

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 10 SEPTEMBER 2001

**REPORT ON: ANGUS DIGITAL MEDIA CENTRE LIMITED
 - ADMISSION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

REPORT NO: 568-2001

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Following on Report No 131/96 to the Finance Committee on 10 June 1996, which laid down the conditions to apply before a body could be considered for admission into the Local Government Pension Scheme administered by Dundee City Council, Angus Digital Media Centre Limited has applied for membership and the Committee is requested to consider their application.

2 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to Angus Digital Media Centre Limited being admitted into the Local Government Pension Scheme administered by Dundee City Council.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Angus Council has agreed to act as financial guarantor for any potential liability that may arise as a result of the withdrawal or cessation of Angus Digital Media Centre Limited as an admitted body to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

None

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 Under the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 1998, the administering authority has the right to admit other bodies into the Local Government Scheme providing they meet the requirements of Regulation 4(8) of these Regulations. Any body admitted then has the same rights and liabilities as the local authorities in the scheme.

6.2 The Angus Digital Media Centre Limited qualifies under Regulation 4(8)(a) "A body which provides a public service in the United Kingdom otherwise than for the purposes of gain".

6.3 The Finance Committee at its meeting on 10 June 1996 agreed detailed criteria of which one must be met if the body's application for admission to the Local Government Pension Scheme was to be submitted to the Finance Committee. These criteria were as follows:

- i Bodies with long term funding (in excess of 20 years);
- ii Bodies who have been in existence for at least 10 years and who have a foreseeable long term future in existence;
- iii Bodies with short term funding where another substantive body is prepared to act as guarantor;
- iv Bodies where the employees were formerly local government staff.

7 CONCLUSIONS

In view of the agreement of Angus Council to act as guarantor, it would be appropriate for Angus Digital Media Centre Limited to be admitted into the Local Government Pension Scheme as administered by Dundee City Council.

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NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.