

#### **PE4. Pension Board – Appointment of Board Members**

The Committee and Board considered an update report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services on various governance matters affecting the Pension Board.

Appointments to the Board were for four years. Five members of the Board were due to complete their term of appointment. Members can be appointed for further terms. It was proposed that officers write to the employers and Trades Unions to confirm whether the current nominees would be re-nominated or whether new members would be appointed. Additionally, interest had been received in regard to the vacant pensioner position on the Committee. It was proposed that the selection and appointment process for this vacancy be taken forward by a group consisting of the Convener of the Committee, the Chair of the Board (or nominated substitutes) and an officer of the Board.

Additionally nominations were sought for the position of Chair of the Board. This rotated annually between the Trade Unions and Employer memberships with the following appointment falling to the Employer side. Following discussion between Employer representatives, Simon Hunt was nominated.

In regard to the Board, the constitution provided for four Trades Unions representatives. These were currently filled by Unison, Ucat, Unite and the GMB. However Ucat and Unite had merged. It was proposed that the four places be filled by 2 Unison, 1 GMB and 1 Unite representatives. Additionally one of the representatives should be from an employer other than Falkirk Council. If agreed the Board constitution would be amended accordingly.

#### **Decision**

##### **The Pensions Committee:-**

- 1) agreed that the four Trades Union places on the Board will be filled by 2 Unison, 1 GMB and 1 Unite representatives and that one union member should be from an employer other than Falkirk Council;**
- 2) noted that the Employer members of the Board had confirmed Simon Hunt as their nominee as Chair for the coming year; and**
- 3) agreed that a panel comprising the Convener of the Committee and the Chair of the Board (or named substitutes) plus an officer would undertake the appointment of a pensioner representative.**