

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Joint Staff Committee of  
Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils**

**Gordon Room, Town Hall, Worthing**

**Thursday 12 October 2017**

Councillor Keith Bickers (Chairman)

**Adur District Council:**

Councillor Brian Boggis

Councillor Brian Coomber

\*Councillor Sammi Zeglam

**Worthing Borough Council:**

\*Councillor Vicky Vaughan

Councillor Antony Baker

\*Absent

**JStC/001/17-18      Substitute Members**

Councillor Edward Crouch substituted for Councillor Vicky Vaughan.

**JStC/002/17-18      Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Joint Staff Committee meeting held on the 21 March 2017, be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**JStC/003/17-18      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**JStC/004/17-18      Public Question Time**

There were no questions from the public.

**JStC/005/17-18      Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions**

There were no items raised under urgency provisions.

## **JStC/006/17-18      Local Government Pension Scheme Discretions Policy**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital & Resources, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 6.

The report sought approval of Adur and Worthing Councils Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Employer Discretions Policy which was attached as Appendix 1.

Members were informed that the proposal was to only exercise discretions which did not incur additional costs to the Councils and to consider other cases that may incur a cost on a case by case basis.

The Committee questioned whether the policy had been revised or if these were a new set of discretions. Officers confirmed that a new policy was being proposed.

A Member sought clarification as to whether the Councils had contingency funding to cover the cost of cases where a discretion had been applied for. Officers advised that it would depend on the discretion applied for. If there was a pension strain cost, the Councils would normally fund that over a 3 year period with a calculation determined by the Actuary. On rare occasions, the Councils may choose to exercise a discretion, as set out in the report. In such cases, the Councils would pick up the cost at the next fund valuation process.

Members also queried how the Councils had managed previous applications for discretions. Officers advised that applications were very rare and the policy before Committee, set out what our approach would be moving forwards.

### **Decision,**

That the Joint Staff Committee approved the Local Government Pension Scheme Discretions Policy as set out in Appendix 1.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 6:42pm, having commenced at 6.30pm.

### **Chairman**