

Pension Fund Committee

Meeting to be held on 27 March 2015

Electoral Division affected: None

Transaction of Urgent Business

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Executive Summary

This report sets out an item that has been dealt with under the procedure for dealing with matters of Urgent Business.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the report.

Background and Advice

From time to time it is necessary for the Fund to transition assets from an existing investment manager or fund to another. In order to undertake such a transition, the Pension Fund has previously appointed a bench of transition managers who operate under a framework agreement and can be appointed through a mini competition process. The existing bench was appointed in December 2010 and the current agreement was due to expire on 31 January 2015.

A procurement exercise has been undertaken to ensure the Fund has a bench of transition managers after 31 January 2015. As the next meeting of the Committee was not until 27 March 2015 the County Treasurer, as Treasurer to the Pension Fund, has under the Council's Urgent Business Procedure approved the appointment of the following companies onto the Fund's transition bench with effect from 1 February 2015 for a period of two years with the option to extend this for a further two years:

- BlackRock Advisers (UK) Ltd;
- Citigroup Global Markets Ltd;
- Goldman Sachs International;
- Legal and General Investment Management Limited;
- Macquarie Capital (Europe) Ltd;
- Nomura International Plc;
- The Northern Trust Company; and
- Russell Implementation Services Ltd.

The chair and deputy chair of the Pension Fund Committee were consulted and supported the proposed action.

Consultations

LCC Procurement Team

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified.

Financial

The appointment of the transition bench has no immediate cost to the County Council, as administering authority of Lancashire County Pension Fund. A transition manager will only be appointed for specific work when a transition is required. At this point a mini competition will be undertaken and the manager from the bench who proposes the best offer on a price and quality basis will be appointed.

Legal

The County Council, as administering authority of Lancashire County Pension Fund, will enter into a framework agreement with the companies on the bench.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
N/A		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		