

**Appointment of Independent Chair
Report of the Strategic Finance Director**

Introduction

The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) regulations 2013 relating to the establishment of Pension Boards allows the Administering Authority to appointment an independent chair to the Board where they wish to do so.

Report

National guidance on the creation and operation of Pension Boards, issued via the Shadow Scheme Advisory Board (SSAB) during 2014/15 states the following in relation to independent chairs of Pension Boards.

An independent chair would have no pre-existing employment, financial or other material interest in either the Administering Authority or in any scheme employer in a fund administered by the Administering Authority and would not be a scheme member in a fund administered by the Administering Authority. The appointment of an independent chair should be confirmed by a majority of the employer and member representatives of the Board.

Sean Collins, the Head of Pensions of the Oxfordshire LGPS Pension Fund has none of these links with the Gloucestershire Fund but has a broad range of experience and knowledge of the administration of the Local Government Pension Scheme which is expected to be of assistance to the other members of the Board in carrying out their role.

Recommendation

The Board are asked to confirm the appointment of Sean Collins as independent chair of the Pension Board

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