

Merton Pensions Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on

17 November 2022

Attendance:

Cllr Laxmi Attawar (Chair)
Cllr John Braithwaite (Vice Chair)
Cllr Billy Christie
Gwyn Isaac (GMB Union Rep)
Roger Kershaw (LBM)
Nemashe Sivayogan (LBM)
Emma Price (Pensioner Rep)

External attendees:

Investment Consultant - Hymans Robertson
Fund Actuary- Barnet Waddingham
Elizabeth Jackson - Ernst and Young

1.0 MEETING (Part 1)

- 1.1 Introduction made by Chair.
- 1.2 Members Declaration of Interest – None.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting Held (Part 1) – 15 September 2022

- 2.1 Agreed as true record.

3. Merton Pension Fund – Audit Results Report- EY

- 3.1 NS gave a summary of the numbers on P4 of the report.
- 3.2 EJ mentioned the Level 3 cash testing was outstanding.
- 3.3 The accounts not signed by 30 November 2022 due to the Councils accounts having outstanding infrastructure valuation issues.
- 3.4 NS questioned why fees had risen. EJ fees were previously set by PSAA in 2018 since which the accounts have become more complex. The risk and profile of the fund had changed which meant additional fees.

4. Quarterly Fund Performance Review (July-Sept 2022)

- 4.1 RK presented the Q2 2022 Fund performance report and informed the Committee that over the 3 months to 30 September 2022, total Fund assets returned 3.5% compared to the benchmark of 4.6%. This equates to an underperformance of 1.1%.

- 4.2 The Fund's total market value decreased by £3m over the quarter, from £851m to £848m.
- 4.3 Over the last 12 months, the Fund performance was -11.8%, and 3-year annualised performance was 3.3%. The annual Actuarial performance target is 4.8%.
- 4. AOB**
None.