

# Investment and Engagement Sub-Committee

## Actions and Agreements 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014

### Item

#### 1. **Introductions and apologies**

Ian Greenwood - LAPFF (Chair)  
Brian Strutton – GMB  
Colin Meech - UNISON  
Cllr John Fuller - LGA  
Cllr Peter Brayshaw - LAPFF (*substituting for Cllr Kieran Quinn*)  
Nigel Keogh – CIPFA (*substituting for Graeme Russell*)  
Emelda Conroy - UCEA  
Geik Drever - CIPFA  
Peter Morris – Practitioners  
Bob Claxton - Practitioners  
Rodney Barton - Practitioners  
Bob Holloway – DCLG  
Linda Selman - Hymans Robertson  
Colin Cartwright - Aon Hewitt  
Andy Farrington - Mercer (*substituting for Jo Holden*)  
Jeff Houston - LGA (Secretariat)  
Con Hargrave - LGA (Secretariat)

Apologies – Graeme Russell - CIPFA, Cllr Kieran Quinn - LAPFF, Martin Clift - Unite, Alison Hamilton - Barnett Waddingham, Jo Holden - Mercer, Nick Buckland - ALAT

#### 2. **Actions and Agreements from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Agreed** - All items confirmed as undertaken or on the agenda for the meeting. The Secretariat met with the Law Commission in January, and the Commission will be making recommendations to the Government on fiduciary duty in pension institutions in June.

#### 3 **Draft Nigel Giffin QC opinion of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Action** – Secretariat to send the UNISON legal opinion to Counsel for his consideration.

**Agreed** - Secretariat to draft and distribute to the sub-committee a question for Counsel on the risks to the LGPS given the different opinions that exist with respect of the ultimate guarantor of the Scheme.

**Action** – Counsel to be asked about the application of the draft IORP2 in the LGPS and any impacts this would have on the matters which the sub-

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committee has already raised

**Agreed** - Following the additional questions and clarifications being sought from Counsel, no further advice should be sought by the sub-committee prior to this matter being discussed at Board level.

## 4. **LAPFF Engagement paper**

**Agreed** – Whilst member views do feedback into LAPFF work through local pensions committees, LAPFF are open to a more systematic means of member representation within its organisational structures.

**Action** - LAPFF to review how the representation of fund members within its structures can best be achieved.

**Agreed** - Scheme regulations could reasonably require engagement responsibilities for each LGPS pension fund.

**Action** - Secretariat to propose to DCLG a form of wording which would mandate engagement responsibilities on all LGPS funds.

## 5. **Establishment of Municipal Bonds Agency (MBA)**

**Agreed** - Meeting to be arranged between fund practitioners and the LGA Municipal Bonds Agency team to establish the potential role and usage of such an Agency for the LGPS.

**Action** – Secretariat to distribute to the sub-committee the full MBA Business Case.

## 6. **AOB**

**Action** - AON Hewitt to send the Secretariat details of the AON Hewitt/Cass Business School research into passive investment for onward distribution to the sub-committee.

## 7. **Date of next meeting**

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> July 11am - 1pm  
Conference rooms 3 & 4, Local Government House  
Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ