MINUTE OF MEETING of SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME ADVISORY BOARD

COSLA Offices, Edinburgh

## **30TH April 2015**

Board Members Present:

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| Cllr Stewart Cree (Chair) | COSLA  |
| Cllr Jim Goodfellow | COSLA |
| Cllr Ian McAlpine | COSLA |
| Cllr Alastair Rankin | COSLA |
| Brian Strathie | Scottish Water |
| Harry Frew (Vice Chair)Dave Watson (Joint Secretary) | UCATTUNISON |
| William McGonigle | UNITE |
| Brian GallagherAlex McLuckie | UNITEGMB |
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Board Members Apologies:

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| Cllr John Mitchell | COSLA |
| Stephen Smellie | UNISON  |
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In attendance:

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| Brenda Campbell | COSLA |
| Jane O’Donnell (Joint Secretary)Clare ScottRichard McIndoeBryan SmailSteven McNabVicki RogersObservers:Chad DawtreyKim LingeAnnette Greenslade | COSLALothian Pension FundStrathclyde Pension FundDirectors of FinanceSPDSSPDSSPPASPPASPPA |
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**1. Welcome and Apologies**

* 1. BC welcomed everyone to the meeting. All attendees were introduced and apologies noted.
	2. It was noted that there was one further Board member to be confirmed for both the Employers and Staff groups.

**2. Nomination of Chair (employers) and Vice Chair (trade unions)**

2.1 The Employers Side nominated Cllr Stewart Cree as Chair and this was seconded by the Trade Union Side.

2.2 The Trade Union Side nominated Harry Frew as the Vice Chair and this was seconded by the Employer Side.

**3. Discussion of Draft Work Plan**

3.1 The Board noted the draft Work Plan.

3.2 The Chair, on behalf of the Board, asked the Joint Secretaries to progress a number of items on the work plan before the next Board meeting in August 2015.

**4. Pension Choices and Liberalisation**

4.1 The Board agreed that, whilst there was general advice available at a fund level, there would be merit in the Joint Secretaries drafting an advice note specifically for Employers to ensure that all Scheme Members had information to help them make informed choices around the Liberalisation options.

4.2 The Chair, on behalf of the Board, asked the Joint Secretaries to draft content on this matter and to liaise with Pension Fund and Employer officers to ensure it relevance before the Board consider the draft at their next meeting in August 2015.

**5. Training Requirements for Board members**

5.1 The Chair noted that the Local Government Pension Scheme Funds had arranged a day of training on 26th May and that Board members would be welcome to attend.

5.2 It was agreed that further training opportunities would be established if required.

**6. Future Meeting Dates and Locations**

6.1 Future meeting dates were agreed. In order to minimise Board related expenses, Board members agreed that the COSLA and the SJC Trade Unions would host the Board meetings on an alternate basis.

6.2 The next meeting on 27th August will be hosted by UNISON Scotland.

**7. AOB**

7.1 No other items of business were raised.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm