

## **WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

WILTSHIRE PENSION FUND LOCAL PENSION BOARD  
21 May 2020

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### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report explains the process in place to update the 2018 Investment Strategy Statement (ISS) for consideration and approval. It is an update to the 2018 version.

#### **Background**

2. The ISS is in the process of being significantly updated from the 2018 version. This project is being done with advice from Mercer, the Fund's investment adviser, in order to ensure compliance with the requirements, as set out in the Government guidance on preparing and maintaining an Investment Strategy Statement, first published in September 2016 and updated in July 2017.
3. The formulation, publication and maintenance of an Administering Authority's Investment Strategy Statement is required by Regulation 7 of The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2016.
4. Under Regulation 7(6) and (7), the statements must be published by 1st April 2017 and then kept under review and revised from time to time and at least every three years. The ISS was last reviewed in July 2018, and the current review is therefore compliant with this requirement.
5. The new version incorporates the following major changes:
  - Includes the new Strategic Asset Allocation;
  - Reflects the new arrangements in place following the removal of the flight path trigger process;
  - Includes comprehensive information on the Fund's position regarding responsible investment and specifically on climate change;
  - Includes updates following the completion of the 2019 actuarial valuation.

#### **Main Consideration for the Local Pension Board**

6. The draft ISS will be circulated by email prior to the meeting for members information.
7. The 2018 version has been updated for the changes detailed above.
8. The draft will be taken to the Investment Sub-Committee on 2 July 2020, and Full Committee on 25 July 2020 for review and approval.
9. The Local Pension Board are asked to consider the process that has been followed, and to confirm that this is in line with best practice and expectations.

#### **Financial Considerations**

10. The Financial considerations are considered within the draft ISS.

### **Risk Assessment**

11. The risk associated with a change to the Strategic Asset Allocation is assessed, as part of the operational process and reported to the Investment sub-committee.

### **Safeguarding Considerations/Public Health Implications/Equalities Impact**

12. There are no known implications at this time.

### **Reasons for Proposals**

13. To keep the Investment Strategy Statement up to date.

### **Environmental Impact of the Proposals**

14. Environmental considerations are dealt with within the draft ISS.

### **Proposal**

15. The Board is asked to approve the process regarding updating and obtaining approval for the ISS.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report:           None