

Terms of Reference of the Pensions Forum 2015

The terms of reference of the Cumbria Pensions Forum are to seek the views of the representative bodies, employees and pensioners and discuss items of common interest in relation to pensions including:

- (a) administration of pensions and information to employees and pensioners in Cumbria;
- (b) discretionary benefits under the Scheme;
- (c) the state of the fund (the Annual Report and Accounts shall be submitted to the Forum);
- (d) investment policy; and
- (e) developments in public sector pension matters and to make appropriate recommendations by the County Council.

All Forum Members will have access to public Pension Committee papers and are invited to comment as appropriate.

The Chairman of the Pension Forum shall be a Member of the County Council.

The Cumbria Pensions Forum meets to inform and consult with the wider representation of employing organisations, and employee and pensioner representatives. The dates of these meetings are synchronised with those held by the Pensions Committee to allow for Forum input.

The Forum will meet at least once a year.

A special meeting of the Pension Forum may be called by the Chairman. Three District Council's or five Employer Bodies may request in writing that a Special Meeting is convened. The Chairman must call the meeting within 21 days of receiving the request.

The meetings will be Public meetings, and invitations will be circulated as widely as practicable to employer bodies and employee representatives. The membership of the Cumbria Pension Committee will be represented at each meeting, including where possible the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Each Member will have an equal vote and should it be required the Chair will have a casting vote. The policies in relation to voting and reimbursement of expenses of Committee members are inherited from Cumbria County Council, and form part of its Constitution. (Further details can be found on the Council's website at <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk>)

All facility time is paid by Cumbria County Council, as set out in the Trade Union Facilities Agreement