



London Borough of Enfield

Report Title	London CIV responsible investment update
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Purpose of Report

1. This report introduces the 2024 (for the year ending 31 December 2023) London CIV Responsible Investment and Stewardship Outcomes report.

Recommendations

2. The Pension Board are recommended to note the contents of this report and the attached appendix.

Background and Options

3. In 2015, the U.K. government introduced the concept of investment pools to increase the scale of LGPS investments. The main goals were to improve returns through scale and reduce investment costs.
4. London CIV is one of eight U.K. LGPS asset pooling companies. The London Boroughs and City of London who are the 32 shareholders are also clients.
5. London CIV was established in 2015 as a collaborative vehicle to pool LGPS pension fund assets with the intention of achieving cost savings on investment products and delivering best value. The purpose of the company is ***“to be the LGPS pool for London to enable the London Local Authorities (LLAs) to achieve their pooling requirements”***.

6. Pool members are both shareholders and investors. Beyond the practical purpose to deliver pooling, LCIV aspires to be “***a best-in-class asset pool delivering value for Londoners through long term sustainable investment strategies.***” This statement has been updated to emphasise their commitment to responsible investment and stewardship.
7. The Enfield Pension Fund has approximately 47% of its assets in the London CIV pool.

Reason for Recommendation

8. The Enfield Pension Fund's responsible investment strategy is defined by the United Nations' 'Principles for Responsible Investment' and aims to incorporate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into investment decisions. The strategy is aligned with the Fund's investment beliefs and recognises ESG factors as central themes in measuring the sustainability and impact of its investments. The Fund favours engagement with companies and sectors over blanket divestment, believing it to be the most effective strategy for promoting change in line with ESG principles and protecting long-term investment interests.
9. The attached appendix, demonstrates how London CIV assists partner funds in delivering on its responsible investment strategy and stewardship for the Enfield Pension Fund

Relevance to Council Plans and Strategies

10. Clean and green places
11. Strong Healthy and safe communities
12. An economy that works for everyone

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Appendices

Appendix 1: London CIV Responsible Investment and Stewardship Outcomes Report 2024