

**Part 2 – Article 7 (Other Committees of the Council)**

By law, some important Council functions cannot be undertaken by the Cabinet, and some of these functions are exercised by the following Committees:

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## **Conduct Committee**

### **Composition and role**

The Committee shall consist of five County Councillors.

The Committee shall meet as and when required at the request of the Monitoring Officer to undertake its functions set out in these Terms of Reference.

### **Terms of Reference**

1. To determine whether a councillor or co-opted member has failed to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct,
2. Where it finds that a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct has occurred to determine what action, if any, to take,

PROVIDED THAT before a decision under 1 or 2 is taken the Committee must have regard to the views of an Independent Person appointed by the Full Council who shall attend meetings of the Committee for that purpose as an observer.

3. To consider whether to grant a dispensation to a member or co-opted member under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 relieving the member/co-opted member from either or both of the restrictions in Section 31(4) of the Act by allowing him/her to participate in any discussion at a meeting or vote in relation to any matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.
4. At the request of the Employment Committee to consider a recommendation to dismiss the Head of the Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer and to submit views on the proposed dismissal to the Employment Committee which will then reported to Full Council for determination.

Meetings are normally open to the public but they may be excluded where information of an exempt or confidential nature is being discussed or from meetings dealing with those matters set out at Paragraph 12 below. – see Access to Information Procedure Rules set out at Appendix 'H' to this Constitution.

## **Independent Panel**

### **Composition and role**

The Panel shall comprise at least two Independent Persons.

### **Terms of Reference**

At the request of the Employment Committee to consider a recommendation to dismiss the Head of the Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer or Chief Finance Officer and to submit views on the proposed dismissal to the Employment Committee which will then report to Full Council for determination.

## **Audit, Risk and Governance Committee**

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### **Membership**

The members of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee shall comprise eight councillors.

### **Statement of purpose**

1. The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee is a key element of Lancashire County Council's corporate governance. It provides an independent and high-level focus on the risk management, audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.
2. The primary purpose of the Committee is to provide independent assurance to the members (being those charged with governance) of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control environment. It provides independent review of the Council's governance, risk management and control frameworks and oversees the financial reporting and annual governance processes. It oversees internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.
3. The Committee's members should therefore behave objectively and independently in their deliberations and decisions.
4. The Committee is also required to fulfil other functions relevant to its overall responsibilities as required by the Council. In particular, the Committee oversees the Council's treasury management activity.

### **Governance**

The Committee will:

5. Review the council's corporate governance arrangements against the good governance framework and consider annual governance reports and assurances.
6. Review and recommend the code of corporate governance for adoption by the Council.
7. Review the annual governance statement prior to approval and consider whether it properly reflects the risk environment and supporting assurances, taking into account the head of internal audit's opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's framework of governance, risk management and control.

8. Consider the Council's arrangements to secure value for money and review assurances and assessments on the effectiveness of these arrangements.
9. Consider the Council's framework of assurance and ensure that it adequately addresses the risks and priorities of the council.
10. Consider the Council's arrangements for discharging its duties in relation to promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

### **Risk management and control**

The Committee will:

11. Monitor the effective development and operation of the risk management framework and processes across the Council.
12. Monitor progress in addressing risk-related issues reported to the Committee.
13. Consider reports on the effectiveness of internal controls and monitor the implementation of agreed actions.
14. Review the assessment of fraud risks and potential harm to the Council from fraud and corruption.
15. Monitor the counter-fraud strategy, actions and resources.

### **Internal audit**

The Committee will:

16. Approve the internal audit charter.
17. Approve the risk-based internal audit plan, including the Internal Audit Service's resource requirements, the approach to using other sources of assurance and any work required to place reliance upon those other sources.
18. Approve significant interim changes to the risk-based internal audit plan and resource requirements.
19. Make appropriate enquiries of both management and the head of internal audit to determine if there are any inappropriate scope or resource limitations.
20. Consider reports from the head of internal audit on internal audit's performance during the year, including the performance of external providers of internal audit services. These will include:
  - a. Updates on the work of internal audit including key findings, issues of concern and action in hand as a result of internal audit work.

- b. Regular reports on the results of the quality assurance and improvement programme.
  - c. Reports on instances where the Internal Audit Service does not conform to the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and Local Government Application Note, considering whether the non-conformance is significant enough that it must be included in the annual governance statement.
21. Consider the head of internal audit's annual report:
- a. The statement of the level of conformance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and Local Government Application Note and the results of the quality assurance and improvement programme that supports the statement.
  - b. The opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the council's framework of governance, risk management and control together with the summary of the work supporting the opinion, which will assist the Committee in reviewing the annual governance statement.
22. Consider summaries of specific internal audit reports as requested.
23. Receive reports outlining the action taken where the head of internal audit has concluded that management has accepted a level of risk that may be unacceptable to the Council or there are concerns about progress with the implementation of agreed actions.
24. Contribute to the quality assurance and improvement programme and in particular, to the external quality assessment of internal audit that takes place at least once every five years.
25. Support the development of effective communication with the head of internal audit.
26. Advise and recommend on the effectiveness of relationships between external and internal audit and other inspection agencies or relevant bodies.

### **External audit**

The Committee will:

- 27. Consider appointment of the Council's external auditor proposed by the appointing person under the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015 and assess whether there are any valid reasons for the Council to object.
- 28. Approve the letters of representation required by the external auditor and consider the external auditor's annual letter, audit opinion, relevant reports, and the report to those charged with governance.

29. Consider specific reports as agreed with the external auditor.
30. Comment on the scope and depth of external audit work and to ensure it gives value for money.
31. Commission additional work from the external auditor as necessary.

### **Financial reporting**

The Committee will:

32. Review and approve the annual statement of accounts of the Council and the Lancashire Pension Fund. Specifically, it will consider whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed and whether there are concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit work that need to be brought to the attention of the Council.
33. Consider the external auditor's report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts.

### **Accountability arrangements**

The Committee will:

34. Report to those charged with governance on the committee's findings, conclusions and recommendations concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of their governance, risk management and internal control frameworks; financial reporting arrangements; and internal and external audit functions.
35. Prepare a report annually on the Committee's performance in relation to the terms of reference and the effectiveness of the Committee in meeting its purpose.

### **Treasury management**

The Committee will:

36. Oversee and scrutinise the Council's treasury management function, receiving regular advice and reports on treasury management activity.
37. Consider and recommend the treasury management strategy for Council's approval.
38. Consider and recommend changes to the borrowing and investment strategy for Council's approval.
39. Consider and recommend the prudential indicators for Council's approval.
40. Consider and recommend the treasury management indicators for Council's approval.

## **Development Control Committee**

### **Composition and role**

The Committee comprises twelve County Councillors who are not in the Cabinet and deals with applications for planning permission for waste disposal and mineral extraction developments, and for development proposed by the Council.

Meetings are open to the public but they may be excluded where information of an exempt or confidential nature is being discussed – see Access to Information Procedure Rules set out at Appendix ‘H’ to this Constitution.

### **Terms of Reference**

The Committee shall carry out the following functions:

1. To determine applications for planning permission, under Part III Section 62 and Section 316 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 where one or more of the following apply:
  - (i) An objection to the application has been received;
  - (ii) The application is supported by an Environmental Statement;
  - (iii) A refusal is recommended by officers;
  - (iv) There is a conflict of interest with the functions of the Head of Service;
  - (v) The application has been submitted by, or benefits, a councillor or officer of the County Council.
2. To exercise the functions in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 under Sections 70A (to decline to determine planning permission) 73 (to vary conditions of Planning Permissions), 94 (Completion Notices), 97 (Revocation and Modification Orders), 102 (Discontinuance Orders) 106 (Agreements Regulating Development).
3. To exercise the functions relating to the making of determinations of planning applications under Section 92 (outline planning permission) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
4. To determine conditions to which old mining permissions, relevant planning permissions relating to dormant sites or active phase I or II sites, or mineral permissions relating to mining sites, are to be subject, under the Planning and Compensation Act 1991 and the Environment Act 1995.
5. To exercise powers to enter into agreements for the execution of highway works under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 in relation to development the subject of an application before the Committee for determination.

6. To exercise the function under Section 34 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Limestone Pavement Orders).
7. To exercise powers under Sections 198 and 199 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Tree Preservation Orders).
8. To exercise powers in relation to replacement trees under Sections 206 and 207 and 213 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and powers to grant consents under Tree Preservation Orders and to give directions as to the replanting of land under paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Schedule to the Trees Regulations 1999.
9. To exercise powers to determine applications for Hazardous Substances Consent and related powers under Sections 9 and 10 of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990.
10. To make any appointments to outside bodies to which the Council is entitled to have representation in connection with the discharge of any of the Committee's functions.
11. To authorise by Order the stopping up or diversion of footpaths or bridleways under section 257 and 261 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
12. To extinguish by Order public rights of way over land held for planning purposes under Section 258 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
13. To establish a Sub-Committee(s) to undertake any part of the Committee's functions.
14. All members of the Committee must:
  - (i) Have undertaken mandatory training on the relevant law and procedures which relate to the committee's work.
  - (ii) Undertake further mandatory training on an ongoing basis whilst they continue to be members of the Committee.

The decision on whether training is mandatory will lie with the Monitoring Officer. All Members will be informed in advance if training is mandatory.

## **The Regulatory Committee**

The Committee comprises twelve County Councillors and deals principally with claims relating to public rights of way and various licensing and registration functions (except registration functions relating to Social Services).

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### **Terms of Reference**

The Committee shall carry out the following functions:

#### **Public Rights of Way**

1. To determine applications under S53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation Orders thereunder.
2. To exercise the following functions, duties and powers of the Council under the Highways Act 1980:
  - (a) to authorise creation of footpaths, bridleways or restricted byways by agreement under Section 25;
  - (b) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation Orders for the creation of footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways under Section 26;
  - (c) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation Orders for the extinguishment of footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways in accordance with Section 118; with the exception of those which are delegated to the Head of Service for Planning and Environment;
  - (d) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation rail crossing extinguishment orders under Section 118A;
  - (e) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation special extinguishment orders for the purpose of preventing or reducing crime or of protecting school pupils or staff under Section 118B;
  - (f) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation public path extinguishment orders (Section 118ZA) and special extinguishment orders (Section 118C);
  - (g) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation Orders for the diversion of footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways in accordance with Section 119; with the exception of those which are delegated to the Head of Service for Planning and Environment;
  - (h) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation rail crossing diversion orders under Section 119A;
  - (i) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation special diversion orders for the purpose of preventing or reducing crime or of protecting school pupils or staff under Section 119B;
  - (j) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation SSSI diversion orders under Section 119D;

- (k) to decide whether to make and promote to confirmation public path diversion orders (Section 119ZA) and a special diversion order (Section 119C(4)).
- 3. To decide whether to make orders and promote to confirmation to extinguish certain public rights of way under Section 32 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.
- 4. To decide whether to make orders and promote to confirmation orders to designate a footpath as a cycle track under Section 3 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984.

### **Other Licensing Registration and Regulatory Functions**

- 1. To make appointments to outside bodies to which the Council is entitled to have representation in connection with the discharge of any of the Committee's functions.
- 2. To establish Sub-Committees to undertake any part of the Committee's functions.

### **Common Land and Town and Village Greens**

- 1. To decide whether to exercise the Council's powers under the Commons Registration Act 1965 to alter the Register in respect of applications.
- 2. To make recommendations to the Cabinet on matters under the Commons Registration Act 1965 as amended and Regulations thereunder where responsibility lies with the Cabinet.
- 3. To make decisions on applications and proposals as determining authority under Part 1 Commons Act 2006 save for those under Regulation 43 of the Regulations thereunder.
- 4. To decide whether to apply to the Secretary of State as owner for de-registration of Common Land or Town or Village Green under S 16 Commons act 2006.
- 5. To decide whether to take steps and what steps to take to protect unclaimed common land or town or village greens against unlawful interference and whether to institute proceedings under Section 45 of the Commons Act 2006.
- 6. To decide whether to apply to the Court for orders against unlawful works on common land under Section 41 of the Commons Act 2006.

## **Pension Fund Committee**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Composition and role:**

1. The Pension Fund Committee ("the Committee") comprises twelve County Councillors and seven voting co-optees representing the following organisations:
  - a. One co-optee representing the Further and Higher Education sector in Lancashire;
  - b. One co-optee from Blackburn with Darwen Council;
  - c. One co-optee from Blackpool Council;
  - d. Two co-optees representing Trade Unions; and
  - e. Two co-optees representing the Lancashire Borough and City Councils.
2. The role of the Committee is to:
  - a. Fulfil the role of Scheme Manager, as set out in regulations, of the Lancashire County Pension Fund ("the Fund" or "LCPF");
  - b. Establish policies in relation to investment management, which shall include meeting with the Investment Panel to consider future Investment policy for the Fund;
  - c. Monitor and review investment activity and the performance of the Fund; and
  - d. present an annual report to the Full Council on the state of the Fund and on the investment activities during the preceding year.
3. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or otherwise as necessary, with the Investment Panel in attendance.
4. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public, but the public may be excluded where information of an exempt or confidential nature is being discussed – see Access to Information Procedure Rules set out at Appendix 'H' to the County Council's Constitution.

#### **General:**

5. To exercise Lancashire County Council's responsibility for the management of the Fund, including the administration of benefits and strategic management of Fund assets and liabilities.
6. To determine which pension related functions and responsibilities should be exercised under a Scheme of Delegation to the Head of the LCPF, the Council's s.151 Officer and the Director of Corporate Services.

7. To review governance arrangements and the efficient and effective use of external advisors to ensure good decision-making.
8. To appoint a minimum of two suitable persons to an Investment Panel through a sub committee convened for that purpose.
9. To establish sub-committees and panels as necessary to undertake any part of the Committee's functions.
10. To receive an annual report from the Lancashire Local Pensions Board on the nature and effect of its activities.

**Policies** (other than Investment, Administration and Funding – see below):

11. To approve the following key policy documents:
  - a. A rolling 3 Year Strategic Plan for the Fund;
  - b. The Statement of Investment Principles
  - c. Governance Policy Statement;
  - d. Governance Compliance Statement;
  - e. Pension Fund Annual Report;
  - f. Communication Policy statement;
  - g. Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure;
  - h. Death Grant Procedure;
  - i. Bulk Transfer Payment Policy;
  - j. Commutation policy (small pensions);
  - k. Transfer policy;
  - l. Abatement policy; and
  - m. Any other discretionary policies as required under LGPS regulations

**Investment:**

12. To determine the strategic asset allocation policy, giving due recognition to the options made available by the Local Pensions Partnership Ltd (LPPL).
13. To monitor the performance of the Fund's investments and ensure that best practice is being adopted and value for money is being delivered
14. To submit an annual report to the Full Council on the performance and state of the Fund and on the investment activities during the year.
15. To approve and review on a regular basis an overall Investment Strategy and subsidiary Strategies for such asset classes as the Investment Panel consider appropriate.
16. To have overall responsibility for investment policy.

### **Administration:**

17. To approve the Annual Administration Report.
18. To approve the Pensions Administration Strategy Statement.
19. To monitor the performance of the pensions administration function.
20. To authorise the payment of any statutory pensions, gratuities, grants, etc. under the provisions of the Superannuation and Pensions Acts and Regulations and any Local Acts.
21. To approve applications for early payment of preserved pension benefits on compassionate grounds.
22. To approve payments under the County of Lancashire Act 1984.
23. To determine the actual injury allowance payable on each individual qualifying case of injury or disease, both retrospective and for the future.
24. To review annually the actual amounts of injury allowances payable under the Local Government Superannuation Regulations, as amended, to employees who have sustained injuries or contracted diseases, as a result of anything they were required to do in carrying out their work and to make any changes appropriate to reflect changes in the relevant financial circumstances of the payee.

### **Funding:**

25. To approve the Funding Strategy Statement which shall include the Fund's policy in respect of:
  - a. the Funding Target;
  - b. the collection of employee contributions;
  - c. the collection of employer contributions;
  - d. the collection of additional employer contributions; and
  - e. Admissions and Terminations.
26. To approve Scheme Funding Advice
27. To review ongoing funding updates for potential cash contribution implications

### **Procurement:**

28. To approve the procurement process, tender award criteria and evaluation methodology in advance of any tender being invited for the appointment of external support, including:
  - a. an external corporate governance adviser;
  - b. an external Fund custodian;

- c. external performance measurement advisers;
- d. the Fund Actuary; and
- e. the Fund's AVC Provider.

**Training:**

- 29. To approve the annual Training Plan for members of the Pension Fund Committee and actively participate in training opportunities.

**Local Pensions Partnership Ltd (LPPL):**

LPPL was formed in partnership between the County Council and the London Pension Funds Authority (LPFA) to carry out certain pension functions such as investment activity and administration on behalf of the two partner authorities. The relationship between the County Council and LPFA is governed by a number of agreements one of which (the Shareholders Agreement dated [ ]) reserves certain key matters for the determination of the County Council and LPFA rather than LPPL (the "Reserved Matters"). References to delegated powers relating to LPPL address the Reserved Matters. Unless stipulated, any reference to the "Agreement" is a reference to the Shareholders Agreement dated [ ].

**Incorporation or winding up of subsidiaries:**

- 30. To approve, with the exception to the formation of vehicles which are necessary for any transactional, operational or tax efficiency reasons in the sole opinion of the Board, any incorporation of any new subsidiary of LPPL or any of its Group Companies or any liquidation or winding up of LLP or any of its Group Companies. Any acquisition of any shares in any company, whether through subscription or transfer, such that the company concerned becomes a Subsidiary of LPPL or any Group Company.

**Merger/acquisition of any business undertaking:**

- 31. To approve the amalgamation or merger with any company, association, partnership or legal entity or the acquisition of any business undertaking of any other person.

**Financial and Business:**

- 32. To approve any Strategic Plan for LPPL or make any material changes to any Strategic Plan after its approval.
- 33. To approve any extension of the activities of LPPL outside the scope of the Business or close down any business operation.
- 34. To receive the annual accounts of LPPL.
- 35. To approve the establishment, provision or amendment of any pension scheme.

36. To give or take any loans, borrowing or credit (other than normal trade credit in the ordinary course of business) in excess of £1,000,000 or cause the aggregate indebtedness of LPPL to exceed £[5m].

#### **Shares, shareholder loans and constitutional:**

37. To pay or declare any dividend (other than as expressly provided for in the Shareholder agreement) or other distribution to the Shareholders or redeem or buy any Shares or otherwise reorganise the share capital of LPPL.
38. To admit any person whether by subscription or transfer as a member of LPPL save as provided for in the Shareholder Agreement.
39. To approve any name change of LPPL

#### **Control, management, directors and employees:**

40. To approve the remuneration policy of LPPL Non-Executive Directors.
41. To approve the appointment or removal of any statutory director of LPPL otherwise than in accordance with the Shareholder Agreement and the Articles of LPPL.
42. To enter into or vary any agreement for the provision of consultancy, management or other services by any person which will, or is likely to result in, LPPL being managed otherwise than by its directors or controlled otherwise than by its shareholders.
43. To approve the move of the central management and control of LPPL or LPPL's tax residence outside of the UK.

#### **Contract with related parties**

44. To enter into or vary any contracts or arrangements with any of the Shareholders or Directors or any person with whom any Shareholder or Director is connected (whether as director, consultant, shareholder or otherwise) save as anticipated in the various agreements between the County Council, LPFA and LPPL entered into on the [ ].
45. To approve the commencement or the taking of steps to commence any insolvency proceedings under any law relating to insolvency anywhere in the world unless LPPL is at the relevant time unable to pay its debts as they fall due or the value of its assets is less than its liabilities, including its contingent and prospective liabilities and the directors reasonably consider (taking into account their fiduciary duties) that it ought to be wound up or it ought to enter into administration.
46. To enter into any partnership, joint venture or profit sharing arrangement with any person or create any share option scheme.

47. To enter into or make any material variation to any agreement not in the ordinary course of the Business and/or which is not on an arm's length basis.
48. To approve the sale, lease (as lessor), licence (as licensor), transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its material assets.
49. To enter into any contract which cannot be terminated within 48 months and under which the liability for such termination could exceed £1 million.

## **Pension Fund Committee – Scheme of Delegation Arrangements**

### **1. Matters reserved to Full Council**

#### **Local Pensions Partnership Ltd (LPPL):**

#### **Changes to the Articles or any Share rights impacting on any pre-approval matter(s)**

1. Approval to alter any of the provisions of the LPPL Articles (including the articles of the LPPL subsidiary companies) or alter any of the rights attaching to the Shares (including where any such alterations directly or indirectly impacts on a Reserved Matter) unless such amendment is of a purely administrative nature.

#### **Dilution on Shareholding/Issue of Shares and Share Options**

2. Approval to reduce or cancel any share capital of LPPL, purchase its own shares, hold any shares in treasury, allot or agree to allot, whether actually or contingently, any of the share capital of LPPL or any security of LPPL convertible into share capital, grant any options or other rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares of LPPL or alter the classification of any part of the share capital of LPPL save as the power to do so without prior Shareholder approval is specifically provided for in the Agreement .

#### **Creation of any Holdco of LPPL**

3. To approve the formation of any holding company of LPPL.

#### **Change of Company status**

4. To approve a change of status of LPPL from a limited company to a public limited company or from a company limited by shares to any other form of legal entity.

### **2. Matters reserved to the Employment Committee**

#### **Local Pensions Partnership Ltd (LPPL):**

#### **Approval of LPPL's Remuneration Policy**

1. To approve the remuneration policy of the LPPL directors and staff, other than for LPPL Non-Executive Directors

## **Changes to Directors' Remuneration Policy**

2. To approve the payment of any fees, remuneration or other sums to or in respect of the services of any director or vary any such fees or remuneration other than in accordance with an agreed remuneration policy approved by both LCC and LPFA. For the avoidance of doubt this will not apply to the payment or reimbursement of reasonable expenses properly incurred by any statutory director in the course of carrying out his duties in relation to LPPL nor to any payment under any indemnity by LPPL to which the statutory director is entitled under the Articles or under any relevant law.

## **Proposed redundancies of any Group employees**

3. To approve any proposed programme of redundancies within LPPL or rationalisation of a group of employees

## **Proposed re-location of any LPPL employees**

4. To approve any proposed programme of relocation of a group of employees outside Lancashire who were previously employees of LCC.

## **Chief Executive**

5. To approve the appointment or removal of the Chief Executive of LPPL or any subsidiary company.

## **3. Matters reserved to Officers**

The following functions have been delegated to the Head of the Lancashire County Pension Fund (LCPF), the Director of Corporate Services, and the Council's s.151 Officer as indicated below:

The Head of the LCPF, the Director of Corporate Services, and Council's s.151 Officer may allocate or re-allocate responsibility for exercising powers (delegated to them by Full Council or the Pension Fund Committee) to other officers on their behalf in the interests of effective corporate management as he/she thinks fit.

Records of all such authorisations must be retained and a copy sent to Democratic Services for retention. The 'other' officer(s) to whom a power has been re-allocated cannot further delegate that power to another officer.

Any decisions taken under the Scheme of Delegation must be recorded on the electronic decision recording system.

- **Matters reserved to the Director of Corporate Services**

#### **Agreements**

1. To enter into or vary any agreement to do any of the things reserved to the Pension Fund Committee and to officers under the Scheme of Delegation arrangements

#### **Local Pensions Partnership Ltd (LPPL):**

#### **Guarantees and Indemnities**

2. To give any guarantee, suretyship or indemnity outside the ordinary course of business to secure the liabilities of any person or assume the obligations of any person.

#### **Disputes and proceedings**

3. To commence, settle or defend any claim, proceedings or other litigation brought by or against LPPL, except in relation to debt collection [not exceeding £[2m],] in the ordinary course of the Business.

- **Matters reserved to the Council's S.151 Officer**

As the officer designated under s.151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to be responsible for the proper administration of the financial affairs of the County Council, for this purpose including the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

#### **Accounts and Records**

1. To maintain all necessary accounts and records in relation to the Pension Fund save as otherwise discharged in accordance with arrangements determined by the Pension Fund Committee

#### **Local Pensions Partnership Ltd (LPPL):**

#### **Shares, shareholder loans and constitutional:**

2. Save as provided for in the Shareholders Agreement, to approve an increase in the amount of any Shareholder Loans or the variation of the terms of any Shareholder Loans.
3. To approve the repurchase, repayment, redemption or cancellation of any Shareholder Loan other than in accordance with the terms of any Loan Agreement, Loan Notes or the terms of the Shareholders Agreement.

4. To enter into any agreement with a Shareholder for the provision of additional funds or financial support from that Shareholder which differ from the terms on which the other Shareholder is providing equivalent finance or support.

- **Matters reserved to the Head of the Lancashire County Pension Fund**

As the officer responsible for the management of the Lancashire County Pension Fund:

1. To set the appropriate funding target for the Fund.
2. To place any monies not allocated to investments on short term deposit in accordance with arrangements approved by the Pension Fund Committee.
3. In consultation with the Investment Panel, to monitor and review the performance of investments made by LPPL and to report to each meeting of the Pension Fund Committee on the exercise of this delegation.
4. To arrange and authorise the provision of appropriate and necessary training for members of the Pension Fund Committee including the attendance at conferences and other similar pension fund related events by members of the Pension Fund Committee.
5. To accept for admission into the Lancashire County Pension Fund employees of authorities and bodies as prescribed in Regulations including transferee and community admissions which are considered as 'exceptional circumstances', subject to an approved Admission Agreement, and subject to any necessary indemnities as appropriate.
6. To prepare and submit the following to Pension Fund Committee:
  - a. A rolling 3 Year Strategic Plan for the Fund;
  - b. Statement of Investment Principles (to include policy on the management of cash balances) ,
  - c. Governance Policy Statement
  - d. Governance Compliance Statement.
  - e. Pension Fund Annual Report, including the Annual Administration Report.
  - f. The Funding Strategy Statement to include the Fund's policy in respect of:
    - g. the Funding Target;
    - h. the collection of employee contributions;
    - i. the collection of employer contributions;
    - j. the collection of additional employer contributions; and
    - k. Admissions and Terminations.

- l. Pensions Administration strategy statement;
  - m. Communication Policy statement;
  - n. Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure;
  - o. Death Grant Procedure;
  - p. Bulk Transfer Payment Policy;
  - q. Commutation policy (small pensions);
  - r. Transfer policy; and
  - s. Abatement policy
7. To carry out the administrative functions of the administering authority relating to the Local Government Pension Scheme.
  8. To approve the payment of death grants in accordance with the agreed Death Grant Procedures.
  9. To appoint any required external support (subject to the role of the Pension Fund Committee and the Investment Panel), their terms of office and remit.
  10. To deal with stage 2 appeals under the Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure.
  11. To authorise the payment of any statutory pensions, gratuities, grants, etc. under the provisions of the Superannuation and Pensions Acts and Regulations and any Local Acts.
  12. To approve applications for early payment of preserved pension benefits on compassionate grounds.
  13. To approve payments under the County of Lancashire Act 1984
  14. To determine the actual injury allowance payable on each individual qualifying case of injury or disease, both retrospective and for the future.
  15. To review annually the actual amounts of injury allowances payable under the Local Government Superannuation Regulations, as amended, to employees who have sustained injuries or contracted diseases, as a result of anything they were required to do in carrying out their work and to make any changes appropriate to reflect changes in the relevant financial circumstances of the payee.
  16. To provide support to the Local Pension Board to enable it to fulfil its role and responsibilities as defined by sections 5 (1) and (2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013.

**Local Pensions Partnership Ltd (LPPL):**

To approve the following:

17. The appointment or removal of the auditors of LPPL.

18. The alteration of LPPL's accounting reference date.
19. Any significant change to any of LPPL's accounting or reporting practices.
20. The creation of any Encumbrance over the whole or part of the undertaking or assets of LPPL.
21. Any item or series of items of capital expenditure including finance leases but excluding operating leases of more than £5,000,000.
22. The entering into or variation of any operating lease either as lessor or lessee, of any plant, property or equipment of a duration exceeding 10 years or involving aggregate premium and annual rental payments in excess of £5m.
23. The factor or discount any book debts of LPPL.
24. The making of any agreement or reach any settlement with any revenue authorities or any other taxing authority, or make any claim, disclaimer, election or consent of a material nature for tax purposes in relation to LPPL, its business, assets or undertaking.
25. Any change to the bankers of LPPL.
26. Any change to the registered office of LPPL.

## **Pension Fund Investment Panel Terms of Reference**

The Investment Panel ("the Panel") provides expert professional advice to the Pension Fund Committee in relation to investment strategy. The Panel also supports the Head of Fund with the specialist advice required by the Pension Fund Committee.

The Panel will:

- review the Fund's long term investment strategy and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee;
- advise on strategic and/or tactical asset allocations proposed by LPPL;
- Restrict and control the range of asset allocations used by LPPL as set out in the Statement of Investment Principles;
- consider appropriate risk management strategies to include the matching of pension liabilities with suitable investments, possibly involving derivatives, and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee;
- consider foreign exchange hedging strategies relating to the equity and/or other asset allocations and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee;
- monitor and review the investment activity; and
- Review and report on the performance of the Fund and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee.

The Panel does not exercise any delegated powers but instead will provide advice to the Head of the Fund who will either exercise his/her delegated powers or make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee taking into account the advice and views from the Panel.

The membership of the Panel comprises:

- (a) Head of Fund (as Chair); and
- (b) Not less than two independent advisers appointed in accordance with arrangements determined by the Pension Fund Committee

The Panel may operate through sub groups to undertake particular tasks, but will formulate recommendations to the Head of Fund and/or the Pension Fund Committee through meetings of the full Panel.

They may securing of specialist advice within allocated budgets.

The Panel will meet at least quarterly, or otherwise as necessary

One member of the Panel will attend LPPL investor's forum on a 6 monthly basis.

# Lancashire Local Pension Board

## Terms of Reference

### 1. Role and remit of the Board

- a) To assist Lancashire County Council as Administering Authority in its role as Scheme Manager:
  - i. to secure compliance with the LGPS regulations and any other legislation relating to the governance and administration of the LGPS;
  - ii. to secure compliance with requirements imposed in relation to the LGPS by the Pensions Regulator; and
  - iii. in such other matters as the LGPS regulations may specify
- b) To ensure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the LGPS for the Lancashire County Pension Fund.
- c) To provide the Scheme Manager with such information as it requires to ensure that any member of the Pension Board or person to be appointed to the Pension Board does not have a conflict of interest.
- d) To review and scrutinise governance processes and procedures to ensure that the Lancashire County Pension Fund is managed and administered effectively and efficiently and complies with the code of practice on the governance and administration of public service pension schemes issued by the Pension Regulator.
- e) To meet sufficiently regularly to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively, but not less than four times in any year.
- f) To review the key policy documents to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- g) The Pension Board must assist the Scheme Manager with such other matters as the scheme regulations may specify. It is for scheme regulations and the Scheme Manager to determine precisely what the Pension Board's role entails.

This role involves but is not limited to assisting with, the oversight of and commenting on:

- i the development of improved customer services
- ii the monitoring of administration and governance against key performance targets and indicators.
- iii the effectiveness of processes for the appointment of advisors and suppliers to the Administering Authority
- iv the monitoring of internal and external audit reports.

- v a review of the Risk Register as it relates to the scheme manager function of the Authority.
  - vi the development of improved management, administration and governance structures and policies.
  - vii a review of the outcome of actuarial reporting and valuations.
  - viii the development and monitoring of process improvements on request of Committee.
  - ix the development of asset voting and engagement processes and compliance with the UK Stewardship Code.
  - x any other area within the core function (i.e. ensuring effective and efficient governance of the Scheme) the Board deems appropriate.
- h) To review the outcome of internal and external audit reports in relation to the Fund.
  - i) To make such recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee and/or Full Council as it considers appropriate in relation to any matter that the Board considers may improve the performance of the Fund
  - j) To submit in March each year a proposed annual work plan to the Pension Fund Committee for the forthcoming financial year
  - k) To carry out any activities relating to the efficient governance and administration of the Fund which the Pension Fund Committee or Full Council may request the Board to undertake

## **2. Membership and Appointment Process**

The Pension Board shall consist of 9 members and be constituted as follows:

- a) 4 employer representatives, of whom:
  - i. 2 shall be nominated by Lancashire County Council, where these are councillors or officers they shall meet the requirements of the relevant regulations in relation to avoidance of conflict with the County Council's role as Administering Authority;
  - ii. 1 shall be nominated by the Unitary, City, and Borough Councils and the Police and Fire bodies which are employers within the Lancashire County Pension Fund; and
  - iii. 1 shall be nominated by all other employers within the Fund.

- b) 4 scheme member representatives drawn from the membership of the Lancashire County Pension Fund.
- c) 1 independent member selected by the Scheme Manager, who shall not be a member of the Lancashire County Pension Fund and who shall be appointed as Chair of the Board. Such appointment will only be made following an openly advertised competition for the role.

Members in the above categories will only be appointed to the Board by the Scheme Manager if they meet the skill and knowledge requirements set out in the relevant regulations and guidance, and as set out in Section 7 below.

- a) Two employer representatives shall be nominated by Lancashire County Council.

The nomination of a county councillor or officer shall comply with the requirements of the relevant regulations in relation to avoidance of conflict with the County Council's role as Administering Authority.

- b) One employer representative to be drawn from the Unitary, City, and Borough Councils and the Police and Fire bodies which are employers within the Lancashire County Pension Fund.
- c) One employer representative to be drawn from all other employers within the Lancashire County Pension Fund.
- d) Four scheme member representatives to be drawn from the membership of the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

Employers within the Lancashire Pension Fund shall be notified of any vacancies arising under categories b) and c) above. Any nominations shall be submitted to the county council's Director of Corporate Services.

A vacancy arising under category d) shall be brought to the attention of employer and member representative bodies to enable the vacancy to be advertised as widely as possible. This will include details of the vacancy being published on websites as appropriate. Scheme members shall submit expressions of interest to the county council's Director of Corporate Services.

All nominations and expressions of interest submitted under categories b), c) and d) would go through an initial sifting process by the Head of the Pension Fund in consultation with the Chair of the Lancashire Local Pension Board. Nominations and expressions of interest would be considered against the role profile and having regard to equal opportunities legislation.

In the event that more than one suitable candidate is identified, there will be a formal interview process involving the Chair and two other members of the Board. The interview process would test the ability of the individual to meet the requirements of the role and any recommended appointment would be made on merit. Once a suitable representative has been identified they would need to be formally appointed to the Board by the Full Council.

- e) One independent member selected and appointed by the county council as Administering Authority.

This person shall not be a member of the Lancashire County Pension Fund. Such appointment will only be made following an openly advertised competition for the role. Interviews will be arranged and conducted as necessary by the Head of the Pension Fund who shall make a recommendation to the Pension Fund Committee for consideration who will then refer the matter to Full Council for a decision as appropriate.

Members of the Board will serve for a maximum of 8 years. Other than as a result of retirement at the expiry of this period the term of office will come to an end:

- a) For employer representatives who are councillors if they cease to hold office as a councillor or they are removed and replaced by a resolution of the Full Council;
- b) For employer representatives who are not councillors when they cease to be employed by the employing body where they were employed on appointment;
- c) For scheme member representatives if they cease to be a member of the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

Each Board member should endeavor to and is expected to attend all Board meetings during the year. Given the nature of the Board as a supervisory body and the need for appropriate knowledge and skills and the clear avoidance of conflicts of interest substitute members are not permitted.

In the event of consistent non-attendance by any Board member, then the tenure of that membership should be reviewed by the other Board members in liaison with the Scheme Manager.

Other than by ceasing to be eligible as set out above, a Board member may only be removed from office during a term of appointment by the unanimous agreement of all of the other members. The removal of the independent member requires the consent of the Scheme Manager.

### **3. Quorum**

The Board shall not be quorate unless the Chair and at least 2 employer representatives and 2 scheme member representatives are present.

### **4. Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy for Board Members, Officers and Advisors**

The role of Pension Board members requires the highest standards of conduct and therefore the “seven principles of public life” will be applied to all Pension Board members and embodied in their code of conduct.

The Code of Conduct and the Board's policy in relation to conflict of interests is attached as Annex 'A'.

### **5. Board Review Process**

The Board will undertake each year a formal review process to assess how well it and its members are performing with a view to seeking continuous improvement in the Board's performance.

### **6. Advisers to the Board**

The Board may be supported in its role and responsibilities through the appointment of advisers, in addition to the Scheme Manager's officers and the Fund's various advisers and shall, subject to any applicable regulation and legislation from time to time in force, consult with such advisers to the Board and on such terms as it shall see fit to help better perform its duties.

The Board shall ensure that the performance of the advisers so appointed is reviewed on a regular basis.

### **7. Knowledge and Skills**

A member of the Pension Board must be conversant with:

- a) The legislation and associated guidance of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).
- b) Any document recording policy about the administration of the LGPS which is for the time being adopted by the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

A member of the Pension Board must have knowledge and understanding of:

- a) The law relating to pensions, and
- b) Any other matters which are prescribed in regulations.

It is for individual Pension Board members to be satisfied that they have the appropriate degree of knowledge and understanding to enable them to properly exercise their functions as a member of the Pension Board.

In line with this requirement Pension Board members are required to be able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding and to refresh and keep their knowledge up to date. Pension Board members are therefore required to maintain a written record of relevant training and development.

Pension Board members will undertake a personal training needs analysis and regularly review their skills, competencies and knowledge to identify gaps or weaknesses.

Pension Board members will comply with the Scheme Manager's training policy.

## **8. Board Meetings – Notice Minutes and Reporting**

The Scheme Manager shall give notice to all Pension Board members of every meeting of the Pension Board, and shall ensure that all papers are published on the Lancashire County Pension Fund Website at least 5 working days prior to each meeting. These may at the discretion of the Scheme Manager be edited to exclude items on the grounds that they would either involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 or it being confidential for the purposes of Section 100A(2) of that Act and/or they represent data covered by the Data Protection Act 1998.

The Director of Corporate Services shall ensure that a formal record of Pension Board proceedings is maintained. Subsequent to each meeting the Chair will be asked to approve the minutes for publication as a draft and circulation to all members of the Board.

The Pension Board shall produce an Annual Report on both the nature and effect of its activities for consideration by the Administering Authority. The contents of this annual report will be subject to consideration and agreement at a meeting of the Board, but should include, inter alia:

- a) Details of the attendance of members of the Board at meetings;
- b) Details of the training and development activities provided for members of the Board and attendance at such activities;
- c) Details of any recommendations made by the Board to the Scheme Manager and the Scheme Manager's response to those recommendations;
- d) Details of the costs incurred in the operation of the Board.

The Board in considering items of business at its ordinary meetings shall in relation to each item consider whether it wishes to make a recommendation to the Scheme Manager, to which the Scheme Manager shall respond at the subsequent meeting.

## **9. Decision making**

Each member of the Pension Board will have an individual voting right but it is expected the Pension Board will as far as possible reach a consensus. The Chair of the Pension Board will not have a final deciding vote.

## **10. Publication of Pension Board information**

Scheme members and other interested parties will want to know that the Lancashire County Pension Fund is being efficiently and effectively managed. They will also want to be confident that the Pension Board is properly constituted, trained and competent in order to comply with scheme regulations, the governance and administration of the scheme and requirements of the Pension Regulator.

Up to date information will be posted on the Lancashire County Pension Fund website showing

- The names, contact details and other relevant information about the Pension Board members;
- How the scheme members are represented on the Pension Board
- The responsibilities of the Pension Board as a whole;
- The full terms of reference and policies of the Pension Board and how they operate;
- Details of the Pension Board appointment process;
- Any specific roles and responsibilities of individual Pension Board members.

The Scheme Manager will also consider requests for additional information to be published or made available to individual scheme members to encourage scheme member engagement and promote a culture of openness and transparency.

## **11. Accountability**

The Pension Board will be collectively and individually accountable to the Scheme Manager.

## **12. Expense Reimbursement and Remuneration**

All members of the Board shall, on the production of relevant receipts be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses they have actually and necessarily incurred in the conduct of their duties as a member of the Board, including attendance at relevant training and development activities.

Members of the Board shall be reimbursed a mileage allowance for use of their own car at the rate proscribed by HM Revenues and Customs from time to time as adopted by Lancashire County Council.

Where members of the Board are in employment their employer will be able to reclaim from the Lancashire County Pension Fund a sum equivalent to salary, employers' national insurance contributions and employers' pension contributions, in respect of time spent by the individual in fulfilling their duties as a member of the Board, including attendance at relevant training and development activities.

In accordance with the decision of the Full Council on 28 February 2019, the Chair of the Board shall receive a fixed annual allowance of £12,500 (in addition to travel and subsistence expenses) to be inflated in April each year by the Consumer Price Index for the previous September. The payment of the annual allowance will be split 50:50 between the Lancashire County Pension Fund and the London Pensions Fund Authority.

### 13. Reporting Breaches

Any breach brought to the attention of the Pension Board, whether potential or actual, shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure set out in a separate policy [document](#).

### Definitions

The undernoted terms shall have the following meaning when used in this document:

“Pension Board” or “Board”	Means the Local Pension Board for the Lancashire County Council as administering authority for the Lancashire County Pension Fund as required under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013
”Scheme Manager”	Means the Pension Fund Committee as administering authority of the Lancashire County Pension Fund.
“Chair”	The individual responsible for chairing meetings of the Board and guiding its debates.
“LGPS”	The Local Government Pension Scheme as constituted by the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, the Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014 and The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009
“Scheme”	Means the Local Government Pension Scheme as defined under “LGPS”

**Lancashire Local Pension Board  
Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy for Members, Officers and  
Advisors**

You are a member of the Lancashire Local Pension Board and hence you shall have regard to the following principles - selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

Officers are subject to the County Council's Code of Conduct for Employees and are only required to submit a completed Notification of Interests (Annex 2) where that conflict of interest is not covered in the County Council's Code of Conduct for Employees. Officers should make any declarations, such as receipt of any gift or hospitality in excess of £25, under the County Council's Code of Conduct for Employees.

Accordingly, when acting in your capacity as a member, officer or advisor:

- You must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend or close associate.
- You must not place yourself under a financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence you in the performance of your official duties.
- When carrying out your public duties you must make all choices on merit.
- You are accountable for your decisions to the public and you must co-operate fully with whatever scrutiny is appropriate to your office.
- You must be as open as possible about your decisions and actions and the decisions and actions of the Board and should be prepared to give reasons for those decisions and actions.
- You must declare any disclosable financial or non-financial interests that relate to your public duties and must take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest, including registering and declaring interests in a manner conforming with procedures set out below.
- You must always treat people with respect, including the organisations and public you engage with and those you work alongside.
- You must behave in accordance with all legal obligations, alongside any requirements contained within this Board's policies, protocols and procedures, including the Conflicts of Interests Policy at Appendix A.

- You must promote and support high standards of conduct when serving in your public post, in particular as characterised by the above requirements, by leadership and example.
- You must take account of relevant advice from professional officers and advisors, taking all relevant information into consideration, remaining objective and making decisions on merit.

You should:

- Notify the Monitoring Officer of any disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of appointment;
- Disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on the register;
- Notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of a disclosable pecuniary interest that is not on the register that you have disclosed to a meeting;
- Not participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest;
- Not, knowingly or recklessly, provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a disclosable pecuniary interest or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

Failure to comply with the above would constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct. Members should be aware that in certain circumstances a serious breach of the Code of Conduct could be deemed to be a criminal offence.

The County Council's Monitoring Officer is:

The Director of Corporate Services  
Christ Church Precinct, County Hall  
Preston Lancashire PR1 8XJ  
Tel: 01772 533386

## **Lancashire Local Pension Board Conflict of Interests Policy Introduction**

This document outlines the approach for ensuring the Lancashire Local Pension Board is fully compliant with legislative requirements for identifying, monitoring and managing potential conflicts of interest so as to ensure that no actual conflicts of interest arise.

This policy applies to members of the Pension Board and to all officers and advisors supporting the operation of the Pension Board. References to Board Members also apply to advisors and, where appropriate, to officers, where an interest is not covered by the County Council's Code of Conduct for Employees.

The policy sets out the procedures to be followed and the checks and measures in operation to ensure the business of the Board and any decisions or actions taken by it are open, transparent and compliant.

### **Managing Potential Conflicts of Interest - Legislative Requirements on Pension Boards**

Under section 5 (para 4) of the Public Service Pension Act 2013 it is a requirement for the regulations governing public sector pension schemes to include provisions ensuring Board Members do not have conflicts of interest. The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 fulfil this requirement within Part 3 - Governance as follows:

#### **LGPS Regulations 2013**

##### **Regulation 108: Local Pension Boards: Conflicts of Interest**

- Each administering authority must be satisfied that any person to be appointed as a member of a local pension board does not have a conflict of interest.
- An administering authority must be satisfied from time to time that none of the members of a local pension board has a conflict of interest.
- A person who is to be appointed as a member of a local pension board by an administering authority must provide that authority with such information as the authority reasonably requires for the purposes of paragraph (1).
- A person who is a member of a local pension board must provide the administering authority which made the appointment with such information as that authority reasonably requires for the purposes.

## **Pension Regulator Code of Practice on Conflicts of Interest**

The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 extended the regulatory oversight of the Pensions Regulator (tPR) to include public sector schemes and added new provisions into the Pensions Act 2004 requiring tPR to issue a code of practice on the governance of public service pension schemes including conflicts of interest for Pension Boards.

Complying with these new requirements (Section 90A to the Pensions Act 2004) tPR issued Code of Practice no.14 (Governance and Administration of Public Service Pension Schemes) in January 2015. This Conflicts of Interest Policy has been developed having regard to the details of the code which interprets legal requirements and offers practical guidance to Administering Authorities on meeting the terms of LGPS Regulation 108 (above).

This Conflicts of Interest Policy for the Pension Board of the Lancashire County Pension Fund sets out procedures to be followed by individuals in their capacity as Board Members and as officers or advisors supporting the operation of the Lancashire Local Pension Board. In addition, individuals must also comply with all requirements placed on them by codes of conduct and other policies connected with their wider roles and responsibilities, whether as elected members, officers, salaried officials or advisors (e.g. by the County Council's Code of Conduct, and the Protocol for County Councillor/Officer Relations and their equivalents within other employer organisations).

This policy encourages the consideration of interests in their broadest sense, an approach which reinforces the expectation that Board Members, officers and advisors will maintain the highest standards of conduct in adherence with the seven principles of public life.

These principles are:

1. Selflessness
2. Integrity
3. Objectivity
4. Accountability
5. Openness
6. Honesty
7. Leadership

### **Conflict of Interests General**

The prevention of actual conflicts of interest is reliant on the effective management of potential conflicts of interest. This entails Pension Board Members (and the officers and advisors supporting them) having a clear understanding of what a potential conflict of interest is and what they must do to ensure that no actual conflict arises.

The potential for a conflict of interest exists whenever there are underlying personal interests capable of compromising an individual's ability to act with objectivity. An interest is a personal stake or a perceived obligation (to a person, group or organisation) which is likely to prejudice an individual in the course of fulfilling the responsibilities of their role. Interests can be both financial and non-financial.

Financial interests include current or prospective assets or investments, plus influences from an employment, trade, profession or contract. Non-financial interests can be many and varied but will include specific memberships or affiliations which compromise the individual's ability to think or act without bias when acting in their official capacity.

It is inevitable that Pension Board Members will have interests. Where these will potentially prejudice the exercise of functions as a member of the Pension Board by directly impacting on Board business (or will have the appearance of doing so) it is essential they are known about and managed effectively in order to protect the impartiality and standing of the Board and ensure the transparency of its operation and outcomes.

A potential conflict of interest will arise when an individual has a responsibility or duty connected to their membership of the Pension Board whilst at the same time having:

- a separate personal interest (financial or otherwise);
- a responsibility by virtue of another role or position they hold;
- a close colleague or family member with a specific responsibility or a direct interest in a particular aspect of Pension Board business.

A member of the Board does not have a financial or other interest arising merely by virtue of membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme or any connected scheme, or by membership of another local authority.

### **Sensitive interests**

Where you consider that disclosure of the details of an interest could lead to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation, and the County Council's Monitoring Officer agrees, if the interest is entered on the register, copies of the register that are made available for inspection and any published version of the register will exclude details of the interest, but may state that you have an interest, the details of which are withheld.

Under this policy, the effective management of all potential conflicts of interest will be achieved through consistent compliance with 6 clear steps:

- identifying interests
- disclosing interests
- maintaining an up to date register of interests
- declaring potential conflicts
- managing potential conflicts
- recording and reviewing the management actions taken

## Identifying Interests

The existence of any interest fundamentally incompatible with fulfilling the role and statutory responsibilities of a Pension Board Member will be identified as part of the appointment process and will ultimately prevent an individual from being appointed to the Board.

Following their appointment to the Pension Board, all Board Members are required to identify any interests held directly by themselves or by close family or contacts which have the potential to lead to a conflict of interest. This identification of interests involves detailed reflection on the role and specific responsibilities of the Pension Board and its members which are as set out in the Terms of Reference for the Pension Board.

Examples of the most common interests and the scenarios in which they may cause a conflict to arise are included at **Annex 1**.

## Disclosing Interests

Board Members are required to complete and submit an interim disclosure form in advance of attending their first Pension Board meeting.

Thereafter Board Members will be required to disclose all financial and nonfinancial interests including the receipt of any gift or hospitality (received or declined) in excess of £25 via the completion and submission of the form at **Annex 2**. A definition of financial and non-financial interests is set out at **Annex 3**.

Where no relevant interests are identified by a Board Member, they must submit a nil return to evidence that they have complied with the requirement to identify and disclose all relevant interests. Officers, in line with the County Council's Code of Conduct for Employees, are not required to submit a nil return

It is the responsibility of each Board Member to regularly consider and review their relevant interests and to submit a further disclosure form within 28 days of becoming aware of any changes to an interest previously disclosed or of any new interest not previously disclosed.

All Board Members must review their interests and submit an updated disclosure annually. For Board Members with no relevant interests this will involve the submission of a new nil return. Making an updated return on each anniversary of their appointment to the Board will assist Lancashire County Council (as the administering authority) to fulfil the requirement to be satisfied from time to time that none of the members of a [local pension board](#) has a conflict of interest.

Completed disclosure forms must be submitted to the Director of Corporate Services at the address below who will review the completeness of the disclosure form and confirm it has been signed and dated by the appropriate Board Member before the details are input onto the register.

The Director of Corporate Services  
Christ Church Precinct, County Hall  
Preston Lancashire  
PR1 8XJ Tel: 01772 534676

### **Maintaining an up to date Register of Interests**

An up to date register of the interests disclosed by Pension Board Members, will be maintained by the Director of Corporate Services

The register of interests will be held electronically with details from new declaration forms input in a timely manner.

The register will be maintained so as to provide an accurate and up to date record of all details disclosed by individual Pension Board Members, advisors and officers and the date on which their disclosures were made.

Information held in the register will form the basis of an annual review of member interests by the Pension Board.

Each review will:

- encourage a thorough reflection on relevant interests disclosed by Board Members;
- allow a comparison of the range of interests being identified by individual Board Members and support interests being universally and consistently understood;
- confirm that, during the prior period, an appropriate declaration was made on every occasion where a registered interest had (or appeared to have) the potential to impact an item of business;
- examine the effectiveness of the management approach to potential conflicts of interest;
- confirm the accuracy and completeness of record keeping in order to identify weaknesses or learning points requiring action.

A copy of the register will be available for public inspection and will be published on the County Council's website.

### **Declaring Potential Conflicts**

Pension Board Members are personally responsible for identifying potential conflicts of interest. They must routinely review the work plan, agenda and papers of the Board in advance in order to identify any matters in which they have an interest.

Where a Board Member is aware of an interest with the potential (or appearance of having the potential) to cause a conflict they should declare this in advance of the meeting taking place by providing details to the Director of Corporate Services who will inform the Chair of the Board.

The Local Pension Board must be confident that the advice it receives from officers and advisers is independent and truly in the best interests of the Fund. For this reason officers and advisers giving advice to the Local Pension Board must declare any situation where a potential, perceived or actual conflict exists, in order that it can be appropriately managed. Declarations should be made in advance to the Director of Corporate Services who will inform the Chair of the Board.

Declaring an interest in advance provides the opportunity for adequate reflection on the most appropriate approach to managing a potential conflict, it also encourages open discussion and ensures a fully transparent approach.

All meetings of the Local Pension Board will commence with a standing agenda item which facilitates the declaration (and where necessary the disclosure and declaration) of all relevant interests.

Where it becomes apparent during the course of a meeting that an undisclosed interest held by a Board Member, officer or advisor is relevant and creates the potential (or appears to create the potential) for a conflict, this interest must be immediately drawn to the attention of the Board Chair who will determine the appropriate course of action to manage this situation.

### **Managing Potential Conflicts**

Potential conflicts of interest will arise as a result of a variety of interests and scenarios and they fall to be managed on a case by case basis in the manner most suited to ensuring that:

- no actual conflict will arise;
- where there is the appearance of a potential conflict this is acknowledged and addressed openly;
- adequate attention is given to recording the basis for judging a declared interest to be immaterial.

The Board must determine the appropriate mechanism for managing each potential conflict. Approaches to managing potential conflicts of interest will include:

- the member for whom the potential conflict exists taking no part in discussions or voting on the matter creating the conflict;
- the member relinquishing or divesting themselves of a personal interest which is the source of a conflict of interest with their Pension Board responsibilities (where practical);
- a member considering resignation from their position if the conflict is likely to be so persistent as to limit meaningful participation in the Pension Board;
- The Scheme Manager removing the individual from the Pension Board where they consider the potential conflict is impractical to manage.

## **Recording the Management Approach**

Details of the specific approach taken to manage potential conflicts of interest will be documented and reported upon as part of the routine business of the Board.

As an integral part of the minute taking which formally records the conduct and outcomes of Pension Board meetings, responsibility for recording and reporting on the existence of potential conflicts of interest and the management approach to preventing an actual conflict from arising rests with the Director of Corporate Services

Wherever a relevant interest is declared, the minutes of Board meetings will record this and give details of how the potential conflict of interest was managed to prevent an actual conflict from arising.

Compliance with the approach and procedures set out within this Conflict of Interests Policy is a requirement under the Terms of Reference for the Pension Board and the Code of Conduct for Members of the Pension Board of the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

### Examples of Interests Creating Potential Conflicts

The following examples of potential conflicts of interest are provided for illustrative purposes. References to Board Members also apply to advisors and, where appropriate, to officers, where an interest is not covered by the County Council's Code of Conduct for Employees.

Circumstances where the Pension Fund invests in opportunities relating to functions undertaken by the County Council, e.g. care home provision, and where there would be a direct benefit on the County Council, would not in itself give rise to a conflict of interest.

*Members of the Pension Board may be officers of the administering authority or another employer organisation within the Fund and will potentially face conflicting priorities by virtue of these two roles.*

#### Example 1

Pension Board Members may be required to make or scrutinise a decision which will commit the Fund to injecting additional resources into improving administration and efficiency which will involve greater costs falling on employer organisations. Simultaneously, they may face pressure from their employing organisation to challenge existing budgets and to reduce expenditure on pension administration matters.

#### Example 2

The Local Pension Board might review a decision by the Pension Fund Committee to levy an additional charge (under the Regulations) on a group of employers whose poor performance in carrying out their statutory functions in respect of the Local Government Pension Scheme has caused the Administering Authority additional costs. Any Board Member employed by one of the affected employer organisations would need to declare their interest in order for a potential conflict to be identified and managed so as to prevent any actual conflict of interests from arising.

*A Board Member might be employed by (or have some other relevant connection with) a firm providing administrative or other services to the Fund.*

#### Example 3

Where the Board is due to discuss or monitor the performance of a supplier of administrative or other services in which a Board Member has an interest they will face a potential conflict of interests. The Board Member will need to declare their interest in order for a potential conflict to be identified and managed so as to prevent any actual conflict of interests from arising.

*A Board Member may have financial or other interests which give the appearance of a conflict but which, by virtue of their nature or scale, are not ultimately material to the issue under consideration by the Board.*

#### **Example 4**

A Board Member holds shares in a company that provides services to the Fund. The shares are valued at a few hundred pounds and the company's value is many tens of millions. The Pension Board is reviewing the performance of the provider and a decision to extend the value and term of the contract.

In this case the Board may consider that on grounds of materiality, no conflict of interest exists. The Local Pension Board is not responsible for the decision to award the contract and the impact of the contract extension will have no effect on the company's share price. The Board Member in question should, however, still declare their interest and the minutes of the meeting should record the decision that the Board judged the interest insufficiently material to require the member to be excluded from discussing or voting on the item of business.

**Lancashire Local Pension Board  
Code of Conduct for Members, Officers and Advisors Notification of  
Disclosable Financial and Non-Interests**

I

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(insert title e.g. Mr or Mrs, and first name/surname)

as a member of Lancashire Local Pension Board have set out below the financial interests (sections 1 to 7) and the non-financial interests (sections 8 and 9) which I am required to disclose under the Code of Conduct for Board members and I have put "none" where I have no such interests under any heading.

"Financial interest" means an interest which is my interest, or the interests of a close colleague or family member and I am aware that the other person has the interest. (NB. These people are referred to below as "the relevant person")

**Financial Interests (see guidance notes at Annex 3)**

1. Any employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried on for profit or gain:

Description of your employment	Details

2. Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the Lancashire County Pension Fund: (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed and (b) which has not been fully discharged:

Description of Contract

3. Any beneficial interest in land:

Address/description of land	Nature of interest in land

4. Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land for a month or longer:

Address/description of land	Nature of interest in land

5. Any tenancy where (to my knowledge): (a) the landlord is the Lancashire County Pension Fund; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest:

Address/description of land	Nature of interest in land

6. Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where: (a) that body (to my knowledge) has a place of business or land associated with the Lancashire County Pension Fund; and (b) either (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class:

Name of Body
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**Non-Financial Interests (see guidance notes at Annex 3)**

8. Any position of general control or management, or membership of any body:

Name of body	Details

9. Any gift or hospitality received or declined which is in excess of £25 in value:

Details of gift or Hospitality received or declined including date.	Name and address of Donor

Signed .....  
Date .....

### Definitions

#### Financial Interests

Financial interest means an interest of a description specified below that is your interest, or the interest of a close colleague or family member and you are aware that that other person has the interest.

Interest	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by M in carrying out duties as a member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the <a href="#">Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992</a>.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the Lancashire County Pension Fund:</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the Lancashire County Pension Fund.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Lancashire County Pension Fund for a month or longer.
Corporate Tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to the individual's knowledge):</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the Lancashire County Pension Fund; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person</p> <p>(c) has a beneficial interest.</p>

Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <p>(a) that body (to the individual's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Lancashire County Pension Fund; and</p> <p>(b) either:</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class</p>
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### Non-Financial Interests

Disclosable non-financial interest means an interest of a description specified below which is your interest, a close colleague or family member and you are aware that that other person has the interest.

<b>Interest</b>	<b>Description</b>
Outside Bodies	Any position of general control or management, or membership of any body, except where you have been nominated to that body by the Board or where you are an elected Member of a local authority.
Gifts and Hospitality	Any person or body from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value above £25 (see below)

## **Urgency Committee**

### **Composition and role**

The Committee comprises twelve County Councillors of whom no more than two shall be members of the Cabinet.

Meetings are open to the public but they may be excluded where information of an exempt or confidential nature is being discussed – see Access to Information Procedure Rules set out at Appendix ‘H’ to this Constitution.

### **Terms of Reference**

The Committee shall carry out the following functions:

Except those matters which cannot be delegated under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, to deal with any matter requiring a decision by the Full Council which cannot await its next meeting, including any matters which have been delegated to the Committee by the Full Council.

The following matter has been specifically delegated to the Committee by the Full Council:-

To approve any minor amendments to the Constitution for the purpose of improving its operational efficiency or for giving greater clarity to the existing processes.

## Employment Committee

The Committee comprises 8 County Councillors, chaired by the Leader of the Council and including an appropriate cabinet member or lead member depending upon the specific issue being dealt with.

Meetings are open to the public but they may be excluded where information of an exempt or confidential nature is being discussed – see Access to Information Procedure Rules set out at Appendix ‘H’ to this Constitution.

The Committee shall discharge the following functions.

### **A. Appointment and Dismissal of "Senior Officers" and Other Statutory Officers**

1. Subject to paragraph 4 and paragraph 5 below, the Committee shall be responsible for the appointment and dismissal (including dismissal by reason of redundancy) of the Chief Executive (Head of the Paid Service), Executive Directors, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer (s.151 Officer), collectively referred to as “Senior Officers”.
- 1.1 The Committee shall also be responsible for the appointment of Directors who shall hold the following statutory responsibilities:
  - Children's Services;
  - Adult Services; and
  - Public Health.
2. In the case of appointments, subject to paragraphs 4 and 5 below, the Committee may, where appropriate, agree to make a permanent appointment of an existing member of staff by way of redeployment or agree to a temporary appointment for a fixed term of not normally more than 12 months.
3. Where an appointment is not made in accordance with paragraph 2 the Committee shall:
  - (a) Draw up a job description and person specification;
  - (b) Determine the arrangements for recruitment to the post including, where they consider it appropriate, the appointment of recruitment consultants and advertising;
  - (c) Make arrangements to interview such applicants for the post as they may determine.

4. Where the Committee is appointing or dismissing the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer or Chief Financial Officer, the Full Council must approve the appointment or dismissal before an offer of appointment is made or notice of dismissal is given, subject to paragraph 5 below.
5. In the case of paragraphs 1 and 1.1 above no offer of appointment (including by way of an appointment pursuant to paragraph 2) and, in the case of paragraph 1, no notice of dismissal shall be made until the proposed action (including the name and any other particulars the Committee consider relevant) has been notified to every member of the Cabinet and that either:
  - (a) Within the period specified in the notification no objection has been made by the Leader on behalf of the Cabinet to the proposed action; or
  - (b) the Committee making the decision is satisfied that any objection made is not material or is not well founded; or
  - (c) the Leader has, within the period specified in the notification, notified the Committee that neither he/she nor any member of the Cabinet has any objections.

### **Conditions of Service**

6. The Committee shall exercise all necessary functions required by the JNC Conditions of Service including the exercise of any discretions or determining any issue in relation to those Conditions of Service.
7. The appraisal of Senior Officers and other statutory officers listed at paragraph 1.1 shall be carried out by the Chief Executive.

### **Disciplinary Action**

8. The Committee may take any disciplinary action (including suspension) against the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer or Chief Financial Officer short of dismissal.
9. The Committee may approve the suspension of the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer for an initial period of up to two months to enable an investigation to be undertaken to help determine what disciplinary action, if any, is appropriate. The Committee may extend the period of suspension if it considers that to be necessary. Any suspension of the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer shall be on full pay.

10. If an exceptional situation arises whereby allegations of misconduct by the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer are such that his/her remaining presence at work poses a serious risk to the health and safety of others or the resources, information or reputation of the Council, then the power to suspend may be exercised by the Chair of the Committee (subject to a decision to suspend being ratified by the Employment Committee within 7 days of the decision).
11. A proposal to dismiss the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Financial Officer must be taken by the Full Council having taken into account:
  - Any views submitted under paragraph 5;
  - Any advice, views or recommendations of an Independent Panel appointed by the Council under section 102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (d) for the purposes of advising the Council on matters relating to the dismissal of the named officers;
  - The conclusions of any investigation into the proposed dismissal; and
  - Any representations from the relevant officer.
12. A decision to suspend an Executive Director shall be taken by the Chief Executive.
13. Subject to paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 any disciplinary action in relation to a Senior Officer will be dealt with by the Committee in accordance with the appropriate Council's Disciplinary Procedure.
14. Subject to paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 the Committee is authorised to take any disciplinary action in respect of a Senior Officer short of dismissal with no requirement to consult cabinet members in accordance with paragraph 5 above or to seek approval from the Full Council.
15. Any appeal against action short of dismissal will be considered by an Appeals Committee established by the Full Council comprising five members of the Council who have not had any prior involvement in the case including at least one member of the Cabinet. The role of the Appeals Committee will be to review the case and the decision taken by the Employment Committee and either confirm the action taken or to award no sanction or a lesser sanction. The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.
16. In the event that the Committee's decision is to propose to dismiss the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer or Chief Financial Officer the appeal stage will be fulfilled by the Full Council when they consider that proposal in accordance with paragraph 4.

## **Capability and Dismissal Procedures**

17. Any issue regarding the capability of a Senior Officer shall be dealt with by the Committee in accordance with the Council's Disciplinary and Capability Procedures.
18. Any issue which is not appropriately dealt with under the Disciplinary or Capability Procedures but which may result in the dismissal of the Senior Officer will be dealt with by the Committee.

## **Appointment, Dismissal and Disciplinary Action**

19. Subject to paragraphs 1-18 above, the functions of appointment, dismissal, and taking disciplinary action against any other employee must be discharged by the Chief Executive or by an officer(s) of the Council nominated by him and in accordance with such procedures as may be determined by the Committee as referred to at paragraph B1 below.
20. Subject to paragraphs 1-18 above, the Chief Executive and other Senior Officers may appoint, dismiss (including dismissal by reason of redundancy) and discipline all Directors in accordance with the Council's procedures. Appointments and dismissals can only proceed after all cabinet members have been notified by Democratic Services of the proposed appointment or dismissal. Agreed corporate processes must be followed in respect of all redundancy payments.

## **B. All Other Staff**

### **Terms and Conditions of Employment**

The Committee shall:

1. Determine the terms and conditions on which employees hold office including (but not limited to):
  - The Council's pay and grading structure;
  - Any fees, allowances or payments made to employees, including any relating to termination of employment;
  - Any policies, procedures and practices relating to employment including recruitment and selection;  
(Any minor changes to these policies, procedures and practices to reflect legislative changes and improve working practices can be approved by the Head of Service for Human Resources under the Council's Scheme of Delegation arrangements);
  - Any collective agreements relating to the above;
  - To determine policy in relation to the release of pension benefits (LGPS and TPS) where employer discretion/consent is required.

2. Consider, at the request of a recognised trade union, any disagreement regarding the matters referred to at paragraph 1 above (excluding issues relating to individual employees). In referring any such matter the trade union(s) concerned shall be entitled to make oral representations to the Committee to such extent as the Committee consider appropriate.
3. Determine the facilities to be provided to trade union representatives.
4. Recommend to Full Council for approval an Annual Pay Policy Statement as required by section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 for each financial year having regard to any guidance issued or approved by the Secretary of State.
5. Monitor the operation of the Statement of Ethical Standards for employees and the Register of Interests for employees.

### **C. Lancashire Renewables Limited**

#### Terms and Conditions of Employment

The Committee shall be responsible for determining the terms and conditions of service on which all employees of Lancashire Renewables Limited ("the Company") are engaged and approving the Company's proposals in respect of the same.

This shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. approving the Company's pay and grading structure.
2. approving the payment of any bonuses and the performance objectives on which the payment of bonuses will be based.
3. ensuring that all employees of the Company are paid a minimum of the living wage.
4. approving the Company's employment policies, procedures and practices.
5. determining the Company's pension arrangements, including all matters concerning admission to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

In discharging its obligations, the Committee shall ensure that, so far as is possible, the principles of equality are maintained vis-à-vis the terms and conditions of employees of the County Council in comparable positions.

## **D. Lancashire Coroners**

The Committee shall be responsible for determining the pay, and terms and conditions of employment of the Senior Coroners, Area Coroners and Assistant Coroners.

## **E. Local Pensions Partnership Ltd**

### **(LPPL): Approval of LPPL's Remuneration**

#### **Policy**

1. To approve the remuneration policy of the LPPL directors and staff, other than for LPPL Non-Executive Directors.

#### **Changes to Directors' Remuneration Policy**

2. To approve the payment of any fees, remuneration or other sums to or in respect of the services of any director or vary any such fees or remuneration other than in accordance with an agreed remuneration policy approved by both LCC and LPFA. For the avoidance of doubt this will not apply to the payment or reimbursement of reasonable expenses properly incurred by any statutory director in the course of carrying out his duties in relation to LPPL nor to any payment under any indemnity by LPPL to which the statutory director is entitled under the Articles or under any relevant law.

#### **Proposed redundancies of any Group employees**

3. To approve any proposed programme of redundancies within LPPL or rationalisation of a group of employees

#### **Proposed re-location of any LPPL employees**

4. To approve any proposed programme of relocation of a group of employees outside Lancashire who were previously employees of LCC.

#### **Chief Executive**

5. To approve the appointment or removal of the Chief Executive of LPPL or any subsidiary company.

## **Student Support Appeals Committee**

### **Composition and role**

The Committee comprises four County Councillors. It will normally be dealing with confidential information and consequently the greater part of its meetings will be in private.

### **Terms of Reference**

The Committee shall discharge the following functions:

1. To consider, with power to act, appeals against decisions of the County Council concerning home to school/college transport.
2. To consider, with power to act, appeals against decisions of the County Council relating to awards, grants and welfare benefits.
3. To approve the writing off of over-payments/debts of awards grants.

# Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference

## 1. Purpose

To enable people in Lancashire to achieve the best possible health and wellbeing outcomes through better partnership working and service integration.

## 2. Functions

To achieve the purpose outlined above the Health and Wellbeing Board will deliver the following key functions:

**Leadership** – to lead and direct the health and wellbeing system to ensure we improve services and make the best use of resources that deliver better outcomes for people.

**Assurance** – to ensure a collective awareness of the major changes, pressures and risks across health and wellbeing services and provide opportunity to review, comment and consider the opportunities for collaborative approaches to address or manage these.

**Challenge** – to monitor and evaluate all parts of the health and wellbeing system in Lancashire and where necessary provide appropriate and effective challenge.

**Accountability** – to be able to demonstrate and evidence that the decisions of the Board, and their subsequent outcomes, are clearly focussed on protecting the health and wellbeing of people in Lancashire.

**Strategy** – to agree a Health and Wellbeing Strategy and ensure plans and priorities, both through collaboration and within individual organisations/sectors, are aligned and support the delivery of this Strategy.

**Commissioning** - to enable collaboration between commissioners, joint commissioning and pooled budgets, where this provides better integrated service delivery and outcomes.

**Understanding** – to be clear about the needs and opportunities for people's health and wellbeing in Lancashire and to lead the development of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. To ensure that data, intelligence and evidence (for example through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) is informing and driving the development of plans and priorities. To listen to and understand the needs of local people.

**Engagement** – to ensure there is effective dialogue, engagement and joint working between county and local health and wellbeing structures and partnerships and with other key strategic partnerships and networks.

**Integration** – to promote integration and partnership working between the NHS, social care, public health and other services.

### 3. Principles

The Health and Wellbeing Board members recognise shared values as the foundation of a strong partnership and through trust, openness, equality and fairness will ensure a strong and sustainable partnership that delivers improved health and wellbeing outcomes for people in Lancashire.

**Trust** – to have confidence in the integrity and ability of all partner organisations working collaboratively through the Health and wellbeing Board.

**Openness** – demonstrating transparency and openness between partners in how decisions are made and in sharing activities, plans and ambitions.

**Equality** – each partner organisation/sector has an equal standing within the Health and Wellbeing Board.

**Fairness** – commitment throughout the Health and Wellbeing Board that the behaviour and actions of partners is equitable, impartial and objective.

### 4. Membership

The membership of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board is comprised of the following:

- The Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing, LCC (Chairperson)
- 3 LCC members to be nominated by the Conservative Group
- Executive Director of Adult Services and Health & Wellbeing\*, LCC - (\* substitute member - Director of Adult Services, LCC)
- Executive Director of Education and Children's Services\*\*, LCC - (\*\* substitute member - Director of Children's Social Care, LCC)
- Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services, LCC
- Director of Public Health, LCC
- Six Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Network Members (1 member to be nominated by each CCG)
- The Director of the Lancashire Area Team (National Commissioning Board)
- Three District Councillors (one from each of the sub areas of Lancashire, to be nominated by the Lancashire Leaders Group)
- One District Council Chief Executive (to be nominated by the Lancashire Chief Executives Group)
- A Third Sector Representative (to be nominated by One Lancashire)
- The Chairperson of Healthwatch

- Two Providers (to be nominated by Chief Executives of NHS Foundation Trusts)
- Five Chairs (or a nominated representative) of the Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in Lancashire (one to be nominated by each Health and Wellbeing Partnership)
- Independent Chair of the Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board
- Independent Chair of the Lancashire Safeguarding Adult Board
- A Lancashire Constabulary representative
- A representative from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
- A housing providers' representative

All Board members to have one vote each.

## **5. Meeting Arrangements**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is a committee of the County Council and unless specified below, meeting arrangements are subject to the County Council's procedural Standing Orders:

- LCC's Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing will be the Chair of the Board.
- The Board will appoint the Deputy Chair annually.
- The Board will meet bi monthly.
- Every other meeting will have a clear thematic focus to enable wider discussion, understanding and decision making around priorities areas.
- Decisions will be made by consensus where possible, or when appropriate by a majority vote.
- The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be a quarter of the whole number of voting members of the Board with at least one Cabinet Member being present.
- Substitutes for Board members are permitted with written notification being given to the Clerk by the relevant nominating body in advance of the meeting.
- Meetings of the Board are open to the public but they may be excluded where information of an exempt or confidential nature is being discussed – see Access to Information Rules set out at Appendix 'H' in the County Council's Constitution.
- The Board cannot discharge the functions of any of the Partners.