

GREATER MANCHESTER PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT PANEL

Friday, 22 September 2017

Commenced: 10.00 am

Terminated: 12.45 pm

Present: Councillors K Quinn (Chair), M Smith (Deputy Chair), Cooney, J Fitzpatrick, J Lane, Patrick, S Quinn, Ricci, Taylor, Barnes (Salford), Brett (Rochdale), Grimshaw (Bury), Halliwell (Wigan), Mitchell (Trafford), Pantall (Stockport) and Ms Herbert (MoJ)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Ward

25. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair was pleased to announce that the Fund had been selected by an independent panel of judges as the winner of the Infrastructure Award at the LAPF Investment Awards 2017. This was due to the significant work that had been carried out on one of the four pooling criteria set by Government; the Fund had a dedicated infrastructure allocation that focussed on the UK. In addition, Greater Manchester Pension Fund invested in infrastructure through GLIL and other Funds invested via Funds of Funds, which entailed high fees and focussed on infrastructure abroad. Thanks were extended to Officers for their hard work.

He was also pleased to announce that the Fund had increased by £400 million over the quarter with assets of £21.6 billion. The Fund had grown significantly since 2010 and had outperformed by £3 billion over the last 30 years compared to the level of performance of an average Local Government Pension Fund.

It was reported that there were new Financial Conduct Authority requirements for the Fund to be regarded as 'professional' investors (MiFID II) and the Chair of the Scheme Advisory Board was working with the Local Government Association, the Investment Association and other industry bodies to develop a straightforward and consistent opt up process to enable all Local Government Pension Scheme funds to be assessed prior to the January 2018 deadline. An urgent matters panel meeting had been held, which agreed the process to opt-up to *elective* Professional Client status.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Members.

27. MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel held on 21 July 2017 were signed as a correct record.

b) Minutes of the Pension Fund Management Panel

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Pension Fund Management Panel held on 21 July 2017 were signed as a correct record.

c) Minutes of the Urgent Matters Panel

The Minutes of the Urgent Matters Panel held on 23 August 2017 were signed as a correct record.

28. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

a) Urgent Items

The Chair announced that there were no urgent items for consideration at the meeting.

b) Exempt Items

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that:-

- (i) they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the act specified below; and**
- (ii) in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information for reasons specified below:-**

Items	Paragraphs	Justification
8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	3&10, 3&10, 3&10, 3&10, 3&10, 3&10, 3&10	Disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Fund and/or its agents which could in turn affect the interests of the beneficiaries and/or tax payers.

29. PENSION FUND WORKING GROUPS/LOCAL BOARD MINUTES

a) Local Pensions Board

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Local Pensions Board held on 24 July 2017 be noted.

b) Investment Monitoring and ESG Working Group

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Investment Monitoring and ESG Working Group held on 14 July 2017 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

c) Pensions Administration Working Group

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Pensions Administration Working Group held on 14 July 2017 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

d) Alternative Investments Working Group

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Alternative Investments Working Group held on 20 July 2017 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

e) Employer Funding Viability Working Group

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Employer Funding Viability Working Group held on 28 July 2017 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

f) Property Working Group

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Property Working Group held on 28 July 2017 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

30. MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

A report of the Director of Pensions was submitted and a presentation delivered.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

31. LGPS POOLING UPDATE

A report of the Assistant Director of Pensions, Funding and Business Development, was submitted.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

32. REVIEW OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

A report of the Assistant Director of Pensions, Investments, was submitted and a presentation delivered by Hymans Robertson.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

33. PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

A report of the Assistant Director of Pensions, Investments, was submitted and a presentation delivered.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

34. UPDATE ON GMPF'S RESPONSE TO RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

A report of the Assistant Director of Pensions, Investments, was submitted.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

35. REPORT OF THE MANAGER

A report of the Assistant Director of Pensions, Investments, was submitted and a presentation of Stone Harbor Investment Partners LP was delivered.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

36. LASALLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ANNUAL STRATEGY REPORT ON THE MAIN UK PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

A report of the Assistant Director of Pensions, Local Investments and Property, was submitted and a presentation delivered by LaSalle Investment Management.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

37. PENSIONS ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

A report of the Pensions Policy Manager was submitted.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel on this matter be adopted.

38. FUTURE TRAINING DATES

Trustee training opportunities were noted as follows:-

Fundamentals Training Day 1 Park Plaza Hotel, Leeds	4 October 2017
Fundamentals Training Day 2 Park Plaza Hotel, Leeds	1 November 2017
Fundamentals Training Day 3 Park Plaza Hotel, Leeds	5 December 2017
PLSA Annual Conference Manchester Central	18–20 October 2017
GMPF Stakeholder Event Gorton Monastery	19 October 2017
Capital International Training Day Doubletree, Manchester Piccadilly	4 December 2017
LAPFF Annual Conference Highcliffe Marriott, Bournemouth	6-8 December 2017

39. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of future meetings of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund Management/Advisory Panel, Local Board and Working Groups were noted as follows:-

Management/Advisory Panel	17 November 2017 23 March 2018
Local Pensions Board	19 October 2017 14 December 2017 29 March 2018
Pensions Administration Working Group	13 October 2017 19 January 2018 6 April 2018
Investment Monitoring and ESG Working Group	13 October 2017 19 January 2018 6 April 2018
Alternative Investments Working Group	20 October 2017 26 January 2018 13 April 2018
Property Working Group	27 October 2017 2 February 2018 20 April 2018
Policy and Development Working Group	5 October 2017 1 February 2018 22 March 2018
Employer Funding Viability Working Group	27 October 2017 2 February 2018 20 April 2018

CHAIR