



SOUTH YORKSHIRE
PENSIONS AUTHORITY

Subject	Webcasting	Status	For Publication
Report to	Authority	Date	13 th June 2019
Report of	Deputy Clerk		
Equality Impact Assessment	Not Required	Attached	No
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek approval for reviewing the contract to webcast meetings of the Authority.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 Members are recommended to:

- a. **Agree to continue webcasting meetings of South Yorkshire Pensions Authority for a further 3 years.**
- b. **Note that the cost to the Authority to enter into a webcasting contract would be £2,379 p.a. ex. VAT.**
- c. **Note the price economies under consideration which arise from entering into a joint webcasting contract with Barnsley MBC and multi-year agreement.**

3. Link to Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:

Effective and Transparent Governance

To uphold effective governance showing prudence and propriety at all times.

By webcasting its meetings the Authority maximises the opportunity for scheme members and other stakeholders to engage with its work and decision making processes.

4. Implications for the Corporate Risk Register

- 4.1 The actions outlined in this report have the no implications for the Corporate Risk Register.

5. Background and Options

- 5.1 Webcasting is the live broadcast of meetings over the internet with access via computer, tablet and smartphone. Members' contributions are time stamped so that the viewer can browse all contributions by a specified member or scroll to a particular debate. Individual items can be shared and commented upon via social media.
- 5.2 The hardware and software are leased from Public-i Ltd which also provide a helpdesk during the webcast and host an archive of the webcast for six months after the meeting.
- 5.3 The Authority has webcast its meetings since 2006, along with the other South Yorkshire Joint Authorities. In 2015 the Joint Authorities entered into a joint contract with Barnsley MBC resulting in a reduction in costs for all parties.

Transparency

- 5.4 The webcasting of the Authority supports transparency and engagement with stakeholders including employers and scheme members. The increased avenues for openness and accountability, which web technologies provide are important to gain public trust in the Authority's decision making. This complements the expectations regarding openness and transparency of meeting proceedings as defined in the 2014 Audit and Inspections Act.
- 5.5 Broadcasting meetings in this way encourages engagement and feedback, and overcomes exclusion: the hard of hearing can read a transcription, minority groups can read a translation, and citizens with reading difficulties can see and hear a streamed video.
- 5.6 There have been a total of 345 live and archived viewings of South Yorkshire Pensions Authority meetings over the last period

6. Implications

- 6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications

Financial	None
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	There is a low risk of legal action. This relates to the potential of defamatory statements by members of the Authority which are subsequently transmitted by webcast. However, the Authority can remove potentially defamatory statements from the archive copy of the webcast. The Authority's insurers have also stated the current liability

	policies will provide an indemnity in respect of any claims arising out of the webcast transmissions of Authority meetings.
Procurement	None

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
None	