



## **LOCAL PENSION BOARD**

**12 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>REVISED INVESTMENT STRATEGY</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide Board members with a copy of a report on proposed revisions to the Fund's strategic asset allocation recently taken to Pensions Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Local Pension Board be recommended to consider and note the report.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

1.1 To fulfil its role in supporting the Scheme Manager, it is important that the Local Pension Board is informed of the governance of the Fund's investment activities.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

2.1 Not relevant for this report. This is the most suitable option to provide the Local Pension Board with this information.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3.1 Last year, MPF relet its contract for strategic investment advice. The tender specified MPF's strategic investment objectives and extended to include support for a major programme of change. The change programme is intended to deliver the objectives previously approved by Committee in relation to investment strategy, climate risk, sustainability and responsible investment. The attached report sets out progress to date and recommendations for further actions.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Regulation 7(1) requires an administering authority to formulate an investment strategy which must be in accordance with guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

6.1 As set out in the accompanying report.

### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 A failure to provide the Local Pension Board with information on legislative changes and the Fund's activities could hinder the Board in fulfilling its statutory duties.

### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 The views of the Pension Board were sought in the surveys used in the development of the Pension Risk Management Framework.

### **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

### **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The Fund's responsible investment policy has regard to the environmental, social and governance implications of its investments.

**11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 As set out in the accompanying report.

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**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1-3 Investment Strategy report to Pensions Committee.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

CIPFA: Managing Risk in the Local Government Pension Scheme

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

This report is being considered by the Pension Board in accordance with Section 13.2 (b) of its Terms of Reference:

(b) Review management, administrative and governance processes and procedures in order to ensure they remain compliant with the Regulations, relevant legislation and in particular the Code.

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>