

## GREATER MANCHESTER PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT PANEL

18 November 2016

Commenced: 10.00am Terminated:12.35pm

Present: Councillor K Quinn (Chair)

Councillors: Councillors: Brett (Rochdale), Cooney, J Fitzpatrick, Grimshaw (Bury), Halliwell (Wigan), J Lane, Middleton, Pantall (Stockport), S Quinn, Ricci, M Smith, Stogia (Manchester), Taylor, Ward and Ms Herbert (MoJ)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors: Hamilton (Salford), Mitchell (Trafford), Patrick and Reid

### 48. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed Lynn Brown OBE, a new advisor to the Fund. He explained that Lynn brought with her a lot of experience and would add to the strength of advice the Fund received, particularly in relation to administration and employer perspective.

The Chair further announced that since the September quarter end, the Fund had broken through, and subsequently fluctuated around, £20 billion.

In respect of the LGPS Pooling agenda, the Chair reported that he and the Chairs' of Merseyside and North Yorkshire Pension Funds would be meeting with the Minister, Marcus Jones on 13 December 2016. He added that Pooling was also an item later on the agenda today.

### 49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Members.

### 50. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Pension Fund Advisory Panel held on 23 September 2016 were signed as a correct record.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Pension Fund Management Panel held on 23 September 2016 were signed as a correct record.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Annual General Meeting held on 23 September 2016 were signed as a correct record.

### 51. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

#### (a) Urgent Items

The Chair announced that there were no urgent items for consideration at this 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:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>	<u>Justification</u>
7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	3&10, 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.

## **52. POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy and Development Working Group held on 6 October 2016 were considered.

### **RESOLVED**

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

## **53. LOCAL PENSIONS BOARD**

### **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Local Pensions Board held on 13 October 2016 be noted.**

## **54. 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 October 2016 were considered.

### **RESOLVED**

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

## **55. PENSIONS ADMINISTRATION WORKING GROUP**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Pensions Administration Working Group held on 14 October 2016 were considered.

### **RESOLVED**

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

## **56. ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS WORKING GROUP**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Alternative Investments Working Group held on 21 October 2016 were considered.

**RESOLVED**

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

**57. EMPLOYER FUNDING VIABILITY WORKING GROUP**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Employer Funding Viability Working Group held on 28 October 2016 were considered.

**RESOLVED**

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

**58. PROPERTY WORKING GROUP**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Property Working Group held on 4 November 2016 were considered.

**RESOLVED**

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

**59. THE FUTURE OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTING AND STEWARDSHIP**

A presentation was delivered by Alan MacDougall of PIRC Ltd.

**RESOLVED**

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

**60. GMPF'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE UK STEWARDSHIP CODE**

A report of the Assistant Executive Director of Pension Fund Investments was submitted.

**RESOLVED**

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

**61. SCHEME ADVISORY BOARD – INVESTMENT COSTS CODE OF TRANSPARENCY**

A report of the Assistant Executive Director of Pension Fund Investments was submitted.

**RESOLVED**

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

**62. LGPS POOLING AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT**

A report of the Assistant Executive Director of Pensions – Local Investments and Property was submitted.

**RESOLVED**

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

**63. 31 MARCH 2016 ACTUARIAL VALUATION**

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

**RESOLVED**

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

**64. QUARTERLY REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS**

**(a) Summary Valuation of the Pension Fund Investment Portfolio as at 30 June 2016 and 30 September 2016**

A report of the Assistant Executive Director of Pension Fund Investments was submitted.

**RESOLVED**

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

**(b) External Managers' Performance**

A report of the Assistant Executive Director of Pension Fund Investments was submitted.

**RESOLVED**

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

**65. REPORTS OF THE MANAGERS**

The Chair announced that, further to the changes agreed at the last meeting of the Management Panel (Meeting of 23 September 2016, Minute 38 refers), in respect of a more in-depth look at Managers' performance, only UBS Asset Management would be presenting before the Panel today.

**RESOLVED**

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

**66. CONSOLIDATION OF LGPS INTERESTS**

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

**67. LGPS UPDATE**

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

**RESOLVED**

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

## **68. FUTURE TRAINING DATES**

SPS Conference – Annual Northern Pension Funds Investment Conference Manchester Victoria and Albert Hotel	22 November 2016
LGPS Fundamentals Training Leeds Marriott Hotel Day 3	6 December 2016
Capital International Training Day Hilton Doubletree, Manchester	1 December 2016
LAPFF Annual Conference Marriott Hotel Bournemouth	7 – 9 December 2016
PLSA Investment Conference EICC Edinburgh	8 - 10 March 2017
PLSA Local Authority Conference Cotswold Water Park Hotel, Gloucestershire	15 – 17 May 2017

## **69. 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	10 March 2017
Local Pensions Board	15 December 2016 30 March 2017
Pensions Administration Working Group	27 January 2017 7 April 2017
Investment Monitoring & ESG Working Group	27 January 2017 7 April 2017
Alternative Investments Working Group	3 February 2017 13 April 2017
Property Working Group	17 February 2017 13 April 2017
Policy and Development Working Group	2 February 2017 23 March 2017
Employer Funding Viability Working Group	10 February 2017 21 April 2017

**CHAIR**