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| <b>Essex Pension Fund<br/>Strategy Board</b> | <b>PSB 09b(ii)</b> |
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## **Pension Advisory Board (PAB) Annual Report**

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### **1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To provide the Board with an overview of PAB activity during 2020/21.

### **2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the Board should note:

- the content of the 2020/21 Annual Report and acknowledge it will be published within the Annual Report & Accounts; and
- the appointment of Councillor Lewis Barber as the new Essex County Council (ECC) Employer Representative on the PAB replacing the vacancy left by Councillor Simon Walsh as a result of the 25 May 2021 Full Council meeting; and
- the appointment of Councillor Jack Duffin as the Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock Unitary Representative on the PAB replacing Councillor Shane Hebb.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Essex Pension Fund Advisory Board (PAB) was established as the Local Pension Board for Essex in accordance with section 5 of the Public Service Pension Act 2013 and Part 3 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations 2013.

### **4. Essex Pension Fund Advisory Board Annual Report**

- 4.1 Appendix A to this report includes the 2020/21 Essex Pension Fund Advisory Board (PAB) Annual Report that was approved by Nicola Mark, Independent Chairman and Andrew Coburn, Vice Chairman, in June 2021.

### **5. PAB Change of Membership**

- 5.1 County Council Elections occur every four years. On 06 May 2021 the Local Elections were held.
- 5.2 At the 25 May 2021 ECC Full Council meeting the newly Elected Membership for ECC for the next four years was confirmed.
- 5.3 At this meeting, ECC's Committee Memberships were also agreed where Cllr Lewis Barber was appointed as ECC's Employer Representative to the PAB replacing Councillor Simon Walsh.
- 5.4 In addition, at the Thurrock Cabinet meeting held on 10 June 2021 Councillor Jack Duffin was appointed as the Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock Unitary Council's Representative to the PAB replacing Councillor Shane Hebb.

### **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Board note the content of the 2020/21 Annual Report and acknowledge it will be published within the Annual Report & Accounts.

- 6.2 That the Board note the appointments of Councillor Lewis Barber and Councillor Jack Duffin as the new Employer Representatives on the PAB for ECC and Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock Unitary Council's respectively.

## **7. Link to Essex Pension Fund Objectives**

- 7.1 Ensure compliance with the LGPS regulations, other relevant legislation and the Pensions Regulator's Codes of Practice.

## **8. Risk Implications**

- 8.1 Non-compliance with regulations caused by lack of knowledge by staff, changes in government policy/LGPS reforms and systems not kept up-to-date leading to reputational damage and financial loss.

## **9. Background Papers**

- 9.1 None.