

Falkirk Council

Subject: Pension Board Appointments

Meeting: Joint Meeting of Pensions Committee and Pension Board

Date: 13 August 2020

Submitted by: Director of Corporate and Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report advises Committee and Board of recent changes to membership of the Pension Board.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Pensions Committee and Pension Board are asked to note the changes to the Pension Board.
- 2.2 The Pension Board is asked to agree to the continuation of Simon Hunt as Chair of the Board for a further year (i.e. until 30 June, 2021)

3. Pension Board

- 3.1 The Pension Board consists of four employer representatives and four Trade Union representatives. The Union membership is allocated on the basis of two seats to Unison and one each to GMB and Unite.
- 3.2 The two Unison seats have been taken by Tony Caleary of Stirling Council and David Wilson of Clackmannanshire Council following a Union selection exercise. The resignation from the Board of the GMB representative, Tommy Murphy, means that one seat remains to be filled.
- 3.3 In the employer's section of the Board, George Murphy, Accounting Operations Officer at Stirling Council has replaced Councillor Brisley.
- 3.4 All three new members have attended an induction training session explaining their roles and responsibilities.
- 3.5 The Chair of the Pension Board rotates annually between an Employer and a Union representative. In view of the number of membership changes on the Board, it is suggested that Simon Hunt, as incumbent Chair, continues in the role for a further year until 30 June, 2021 at which time a Union member will assume the Office.

4. Implications

Financial

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Resources

4.2 There are no additional resources required in relation to the report.

Legal

4.3 There is a statutory requirement for the Fund to have functioning Pension Board.

Risk

4.4 Notwithstanding the absence of a GMB representative, the appointment of the three new members enables the Pension Board to continue operating in accordance with its agreed governance structure.

Equalities

4.5 There are no equality issues arising from this report.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

4.6 There are no sustainability/environmental issues arising from this report.

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Appendices

None

List of Background Papers:

None