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Smaller Employing Bodies Representative

Report by the Secretary to the Board

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To advise the Board of the outcome of the election of the Smaller Employing Bodies representative and to welcome the successful candidate to her first meeting.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the outcome of the election of the Smaller Employing Bodies representative and the subsequent appointment of the successful candidate, Jenny Moore, to membership of the Board be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 9 March 2011, the Board considered a review of its effectiveness. One of the outcomes of this was that the Board agreed to increase its membership to allow for an additional representative of Unitary Authorities and a representative of Smaller Employing Bodies (ie those which are not Councils or Police or Fire Authorities and are not already represented).
- 3.2 The process for the selection of the Smaller Employing Bodies representative was reported to the last meeting of the Board. Following a call for nominations sent to all eligible employers two nominations were received, in respect of Miles Carter (Finance Director and Business Manager, Gable Hall School, Corringham) and Jenny Moore (School Business Manager, The Billericay School). A ballot was held at the Employers Forum on 20 January, with voting by those eligible employers present. The outcome was as follows:

Candidate	Votes
Miles Carter	6
Jenny Moore	13

3.3 Jenny Moore was therefore elected and has been appointed to membership of the Forum for a two-year term until the Employer Forum in 2014.

4. Link to Essex Pension Fund Objectives

- 4.1 Include a representative of Smaller Employing Bodies in its membership will assist the Board in achieving the following Fund objectives:
 - Ensure the Pension Fund is managed and its services delivered by people who have the appropriate knowledge and expertise
 - Act with integrity and be accountable to our stakeholders for our decisions, ensuring they are robust and well based

5. Risk Implications

5.1 Failure to include a representative of Smaller Employing Bodies in the Board's membership would result in non-compliance with statutory guidance on the governance of LGPS Funds.

6. Communication Implications

6.1 The result of the election of the Smaller Employing Bodies Representative has been communicated to those employers which were eligible to vote.

7. Finance and Resources Implications

7.1 Depending on circumstances, the Smaller Employing Bodies Representative may be eligible to claim certain expenses, including travelling and subsistence and financial loss allowance.

8. Background Papers

8.1 None