



Essex County Council

Essex Pension Fund Strategy Board

10:00	Wednesday, 17 March 2021	Online Meeting,
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The meeting will be open to the public via telephone or online. Details about this are on the next page. Please do not attend County Hall as no one connected with this meeting will be present.

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Exempt Items

((During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and public))

The following items of business have not been published on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Members are asked to consider whether or not the press and public should be excluded during the consideration of these items. If so it will be necessary for the meeting to pass a formal resolution:

That the press and public are excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the specific paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A engaged being set out in the report or appendix relating to that item of business.

10 Pooling Update

To receive a presentation from the Interim Director for Essex Pension Fund

11 Employer Update - Retail Price Index (RPI) Reform and Flexibilities

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

12 Fund Actuary - Contractual Arrangements

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

13 Urgent Exempt Business

To consider in private any other matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.