

PENSIONS BOARD – 5 OCTOBER 2023 – AGENDA ITEM A6

SUMMARY OF THE DECISIONS OF THE PENSIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

SUBJECT	RECOMMENDATION(S)	DECISIONS
A5 - REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION – APPROVED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PENSIONS COMMITTEE AND PENSIONS BOARD	To note the changes to the Terms of Reference of the Pensions Committee and the Pensions Board, as approved by the Council on 13 July 2023 and detailed in the Appendix to this report.	Noted and that members will discuss with their colleagues the many positive aspects of serving on the Committee, with a view to extending membership to 6 and with more diversity in the make-up
B1 - PENSION FUND PERFORMANCE 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2023 + EXEMPT APPENDIX – MERCER'S ESG RATING REVIEW	2.1 To note the performance of the Fund from 1 April to 30 June 2023 as per BNY Mellon interactive performance report 2.2 To receive the presentation by MJ Hudson, our independent investment advisers, on our fund managers' quarterly performance attached as Appendix 1.	Noted typographical error at para 3.11.2 (Aviva) – by insertion of "-7.1%" for "7.1%" in line 2 AGREED recommendations and that all managers be included in the table on managers' performance for the future

	<p>2.3 To note for information the Mercer NewsAlert LGPS Issues August'23 – Appendix 2</p> <p>2.4 To note the Annual performance report by PIRC attached as Appendix3</p> <p>2.5 To note the latest ESG ratings of our managers prepared by Mercer(attached exempt Appendix 4)</p>	<p>Hearthstone - noted verbal report on progress</p> <p>Quinbrook – Deputy Dir Finance undertook to check why the emissions data had changed</p>
B2 - INVESTMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT UPDATE	<p>2.1 To note the draft ISS document tracked (attached as Appendix 1)</p> <p>2.2 To agree the changes and instruct officers to publish the new ISS.</p> <p>2.3 To note that a stand-alone responsible policy document is being developed for consideration at a future meeting</p>	AGREED recommendations
B3 - ANNUAL REVIEW AND PROGRESS ON THE 2021-2025 PENSION BUSINESS PLAN	<p>2.1 To consider and note Appendix A attached.</p> <p>2.2 To review the business plan objectives and agree the required changes if any for the next year.</p>	AGREED recommendations
	<p>2.1 To note the report from Mercer on M&G Sustainable attached as Exempt Appendix 1</p>	Noted recommendations 2.1, 2.5 and 2.7

<p>B4 - INVESTMENT STRATEGY REVIEW UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p>+Exempt Appendix 1- Mercer presentation-M&G Sustainable Alpha Opportunities Fund Exempt Appendix 2- MJ Hudson notes on Pantheon Infrastructure Fund III and I</p>	<p>2.2 To consider the key characteristics of the sustainable strategy and make a decision (i) to transition to the new proposed sustainable version or (ii) keep the existing portfolio</p> <p>2.3 To consider exempt Appendix 2- note prepared by our independent advisor on Pantheon Infrastructure</p> <p>2.4 Subject to 2.3 agree to re-commitment to the next vintage to maintain our allocation of 6%.</p> <p>2.5 To note the progress made on rebalancing our property allocation to the agreed 20%.</p> <p>2.6 To note initial action taken on our emerging markets portfolios</p> <p>2.7 To agree to receive a further progress report at the next meeting in November</p>	<p>AGREED: 2.2 – to transition to the new proposed sustainable version of the SAOF</p> <p>2.3 and 2.4 – agreed commitment to Pantheon Infrastructure</p>
<p>B5 - DRAFT RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON POOLING</p>	<p>2.1 The note the consultation document Local Government Pension Scheme (England and Wales): Next steps on investments - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>2.2 To consider the five main areas focused for consultation as list in para 3.3 and give their comments on</p>	<p>AGREED response to DHLUC</p>

	<p>the draft response attached as Appendix 1</p> <p>2.3 To agree to authorise officers to send the final version by 2nd October</p>	
<p>B6 - PENSIONS COMMITTEE 2023/24 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME</p>	<p>2.1 To consider and agree Appendix A attached</p>	<p>Noting that AGM was more likely to be held in November than October, AGREED recommendation</p>
<p>B7 - THE LONDON CIV UPDATE</p> <p>+ EXEMPT APPENDIX – MONTHLY BUSINESS UPDATE – AUGUST 2023</p>	<p>2.1 To note (exempt appendix1) and AGM meeting presentation slides on 18th July and the progress and activities presented at the August business update session (exempt appendix 2)</p>	<p>Noted</p>