Minutes of the Appeals Committee

15 May 2017 at Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham

Present: Councillor Mottram (Chair)

Councillor Eustace

Councillor Barrie, Clinton, and Hogarth

Apologies: Councillor Spence

1/17 Minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 23 November 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the Appeals Committee held on 23 November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

2/17 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 any individual.

3/17 <u>Submission of Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure (IDRP) for The Firefighters' Pension Scheme</u>

In accordance with the Authority's procedures, the Committee considered an appeal, made under Section 50 of the Pensions Act 1995.

The Strategic Enabler (Finance and Resources) attended the meeting to outline the decision of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer of the 22 December 2016.

Having considered the evidence submitted by both parties, the Committee decided not to uphold the appeal because scheme information, including the opportunity to "opt out" was provided to the Appellant/made available during the membership of the Scheme. The Committee did not consider any Regulations had been breached by the Pensions Section.

Resolved that the appeal is not upheld and the decision of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer issued on 22 December 2017 be confirmed.

(The meeting ended at 12.45 pm)

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