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Pension Fund Committee

Date: Tuesday, 2 December 2025
Time: 1.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

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Question submitted by Julie-Ann Booker (On behalf of South West Action on Pensions)

Item 14 on your agenda today is 'LGPS Investment Pooling Update. To receive a verbal update from officers on progress made to implement the changes required in response to the government's plans for the future of Local Government Pension Schemes (LGPS) pooling".

Whilst this is a confidential item on your agenda, it is public knowledge that on the dissolution of Brunel Pension Partnership, Dorset Council Pension Fund has made a decision to transfer investment management to the Local Pensions Partnership Investments (LPPI) pool. https://www.localgov.co.uk/Council-moves-to-strengthen-4bn-pension-fund/63166

The current Brunel Pension Partnership clients who have decided to move to LPPI are: Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset and the Environment Agency. Collectively taking some £25b of investments with them. This will have a significant impact on LPPI as a pension management pool.

In answer to a public question on 24th June 2025, Pension Committee Chair, Cllr Andy Canning, said that:

"The criteria used to assess the suitability of alternative investment pools will include:

· Ability to meet the Government's requirements

· Range of investment products offered and performance

· Approach to responsible investment

· Proposed governance arrangements

· People and culture

· Transition plans and costs".

Whilst the detailed arrangements for moving Dorset Council Pension Fund to LPPI may well include business confidential issues, it would not be unreasonable to expect transparency on the process for making the decision on which pool to move to. Addressing the criteria above and what LPPI promised Dorset Council Pension Fund that encouraged the committee to join that pool rather than another.

A report in the open part of the committee agenda in March would certainly go a long way to achieve this and ensure that the committee are accountable to their pension members.

In the meantime, the question for this pension committee meeting is:

Question: What is the planned time table for transferring the Dorset Council Pension Fund to the Local Pensions Partnership Investments pool that has been agreed with government.