



London Borough of Enfield

Report Title	Review of all investment holdings following Government announcements.
Report to	Pension Policy & Investment Committee (PPIC)
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Purpose of Report

1. To ask PPIC to agree to a review of all investment holdings following Government announcements regarding Local Government Pension Schemes (LGPS) which is expected to be released in early December 2024.

Recommendations

1. For PPIC to agree to the review of all investment holdings following the Government's announcements in December 2024.

Background and Reason for proposal

2. The Government has recently initiated a comprehensive consultation exercise on pensions pooling, aiming to gather insights and opinions from various stakeholders on proposed changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). This initiative seeks to streamline and enhance

the efficiency of LGPS schemes. The primary objective is to leverage economies of scale, reduce administrative costs, improve investment opportunities and increase investment in the UK. Through this consultation, the Government is engaging with industry experts, employers, employees, Pension Pools and Funds to ensure that the reform addresses the needs and concerns of all parties involved. By fostering an open dialogue and considering diverse perspectives, the Government aims to create a more robust and sustainable pension framework that will benefit current and future retirees as well as the UK economy. The outcomes of this consultation will play a crucial role in shaping the future of pension policies, ensuring that they are both equitable and financially sound.

3. Enfield Pension Fund (the “Fund”) responded to the consultation in September 2024 (attached as appendix 1). The Governments proposals from the consultation is expected in early December 2024.
4. The most significant proposals within the consultation include:
 - A greater proportion of Pension Fund assets to be invested via the pool (For the Enfield Fund this would be London CIV for which Enfield is a partner Fund)
 - Increased investment in UK companies and assets
 - Increased investment in private markets and productive assets
5. A review of all investment holdings by PPIC is therefore recommended, following the consultation proposals in December to ensure the Fund is compliant with any new proposals or legislation put forward by the Government .

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Enfield response to the consultation

Background Papers

None