

## HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY

### PENSION BOARD

27 JANUARY 2024

#### PRESENT:

Employer representatives: Councillor Shepherd (Chairperson) (attended remotely) and Steve Duffield (Area Manager of Emergency Response)

Scheme Member representatives: Sam Miller-Hodges (FBU Representative) and Peter Wheldale (Scheme Member Representative)

Martyn Ransom - Executive Director of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Scheme Manager, Sarah Keyes – Senior Finance Officer, David Lofthouse - Head of Finance (Pensions), Lisa Nicholson - Monitoring Officer/Secretary and Rob Close - Committee Manager.

The meeting was held at the Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters.

**1/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – There were no apologies for absence.

**2/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.

**3/25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8 JULY 2024** - Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 8 July 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**4/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OTHER THAN ON THE AGENDA** - There were no matter arising.

**5/25 UPDATE REPORT: REPORTING BREACHES** - The Head of Finance (Pensions) informed the Board that there had been one breach reported in September 2024 in relation to the remedial process and a further breach in December 2024. However, it was not anticipated that the March 2025 deadline would be breached.

**Resolved** - That the update be received.

**6/25 PENSION BOARD WORKSTREAMS UPDATE** - The Executive Director of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Scheme Manager submitted a report setting out an update on the Board's workstreams for 2024/25.

The Board was reminded that Members could submit requests for training and agreed to hold a training session following its 14 July 2025 meeting. No complaints had yet been received during 2024/25.

**Resolved** - That the report be received.

**7/25 MATTHEWS UPDATE** - The Head of Finance (Pensions) updated the Board on the remedy process for the Matthews case. The Board was advised that around 500 people were affected as part of the Matthews remedy, of which 316 had been written to, 232 replies had been received and 185 statements had been issued. Of these, 70 had expressed a preference to take up the remedy and these were being processed. This represented a favourable position compared to other services.

**Resolved** - (a) That the update be received, and

(b) that a further update be provided at the Board's 14 July 2025 meeting.

**8/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – There were no items.