

13 JUNE 2014

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Friday, 13 June 2014.

- p Cllr G C Beck (Chairman)
- p Cllr W H Dow (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:**

- Mrs S V Beeton
- p S J Clarke
- p J D Heron
- p A N G Kilgour
- Mrs A E McEvoy
- p Mrs M McLean
- p J Penwarden

**Councillors:**

- p L R Puttock
- ap R F Scrivens
- ap S S Wade
- p Mrs C V Ward
- ap P R Woods
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

**Officers Attending:**

Ms M Stephens, S Stone and for part of the meeting, Mrs M Sandhu.

**3. MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 14 April and 19 May 2014 be signed by the Chairman as correct records.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with an agenda item.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

**6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME – POLICY STATEMENT ON PENSION DISCRETIONS (REPORT A).**

The Committee considered the proposed policy statement on Pension Discretions as a result of amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

The LGPS had been amended so that benefits accruing for service after 31 March 2014 would accrue on a Career Average Related Earnings (CARE) basis, rather

than on a final salary basis. As a result of the changes, the Council had to formulate a Statement of Policy on certain discretions they might exercise in relation to LGPS members.

Some of the discretion options were currently being offered by the Council. However, those that had significant financial implications were not recommended for inclusion in the scheme. The discretion options covered various circumstances including redundancy, early retirement, flexible retirement, contract changes, early access to pensions under the new 'Right to Ask', and the 85 year rule.

The Committee discussed the discretions, set out in Appendix 1 in detail and supported the proposals.

**RECOMMENDED:**

***That the Policy Statement on pension discretions detailed in Appendix 1 to Report A to the Committee be approved.***

Action: Manjit Sandhu

**7. HEALTH AND SAFETY INTERVENTION PLAN 2014/2015 (REPORT B).**

The Committee considered the proposed Health and Safety Intervention Plan for the coming year. The plan reviewed the work of the service for the previous year and proposed a full range of work for the year ahead.

A number of amendments to the Health and Safety Intervention Plan were suggested; namely: -

- Page 6, table two, event safety, type of intervention column, be amended to: "to provide information and guidance to assist duty holders to plan for, and manage, their event safely with the exception of events taking place on the road".
- Page 10, table five, the violence at work outcomes column be deleted and replaced with "incidents at residential homes had been investigated during the year".

**RESOLVED:**

That subject to the amendments set out above, the Health and Safety Intervention Plan for 2014/15 as set out in Appendix 1 to Report A to the Committee be approved.

Action: Stephen Stone

CHAIRMAN