

**AGENDA for the INVESTMENT COMMITTEE meeting in Committee Room B,
County Hall, Hertford on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 10.00 am.**

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (11 - QUORUM 3)

**N Brook, D Clayton, F Escott, P V Goggins, B N W Hammond, M H T Janes (Chairman),
I H Laidlaw - Dickson, R J Smith.**

**Representatives of Hertfordshire Local Government Association (Hertfordshire Section) (3)
(Non voting)**

H G S Banks, S Taylor, N Payne

M Roberts (Unison) (Observer)

PART 1 (PUBLIC) AGENDA

Meetings of the Committee are open to the public (this includes the press) and attendance is welcomed. However, there may be occasions when the public are excluded from the meeting for particular items of business. Any such items are taken at the end of the public part of the meeting and are listed below under "Part II" ('closed') agenda".

1. MINUTES

To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2002 (copy circulated).

2. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

To review the Council's current Statement of Investment Principles.

Report of the Finance Director (copy attached).

3. EXERCISING OF DISCRETIONS

To review the Council's current policy of exercising discretions in respect of pensions.

Report of the Finance Director (copy attached).

4. EQUITABLE LIFE

To update the Committee on the latest developments at Equitable Life.

Report of the Finance Director (copy attached).

PART II ('CLOSED') AGENDA

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Items 5 to 13 are of a confidential nature on this agenda and therefore:

“Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public are to be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act”

5. PENSION FUND – THE WM PENSION FUND SERVICE 2001

i) Purpose of the report

To inform the Committee of the results of the annual WM Company's performance measurement service for 2001.

ii) Background

The WM Company has been providing a performance measurement service for pension funds since 1975 and the County Council has been subscribing towards it since 1980. Jim Herron of the WM Company will present the report. (report circulated herewith).

iii) Financial Implications

There are no directly foreseeable financial implications for the County Council arising from the WM Company's report, although the long term success of any investment policy will have repercussions on the actuarial valuation of the Pension Fund and the resulting level of employer's contributions arising therefrom.

6. PENSION FUND - SUMMARY STATEMENT AS AT 31 MARCH 2002

Report of the Finance Director (copy attached).

7 – 12 PENSION FUND - INVESTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS

To inform the Committee of activities undertaken on behalf of the Pension Fund during the most recent period and to advise on anticipated policy for the future.

The Investment Managers' reports are enclosed with this Agenda. Due to their size these reports have been circulated to Committee Members only.

7. JUPITER ASSET MANAGEMENT – BALANCED PORTFOLIO FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

The managers will be represented at this meeting by Ken Cliff and Edward Bland.

8. SCHRODER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - PORTFOLIO FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

The managers will be represented at this meeting by Jill Thompson and Lyndon Bolton

9. BAILLIE GIFFORD - PORTFOLIO FOR THE QUARTER ENDED - 31 MARCH 2002

The managers will not be attending this meeting but any matters raised will be taken up with Baillie Gifford and Members advised as necessary of the outcome.

10. CAPITAL INTERNATIONAL PORTFOLIO FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

The managers will not be attending this meeting but any matters raised will be taken up with Capital International and Members advised as necessary of the outcome.

11. MERRILL LYNCH – PORTFOLIO FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

The managers will not be attending this meeting but any matters raised will be taken up with Merrill Lynch and Members advised as necessary of the outcome.

12. JUPITER ASSET MANAGEMENT – UK SPECIALIST PORTFOLIO FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

The managers will not be attending this meeting but any matters raised will be taken up with Jupiter and Members advised as necessary of the outcome.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

If you wish to know more about issues covered in these reports please contact Jill Digby on 01992 555388.

If you require a copy of any of the reports mentioned above or require further information about this agenda please contact Adrian Service, Committee Services, County Secretary's Department, on telephone no. 01992 555564 or fax. 01992 555518

Please note that full papers have been dispatched to Committee members only. All other members have been sent the front sheets of each report.