Leicestershire County Council Pension Fund

Pensions Investment Business Plan

2024-2025

	Item	Key in year deliverables	Aims	Support required	Timescales
Training	Continuous training of the Local Pension Committee	 Officers to review training policy and training needs self-assessment for members and create individual training plans. Publicise LGPS Central's Annual Responsible Investment/Stakeholder Day meeting date to LPC Members New Members to have induction with relevant officer(s) and induction pack. Hymans training module 1 – intro to the LGPS Completion of all Hymans training modules for all officers and members in 22/23: Training plan for 23/24 based on self-assessments and key issues across the LGPS. Quarterly Manager presentations. 	 Training needs to understand individual requirements, officers to advise Member accordingly To build minimum standard of knowledge by improving RI understanding, knowledge of investment asset classes and Fund mandates Highlight LAPPF engagement success and progress as well as informing of new areas of RI. Hymans online training to generally improve knowledge in the most important areas for Committee members and officers 	from another service Training from external sources can include Hymans, LGPS Central, LAPFF, Funds investment managers	 March 2024 As available Throughout year As needed throughout year Progress to be highlighted to officers and members quarterly

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Policies	Net Zero Climate Strategy	 Continued implementation of Net Zero Climate Strategy and action plan. Communication of Strategy and progress against climate metrics. Further development of measurements through future iterations of Climate Risk Management Report in line with government guidance best practice and data availability Manager monitoring and engagement on climate metrics and targets. 	 To manage the climate risk and opportunities to the Fund arising from Climate Change. To communicate to scheme members and interested parties of the current progress versus the NZCS interim targets. To communicate and engage with the Fund's investment managers on the Fund's expectations with relation to climate risk management. 	External support / resource as required to be defined for selected workstreams, Hymans, LGPS Central, other external bodies	Ongoing, multiyear timescales with 2030 interim targets agreed at March 2023 LPC.
	Update Investment Strategy Statement (ISS)	 Annual update of ISS to include changes from 2024 Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) review Update the latest position from the 2023 climate risk report (CRR) and implications to delivery of the Net Zero Climate Strategy interim targets (March 2023) 	Annual refresh which sets the parameters within which the Fund's assets can be invested highlighting factors taken into account when deciding the investment strategy such as responsible investing and climate risk and opportunities.	• None	April 2024

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	Annual Review of Fund's various policies and strategies	To undertake a review of the Fund's various policies and strategies including the cash management strategy.	Annual refresh of relevant Strategies to reflect any developments / maintain best practice within the Fund and its management (such as the NZCS). Or government guidance.	External Support/resource as required Hymans, LGPS Central or other external bodies.	Ongoing, as required
	Complete the 2023 SAA approved decisions. Enact the 2024 decisions from the Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) review	 Create and propose implementation plan for outcomes from the 2024 SAA proposals and ISC recommendations Enact other decisions as approved by the Committee in Jan 2024 throughout the year as appropriate 	To complete investment decisions proposed by Hymans and approved by Committee in Jan 2023 and January 2024 noting that some decisions require careful planning and take a significant amount of time	The Fund's investment advisor Hymans Robertson and LGPS Central.	 Existing 2023 SAA approvals currently planned to be completed in H1 2024 2024 SAA reviews are scheduled at Investment sub committee meetings as follows: Protection assets Review of two income asset class investments (timberland and bank capital relief)
Asset Allocation	Investment manager presentations	Four manager presentations covering 4 differing various asset classes at scheduled Pension Committees. Asset classes to chosen by officers throughout the year.	To improve the Committee understanding of the sector and mandates the Fund has investments within including LGPS Central's governance of external managers.	Investment Manager attendance	Investment managers for quarterly committee meetings scheduled for March, June, September and November 2024

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	 Each manager to cover the following: ESG – e.g. how they identify, assess, and manage climate risks Describe the mandate and aims Mandate performance Market outlook for their sector 	 Question manager on ESG polices and performance versus mandate goals Increase knowledge of the investment class 		Currently scheduled meetings and managers: March – Adams Street Partners June – TBC September – TBC November – TBC
2025 Strategic Asset Allocation preparatory work	 Produce 2025 strategic asset allocation strategy refresh, including: Agreeing scope with the Fund's advisor and present for approval to the LPC in November Net Zero Climate Strategy considerations Balancing required return versus risk and updated medium/long assumptions for asset class returns. Any potential asset class reviews 	To provide the Fund the right level of return taking into account all risks, assets and liabilities	The Fund's investment advisor Hymans and any third party with respect to the NZCS	The SAA is normally delivered for approval at the January Local Pension Committee meeting

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Valuation	Triennial valuation	 Prepare for the upcoming 3 year valuation due on the 31st March 2025. Update LPC on the timeline for the valuation principles and key assumptions to be agreed where required. 	 Early indication of the potential effects on the Fund valuation and employers when the next triennial valuation takes place. Improves financial planning and forecasting for employers within the Fund. 	Hymans Robertson	 Updates planned to be bought to the and November 2024 LPC, currently planned to propose the broad principles. Future 2025 LPC meetings will agree results for stabilised employers, agree final assumptions (eg discount rate, inflation etc) and produce the whole fund valuation report.
	Annual Report and Accounts	Approval and publication of the Fund's Annual Report and Accounts by 1 December in line with the LGPS Regulations.			September 2024
Reporting	Monitor the annual Budget	To monitor the Annual Budget reflecting anticipated income and expenditure during 2024	Provide indications of variances from the budget		During 2024
Repo	RI Plan	 Progress the Fund's RI Plan as agreed at January 2024 Local Pension Committee meeting. More information included within the appendix taken to the January 26 2024 Local Pension Committee Appendix A: Draft RI plan 2024 	 Continue reporting against best practice and guidance available. Improved understanding of RI risks including climate change. Improved communication with scheme members 	LGPS Central. LAPFF, Investment Managers reporting	Ongoing multiyear implementation alongside NZCS.

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			and other interested parties.		
	LGPS Central	Update Committee with Shareholder and customer activity with respect to actions or decisions taken at the Joint Committee and Company (central) meetings	In line with good governance of the Fund		As appropriate through 2024/25
	Respond to Government consultations and initiatives	Participation with LGPS Central and individually where appropriate	To allow government to hear the Funds views on various topics being consulted on.	LGPS Central, Hymans Robertson	As appropriate through 2024/25