

Responses to supplementary questions

The four questions were:

1. Greg Dropkin asked a supplementary question, had the committee considered the additional evidence he submitted? The chair responded that a more in-depth response would be provided in writing.

With regard to the supplementary question you asked at Pensions Committee, I would advise that the additional information you submitted will be contained in information provided to a future meeting of the Responsible Investment Working Party.

2. Prue Stothard asked a supplementary question; who has decided who will make up the group of the responsible investments working party? The Chair informed the questioner that the group had yet to decide its membership but it will be decided by this committee and it will contain members of this committee.

With regard to the supplementary question you asked at Pensions Committee, I would advise that, as agreed at Committee and set out in the minutes of the meeting, the core members of the Responsible Investment Working Party will be the Chair and the Party Spokespersons (or their deputies), but all Members will be invited to attend and participate together with members of the Local Pension Board.

3. Tony Norbury asked a supplementary question about ethical investments and asked the committee to consider more sustainable investments.

With regard to the supplementary question you asked at Pensions Committee, I would advise that sustainability is integral to the Fund's stewardship and responsible investment policies, and will continue to be so as policies are considered by the Responsible Investment Working Party.

4. Helen Dickson asked a supplementary question. Would the Merseyside Pension Fund commit to assuring that Members are aware of the facts surrounding investments.

With regard to the supplementary question you asked at Pensions Committee, I would advise that it is intended that the Responsible Investment Working Party will receive detailed information on the Fund's defence holdings and Members are able to request further information, as they feel appropriate.