

MINUTES

A&B - Public

Special Pension Fund Committee Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick Wednesday 26 June 2019 at 11.30am Present - Members: A Cooper S Coutts S Leask E Macdonald R McGregor I Scott G Smith T Smith R Thomson <u>Apologies:</u> None	Special Pension Board Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick Wednesday 26 June 2019 at 11.30am Present - Members: M Bell A Hawick J Johnston D Marsh C Wiseman <u>Apologies:</u> J Fraser A Taylor
In Attendance: J Manson, Executive Manager – Finance J Riise, Executive Manager – Governance and Law K Collins, Financial Accountant L Malcolmson, Committee Officer	

Chair

Mr Coutts, Chair of the Pension Fund Committee presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Declarations of Interest

None

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Pension Fund Unaudited Accounts 2018/19

The Pension Fund Committee and Pension Board considered a report by the Executive Manager – Finance (F-038-F), that provided information on the Pension Fund Unaudited Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 and Annual Governance Statement.

In introducing the report, the Executive Manager – Finance advised that the Annual Governance Statement provides an overview of the governance arrangements and how they are operated and Members can take assurance that they are reviewed regularly and governance issues are also highlighted. The Executive Manager – Finance explained that the overall Pension Fund that sits with Fund Managers has increased by £37m and the report includes detail on the investments providing an explanation on each and outlines each fund's performance. The Executive Manager – Finance reported that two new accounting standards had also been adopted with no impact on the Pension Fund as the Council already complied with these standards. The Executive Manager – Finance also advised Members that while the report refers to a separate report, explaining the background and implications of the new accounting standards, that report would not be going to the Council as a separate matter, but would be explained as part of the presentation of the Council's unaudited financial statements.

In responding to a question, the Executive Manager – Finance advised that the Northern Trust Company has provided a custodian role over the last 30 years, and handle transactions, and when fund managers sell and buy the Northern Trust Company takes care of the paperwork. The Leader added that more understanding of the role of custodian would be provided within the Training Plan as they are the lynchpin providing a safeguarding role for the Pension Funds' investment assets.

There being no debate, Mr Coutts moved that the Committee approve the recommendations contained in the report, and thanked the staff involved in preparing the accounts. Mr Cooper seconded.

Decision:

The Pension Fund Committee and Pension Board:

- Considered the 2018/19 Unaudited Accounts for the Shetland Islands Council Pension Fund (Appendix 1) and;
- Considered the information at section 4.0 that highlighted the key issues from the 2018/19 accounts.
- The Pension Fund Committee RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 that formed part of the accounts.

The meeting concluded at 11.40am.

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Chair