

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PENSIONS AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS
ON FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2014**

PRESENT: County Councillor A.G. Thomas (Chairman)

County Councillors P.J. Ashton, E.A. Jones and T.G. Turner

Councillor A.M.C. Weale (Employers' Representative)

In attendance: Rachel Pinder and Rosie Hughes of Aon Hewitts.

Joe Rollin Pensions Manager, Mark Evans Head of Business Services,

1.	APOLOGIES	PIC41 – 2014
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor G.P. Vaughan.

2.	MINUTES	PIC42 – 2014
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The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2014 as a correct record.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	PIC43 – 2014
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All members present declared interests as members of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

4.	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS	PIC44 – 2014
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RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following items on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 3 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

5.	UPDATE ON MARKETS	PIC45 – 2014
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Rachel Pinder provided an update on how world events had caused volatility on markets. She explained that the way in which Aon Hewitt took a longer term view by using the discount rate to value the Fund's liabilities meant that the impact of falling gilt yield was smoothed out. She also explained that the fund was in good shape, with active equity managers and hedge fund managers using market volatility to their advantage.

6.	QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT	PIC46 – 2014
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Rosie Hughes advised that it had been a very strong quarter with the Fund increasing in value from £451.5m to £465.3m. This growth had continued into October with the Fund growing to £473.1m. The Committee discussed the continuing queue to invest in the Hermes property fund and asked for this to be on the agenda for the next meeting together with details of who was in the queue behind the Fund. The performance of Aberdeen Asset Management was discussed. Aon Hewitt were not concerned by their performance as they had kept to their process. The Committee also discussed the performance of CBRE

7.	MEDIUM TERM ASSET ALLOCATION UPDATE	PIC47 – 2014
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Rachel Pinder advised that the mandate had added 0.8% value, adding approximately to the value of the Fund since inception. There had been a small loss of £20,000 since the mandate had been renewed on 1st March 2014.

8.	LOCAL AUTHORITY PENSION FUND FORUM	PIC48 – 2014
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Mr Keith Bray of the Local Authority Pension Fund gave a presentation on the benefits of joining the Forum. It was agreed to add this as an item for consideration at the next meeting.

A.G. THOMAS
CHAIR