Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Resources Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday 13 October 2026

Dissolution of Pensions Sub-Committee

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Executive Summary

A Sub-Committee of the Resources Committee was set up in 2008 to deal with some pensions matters. It has not sat since 2009 and there is no identifiable work for it. The recommendation is that it is dissolved.

Recommendation(s)

To approve the dissolution of the Pensions Sub-Committee.

Information

1. A meeting of the Resources Committee on 1 April 2008 set up a Special Sub-Committee with delegated powers to "act, to consider and determine individual cases of dispute over injury pensions." The content of the paper makes it clear that this was in response to a particular issue that had arisen relating to over and under payment of injury pensions. This is no longer a current issue.

2. So far as can be determined, this sub-committee met only a few times and last met on 11 February 2009.

3. At a meeting of the Resources Committee on 27 November 2024, the Sub-Committee was renamed as the Pensions Sub-Committee. This was to allow the Sub-Committee to cover a wider remit, but it is not set out what this wider remit was. There is no record of this re-named sub-committee ever sitting.

4. Currently, a report on pensions matters goes to the full Resources Committee. Pensions appeal (Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure (IDRP) – Stage 2) cases also used to go to the full Resources Committee but following the adoption of the new constitution on 21 September 2026, IDRP 2 appeals will now be heard by the Appeals Committee. Two members of the Authority also sit on the local pensions board which deals with matters relating to firefighters' pensions.

5. It seems that the original purpose for the sub-committee no longer exists and there is no identifiable work that it could consider as all pensions matters are dealt with either by the Resources or the Appeals Committee. This meeting is therefore asked to resolve that the Pensions Sub-Committee is dissolved.

Business risk

An unused and redundant sub-committee is not good for governance.

Sustainability or Environmental Impact

None.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None.

Data Protection (GDPR)

None.

HR implications

None.

Financial implications

None.

Legal implications

None.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of background papers

Paper:
Date:
Contact:

Glossary

IDRP - Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure