

Pension Fund Committee

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Appointment of new Committee members

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to participate in the appointment process for new non-Councillor members of the Pension Fund Committee

Background

- 2 The current structure of the Pension Fund Committee was agreed by the Council in April 2009 and the membership is as follows:

<i>Body / category of bodies represented</i>	<i>Number of Committee Members</i>
Durham County Council	11
Darlington Borough Council	2
Further Education Colleges	1
Other Statutory Bodies – Police / Fire / Academy	1
Schools / Town & Parish Councils etc.	
Admitted Bodies	1
Member representatives	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>

(plus 2 non-voting union observers)

- 3 The representatives from Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council are appointed by their respective Councils. The five remaining Committee members need to be appointed every four years. Employers within the scheme will be contacted to ask whether they would like to be represented on the Committee. Pensioners will be written to as part of their next scheduled communication (the December newsletter) and asked to express an interest in joining the Committee. There are unresolved legal issues around appointing an active member representative – around two thirds of active scheme members are Council employees but legally Council employees are barred from being voting members of Council committees - so for the time being this post will remain vacant.
- 4 Members are asked to agree to participate in the selection process. It is important that a flexible approach is agreed to ensure the new

Committee members can, where possible, be brought onto the Committee in time for the next meeting (Thursday 5 September 2013).

Recommendation

- 5 Members are asked to agree to put their names forward to provide a pool of at least five Members from which the Head of Legal and Democratic Services can draw an interview panel of three to select from the candidates that put themselves forwards for Committee membership (officers will also be present on the panel to advise and assist in the selection process).

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