:

1. Agreeing to be a member of the Border to Coast Pensions Partnership (BCPP)
and to adopt its arrangements, by authorising the Clerk and the S151 officer in
consultation with the Interim Fund Director to finalise the approval and

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execution, where required, of all legal documents necessary to give effect to the decision below:

- i. entering into the Inter-Authority Agreement between the Authority and the administering authorities of the other Pool funds
 - ii. entering into the Shareholders' Agreement between the Authority and the administering authorities of the other Pool funds and Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Limited
 - iii. agreeing the Articles of Association to be adopted by the Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Ltd.
2. Approving the establishment of the Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Joint Committee as a formal Joint Committee under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 in accordance with and to carry out the functions as set out in the Inter-Authority Agreement.
 3. Approving the subscription by the South Yorkshire Pension Fund of one Class A voting share in the asset management company, Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Limited.
 4. Appointing the Chair of the Authority as the shareholder for BCPP Ltd.
 5. Approving the subscription by the South Yorkshire Pension Fund for such number of Calls B non-voting shares in the Border to Coats Pensions Partnership Limited as shall be necessary to ensure that the Authority contributes by way of equity one twelfth of the minimum regulatory capital requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority.
 6. Appointing the Chair to represent the Authority on behalf of the Fund at the Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Joint committee meetings.
 7. Authorising the Clerk to make the consequential changes required to the Constitution to reflect these new arrangements.

The Authority discussed the report in detail highlighting issues around 'one share, one vote' and infrastructure investment. Members expressed concern that the report did not contain any information on the role of Trade Union representatives or Local Pension Boards in the new structure.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, Cllr P Wood proposed an amendment that the decision on the recommendations within the report be deferred to allow the Chair to contact the Chairs of the other Authorities proposing to join the pool to ascertain their position on Trade Union representation in the pool governance structure.

The amendment was seconded by Cllr R Wraith.

After further discussion around Trade Union representation and how they could be involved in governance arrangements the amendment was carried.

It was noted that the Chair would contact the other Chairs by email or telephone.

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A report would be brought for a decision at the next Authority meeting on 16 March 2017.

CHAIR