Minutes of the Appointments, Standards and Appeals Committee

12 July 2021 at 1400 hours held at Fire Service Headquarters and digitally via Microsoft Teams

Present in person: Councillor Brackenridge (acting Chair)

Councillors Barlow and Padda

Present online: Councillors Hogarth, Igbal, Walsh

Apologies: Councillor Young

1/21 <u>Minutes of the Appointments, Standards and Appeals</u> Committee held on 21 September 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the Appointments, Standards and Appeals Committee held on 21 September 2020 be noted.

2/20 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person.

3/20 <u>Submission of Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure</u> (IDRP) for the Firefighters' Pension Scheme

In accordance with the Authority's procedures, the Committee considered an appeal received under stage two of the IDRP of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme.

The meeting was attended by the Strategic Enabler of Finance and Resources, and the Payroll and Pensions Manager.

Members reviewed the information submitted to the Committee and following deliberations, the Committee made the following decision at stage two of the IDRP:

- The Members of the Committee acknowledged the application and circumstances but the regulations did not provide for any such benefit to be paid.
 Additionally, the Authority had no discretion to make any payment under the rules of the Scheme.
- All six Members in attendance voted to not uphold the appeal:
 - The three Members attending in person voted in agreement to not uphold the appeal.
 - The three Members attending digitally voted in favour to not uphold the appeal.

Resolved that the appeal is not upheld.

(Proceedings ended at 14.33 hours)

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