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Individual/ internal staff engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company relevant ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced ESG disclosure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company relevant ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced ESG disclosure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements</p>	
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Service provider engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company relevant ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced ESG disclosure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers</p>		

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2014/15

National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the [PRI website](#), ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2014-15 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six [Principles for Responsible Investment](#). It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
☑	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
🔒	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ⓜ	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.

Principles Index

Organisational Overview				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	✓	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓
OO 07	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Private							✓
OO 08	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	✓	Private							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓

Overarching Approach				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OA 01	RI policy and other guidance documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 02	Publicly available policies / documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 03	Policy components and coverage	✓	Public	✓	✓					
OA 04	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
OA 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
OA 06	Main goals/objectives this year	✓	Private							✓
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	✓	Private							✓
OA 08	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
OA 09	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓	
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Private	✓						
OA 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓						
OA 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 17	RI/ESG in execution and/or advisory services	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
OA 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Private							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	✓	Private							✓

Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SAM 01	Description of RI considerations	✓	Private	✓					✓	
SAM 02	Role of investment consultants	✓	Public				✓			
SAM 03	RI factors in selection, appointment and monitoring across asset classes	✓	Public							✓
SAM 04	Breakdown of passive, active quant and active fundamental	✓	Private							✓
SAM 05	ESG incorporation strategies	✓	Public	✓	✓					
SAM 06	Selection processes (listed assets)	✓	Public	✓						✓
SAM 07	Appointment considerations (listed assets)	✓	Private				✓			
SAM 08	Monitoring processes (listed assets)	✓	Public	✓						
SAM 09	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
SAM 10	Selection processes (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 11	Appointment considerations (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a				✓			
SAM 12	Monitoring processes (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 13	Description of RI considerations in 'other' asset classes	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 14	Percentage of externally managed assets managed by PRI signatories	✓	Private	✓						✓
SAM 15	Examples of ESG issues in selection, appointment and monitoring processes	✓	Private		✓					
SAM 16	Disclosure of RI considerations	✓	Public							✓

Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEA 01	Description of approach to engagement	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	✓	Public	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 06	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 07	Role in engagement process	✓	Public		✓		✓			
LEA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 09	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	✓	Private	✓	✓					
LEA 10	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 11	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 12	Engagements on E, S and/or G issues	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 13	Companies changing practices / behaviour following engagement	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 14	Examples of ESG engagements	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 15	Disclosure of approach to ESG engagements	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 16	Description of approach to (proxy) voting	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 17	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 18	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 19	Confirmation of votes	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 20	Securities lending programme	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 21	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 22	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 23	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 24	Shareholder resolutions	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 25	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 26	Disclosing voting activities	🔒	n/a		✓				✓	

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information

OO 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Peering	General
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OO 01.1 Select the category which best represents your primary activity.

- Non-corporate pension or superannuation or retirement or provident fund or plan
- Corporate pension or superannuation or retirement or provident fund or plan
- Insurance company
- Foundation or endowment
- Development finance institution
- Reserve - sovereign or government controlled fund
- Other, specify

OO 02	Mandatory	Peering	General
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OO 02.1 Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

United Kingdom

OO 02.2 Indicate the number of countries in which you have offices (including your headquarters).

- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- >10

OO 02.3 Indicate the approximate number of staff in your organisation in full-time equivalents (FTE).

FTE

300

OO 03	Mandatory	Descriptive	General
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OO 03.1 Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your organisation that are also PRI signatories in their own right.

- Yes
- No

OO 04	Mandatory	Gateway/Peering	General
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OO 04.1 Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

30/04/2015

OO 04.2

Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on, and advisory/execution only assets.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM			410	000	000
Currency	GBP				
Assets in USD			677	970	636

OO 04.5

Indicate the level of detail you would like to provide about your asset class mix.

- Approximate percentage breakdown to the nearest 5% (e.g. 45%)
- Broad ranges breakdown (i.e. <10%; 10-50%; >50%)

OO 06

Mandatory

Descriptive

General

OO 06.1

To contextualise your responses to the public, indicate how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

- Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	0	10-50%
Fixed income – corporate	0	10-50%
Fixed income – government	0	10-50%
Fixed income – other	0	0
Private debt	0	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	0	10-50%
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0

Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	0	10-50%
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

○ Publish our asset class mix as per attached file (the following image formats can be uploaded: .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .bmp and .gif)

Gateway asset class implementation indicators

OO 10	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 10.1

Select the responsible investment activities your organisation implemented, directly and/or indirectly, for listed equities in the reporting year.

- We engage with companies on ESG issues via our staff, collaborations or service providers
- We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers
- We address ESG incorporation, engagement and/or (proxy) voting in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes
- None of the above

OO 10.3

Additional information. [Optional]

we don't vote directly as we're in pooled funds. We have a conversation with our fund managers after they've decided how they're going to vote but before they cast the vote. We provide them with our perspective on issues related to the votes and ask them to consider these before they cast their final vote. With more information our fund managers are in a position to cast a more informed final vote - everyone gains. Fund managers always have the final say, and we respect that. Working alongside our fund managers help to build trust relationships that are fundamental to the thrust of the Kay Review on long-termism in equity markets.

OO 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 11.2

Indicate if in the reporting year you addressed ESG incorporation and/or active ownership in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes in the following externally managed asset classes.

- Fixed income – corporate
- Fixed income – government
- Property
- Cash
- None of the above

OO 12.1

The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below.

This list is based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. You are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM. You may report voluntarily on any applicable modules or sections by selecting them from the list. Fixed Income and Infrastructure are voluntary.

Core modules

- Organisational Overview
- Overarching Approach (including assets which do not have a separate module)

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- Engagements

RI implementation via external managers

Indirect - Selection, Appointment and Monitoring of External Managers

- Listed Equities

Closing module

- Closing module

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Overarching Approach

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Responsible investment policy

OA 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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OA 01.1 Indicate if you have a responsible investment policy.

- Yes
- No

OA 01.2 Indicate if you have other guidance documents or more specific policies related to responsible investment.

- Yes
- No

OA 01.3 Provide a brief description of the key elements of your responsible investment policy or, if you do not have a policy, of your overall approach to responsible investment. [Optional]

We have a collection of underlying processes, policies, activities, beliefs, viewpoints, models, metrics and measures that together constitute an overall responsible investment policy.

We have a UK and global voting policy, an engagement policy, plus a collection of ESG views that inform our beliefs and engagement work. We have carefully constructed manager selection processes to encourage the selection of managers who give appropriate effort to responsible investment. Our responsible investment approach is framed and directed by a number of responsible investment objectives and principles.

We work with a number of responsible investment partners who help us further develop our policies, monitor the voting actions of our fund managers and engage with companies, regulators and other stakeholders.

OA 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 6
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OA 02.1 Indicate if your responsible investment policy is publicly available.

- Yes
- No

OA 02.3 Indicate if your other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment are publicly available.

- Yes
 - Yes, all
 - Yes, some

OA 02.4 List these other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment that are publicly available and their URLs.

Policy or document name	URL
UK voting policy	http://www.nestpensions.org.uk/schemeweb/NestWeb/includes/public/docs/high-level-corporate-governance-beliefs-and-voting-guidance.PDF.pdf
voting summary guidelines for members	http://www.nestpensions.org.uk/schemeweb/NestWeb/includes/public/docs/NEST-summary-corporate-governance-beliefs-and-voting-guidelines.PDF.pdf
NEST's stewardship code statement	http://www.nestpensions.org.uk/schemeweb/NestWeb/includes/public/docs/Stewardship-code-statement.PDF.pdf

No

OA 03	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1,2
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OA 03.1	Indicate the components/types and coverage of your responsible investment policy and guidance documents.
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Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy setting out your overall approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Proxy) voting policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement/active ownership policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on corporate governance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on social issues <input type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific guidelines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening/exclusion policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, specify responsible investment objectives & principles <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify	<input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover all AUM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM

OA 03.2	Comment on any variations or exceptions in the coverage of your responsible investment policy. [Optional]
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Our screening/exclusion policy is in relation to NEST's ethical fund. We are in the process of implementing an exclusion policy on controversial weapons in relation to our default fund very soon.

OA 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	General
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OA 04.1	Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.
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- Yes
- No

OA 04.3	Additional information. [Optional]
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We do not yet have a policy in place. We are in the process of developing a process for managing conflicts in relation to RI decisions and will have a policy published in the next few months.

Objectives and strategies

OA 05	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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OA 05.1	Indicate if your organisation sets objectives for its responsible investment activities.
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- Yes

OA 05.2	Indicate how frequently your organisation sets or revises objectives for responsible investment.
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- At least once per year
- Less than once per year

OA 05.3	Indicate how frequently your organisation formally reviews performance against its objectives for responsible investment.
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- Quarterly
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Every two years or less
 - It is not reviewed
- No

Governance and human resources

OA 08	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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OA 08.1	Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.
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Roles present in your organisation

- Board members or trustees
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Investment Committee
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify
- Portfolio managers
- Investment analysts
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- External managers or service providers
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other role, specify
- Other role, specify

OA 08.2 Indicate the number of dedicated responsible investment staff your organisation has. [Optional]

Number

1.5

Promoting responsible investment

OA 10 **Mandatory** **Core Assessed** **PRI 4,5**

OA 10.1 Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

Select all that apply

- Principles for Responsible Investment

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]

NEST completed its work with the Fixed Income Working Group and contributed to the FI investor guidance document.

NEST presented in the Voting in pooled funds webinar.

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
- Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify

UKSIF

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]

We are an affiliated member and attended an UKSIF organised conference on ownership day

- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
- United Nations Global Compact
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

UK Pension Fund roundtable

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]

We have been involved in the publication of the guide to responsible investment in public equity which has been very well received.

- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

OA 11

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4

OA 11.1

Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

Yes

OA 11.2

Indicate which of the following actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- Provided or supported education or training programmes for clients, investment managers, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers or other investment organisations
- Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment
- Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry
- Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment
- Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
- Encouraged the adoption of the PRI
- Other, specify

No

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Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring

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Overview

SAM 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4
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SAM 02.1

Indicate if your organisation uses investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external managers.

- Yes
 No

SAM 02.4

Additional information. [Optional]

We use a consultant at the end of the process to approve our appointment of a new manager (section 36 letter)

SAM 03	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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SAM 03.1

Indicate for which of the following externally managed asset classes your organisation, and/or your investment consultants, consider responsible investment factors in investment manager: (a) Selection, (b) Appointment (investment management agreements/contracts), and (c) Monitoring

Select all that apply

Asset classes	(a) Selection	(b) Appointment	(c) Monitoring
Listed equity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Listed equity (LE), fixed income corporate (FIC) and fixed income government (FIG)

Overview

SAM 05	Mandatory	Gateway	PRI 1,2
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SAM 05.1

Indicate which of the following ESG incorporation strategies you encourage or require your external manager(s) to implement on your behalf:

Active investment strategies

Active investment strategies	LE		
Screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Thematic	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Integration	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Passive investment strategies

Passive investment strategies	LE		
Screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Thematic	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Integration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

SAM 05.2 Indicate if - on your externally managed assets - you engage directly, via service providers, or via your external manager.

	LE	
We engage directly or via service providers on our externally managed assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
We require our external managers to engage on our behalf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SAM 05.3 Indicate if - on your externally managed listed equities - you cast your (proxy) votes directly, via service providers, or via your external manager.

	LE
We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers on our externally managed assets	<input type="checkbox"/>
We require our external managers to cast our (proxy) votes on our behalf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selection

SAM 06	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1-6
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SAM 06.1 Indicate whether your organisation, and/or your investment consultant, in the manager selection process for listed assets, typically do any of the following:

General

	LE		
Review the manager's responsible investment policies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss managers' governance and management of responsible investment activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Meet staff with responsible investment responsibilities to assess their skills and competence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss minimum responsible investment expectations that managers must meet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss the role managers have played in collaborative initiatives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ask whether the organisation is a signatory to the PRI and/or other relevant organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Review the manager's responsible investment reporting to clients and/or the public, including PRI reporting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss the type of ESG reporting you expect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Assign specific weighting to ESG factors in your manager evaluation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other general aspects in your selection process, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

ESG incorporation

	LE		
Evaluate the quality and coverage of ESG research used by managers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Assess how the manager incentivises brokers to provide ESG research	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Assess managers' ESG incorporation strategies and ability to identify and manage ESG issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss with managers how ESG issues have impacted specific investment decisions and, where relevant, stock or portfolio performance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Evaluate index providers' ESG incorporation when designing the index	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other ESG incorporation issues in your selection process, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Engagements

	LE		
Discuss the managers' engagement processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss the role managers have played in influencing companies' ESG practices and performance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss how information gained through engagement is incorporated into investment decision-making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other engagement issues in your selection process, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

(Proxy) voting

	LE
Discuss the managers' voting processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discuss how information gained through research for (proxy) voting is used in investment-decision making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (proxy) voting issues in your selection process, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you select any 'Other' option(s), specify

We ask whether there is a separate or integrated RI team

We ask about the identification of ESG risk and how these are managed

We ask for examples of engagement both at a corporate and policy level

We ask about the vote audit process and what proportion of shares are voted in certain markets

Monitoring

SAM 08	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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SAM 08.1	Indicate whether your organisation, and/or your investment consultant, in the dialogue and monitoring of your external manager typically do any of the following:
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	General
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Include responsible investment as a standard agenda item at performance review meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Highlight examples of good responsible investment practice by other managers	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Review the manager's responsible investment reporting, for example PRI-generated responsible investment reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage your managers to consider joining responsible investment initiatives/organisations or participate in collaborative projects with other investors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Include responsible investment criteria as a formal component of overall manager performance evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted financial performance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted risk or volatility	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted ESG performance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other general aspects of your monitoring, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

ESG incorporation

	LE		
Request information on ESG incorporation in specific investment decisions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other ways you monitor ESG incorporation, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Engagements

	LE	
Review the ESG information relevant to the engagements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Discuss the number of engagements and their comprehensiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Discuss the type of role played (i.e. leading or supporting)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Review the progress of ongoing engagements and/or outcomes of completed engagements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other ways you monitor engagement activities, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(Proxy) voting

	LE
Review the number or percentage of votes cast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Request an explanation of reasons for votes cast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discuss whether companies were informed of the reasons for votes against management recommendations or abstentions/withheld votes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review the number of resolutions on ESG issues filed or co-filed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discuss the changes in company practice (outcomes) that have been achieved from voting activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ways you monitor (proxy) voting activities, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you select any 'Other' option(s), specify

We monitor how our listed equity managers intend to vote on a number of pre-selected company AGMs. This allows us to have additional input in the voting process and compare the managers' votes against our policy and giving the opportunity for discussion and for us to exert influence.

SAM 09

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2

SAM 09.1 For the listed equities where you have given your external managers a (proxy) voting mandate, indicate the approximate percentage (+/- 5%) of votes that were cast during the reporting year.

We track or collect this information

Votes cast (to the nearest 5%)

%

95

Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated

- Of the total number of ballot items on which they could have issued instructions
 - Of the total number of company meetings at which they could have voted
 - Of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which they could have voted
- We do not track or collect this information

Communication

SAM 16	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 6
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SAM 16.1 Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses any information about responsible investment considerations in your indirect investments.

Yes, we disclose information publicly

provide URL

<https://www.nestpensions.org.uk/schemeweb/NestWeb/includes/public/docs/UBS-responsible-investment-report-Sept2013.pdf>

provide URL

<https://www.nestpensions.org.uk/schemeweb/NestWeb/includes/public/docs/FC-investments-votes-against-mgmt-report-Dec2013.PDF.pdf>

SAM 16.2 Indicate if the level of information you disclose to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients and/or beneficiaries.

Yes

SAM 16.3

Indicate what type of information your organisation proactively discloses to the public and clients and/or beneficiaries about your indirect investments.

- How responsible investment considerations are included in manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes
- Details of the responsible investment activities carried out by managers on your behalf
- E, S and/or G impacts and outcomes that have resulted from your managers' investments and active ownership
- Other, specify

We disclose our involvement in various engagements and other RI activities (both direct & indirect) in our fund factsheets that are published on our website.

- No
- Yes, we disclose information to clients/beneficiaries only
- We do not proactively disclose information to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

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Engagement

Overview

LEA 02	Mandatory	Gateway	PRI 1,2,3
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LEA 02.1	Indicate your reasons for interacting with companies on ESG issues and indicate who carries out these interactions.
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Type of engagement	Reason for interaction
Individual/Internal staff engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff
Collaborative engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements
Service provider engagements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers

Process

Process for engagements run internally

LEA 03	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 03.1	Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities carried out by internal staff.
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☉ Yes

LEA 03.2

Describe how you identify and prioritise engagements.

We have given much thought to the selection of focused ESG themes that have potential to impact the risk and return of the fund. We use the themes to prioritise engagement activity. We have a green, amber or red colour traffic light system that influences whether we will act on an issue and engage with a company. The traffic light colour determines our response, along with the following other considerations:

Timeliness: topicality / news flow / timing of issue

Risk of not being heard: is other party we intend to engage with in listening mode, will our voice be heard, are other investors addressing issue with little success.

Investment significance: economic benefit to members.

Level of resource: anticipated in-house resource.

Iteration risk: risk that engagement leads to rounds of further engagement and more resource than anticipated.

Potential to influence risk: is other party amenable to influence or change, probability of positive outcome.

Timescale risk: Is expected life /longevity of issue short, medium, long?

Furthermore our ESG risk model has identified the biggest risks in our portfolio which have helped determined our strategic themes for engagement. Our RI partner are aware of our themes and arrange meetings with companies where these themes are potentially a concern.

No

LEA 04**Mandatory****Core Assessed****PRI 2****LEA 04.1**

Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities.

Yes

Yes, for all engagement activities

Yes, for the majority of engagement activities

Yes, for a minority of engagement activities

No

LEA 04.2

Indicate if you monitor the actions that companies take following your engagements.

Yes

Yes, in all cases

Yes, in the majority of cases

Yes, in the minority of cases

LEA 04.3

Describe how you monitor and evaluate the progress of your engagement activities.

We aim to have follow up meetings with members of the board and question them about progress on previous points they have made. We also flag issue with our responsible investment partners who will also seek out changes and scope for further discussions on our behalf.

We're also starting to circulate the outcomes of our engagements to other companies so they can benefit from the findings of our company engagements.

No

Process for engagements conducted via collaborations

LEA 05

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2

LEA 05.1

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagements.

Yes

LEA 05.2

Describe how you identify and prioritise collaborative engagements.

We have given much thought to the selection of focused ESG themes that have potential to impact the risk and return of the fund. We use the themes to prioritise engagement activity. We have a green, amber or red colour traffic light system that influences whether we will act on an issue and engage with a company. The traffic light colour determines our response, along with the following other considerations:

Timeliness: topicality / news flow / timing of issue

Risk of not being heard: is other party we intend to engage with in listening mode, will our voice be heard, are other investors addressing issue with little success.

Investment significance: economic benefit to members.

Level of resource: anticipated in-house resource.

Iteration risk: risk that engagement leads to rounds of further engagement and more resource than anticipated.

Potential to influence risk: is other party amenable to influence or change, probability of positive outcome.

Timescale risk: Is expected life /longevity of issue short, medium, long?

No

LEA 06

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2

LEA 06.1

Indicate if the collaborative engagements in which you are involved have defined objectives.

Yes

Yes, for all collaborative engagement activities

Yes, for the majority of collaborative engagement activities

Yes, for a minority of collaborative engagement activities

No

LEA 06.2

Indicate if you monitor the actions companies take following your collaborative engagements.

Yes

Yes, in all cases

Yes, in the majority of cases

Yes, in the minority of cases

LEA 06.3	Describe how you monitor and evaluate the progress of your collaborative engagement activities.
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We have regular discussion with our RI partners who also submit to us annual progress reports on engagement activities - detailing key findings, what has been successful and what improvements could be made.

No

Process for engagements conducted with/on your behalf by service providers

LEA 07	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,4
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LEA 07.1	Indicate if you play a role in the engagement process that your service provider conducts on your behalf.
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Yes

LEA 07.2	Indicate what role you play in engagements that your service provider conducts on your behalf.
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- Specify the issues for the engagement
- Specify the objectives for the engagement
- Select the companies to be engaged with
- Participate directly in the engagements with your service provider
- Actively monitor and review the activities of the service provider
- Other, specify

No

LEA 07.3	Additional information. [Optional]
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We have put in place an engagement plan for the year that highlights a list of issues that we will get involved with with our Responsible Investment provider - this includes engagements with companies and policy makers.

Our external RI adviser organises the engagements that we decide. This saves us the resource of contacting companies, arranging meetings, confirming, locations and pulling together meeting preparation notes.

LEA 08	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEA 08.1	Indicate whether you monitor and/or discuss the following information provided to you by your service provider
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Please select all that apply

- The subject (or ESG issue(s)) of engagement
- The objectives of the engagement
- The rationale for engagement
- The frequency/intensity of interactions with companies
- Progress towards achieving engagement goals
- Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
- Next steps for engagement activity
- Other, specify
- None of the above

LEA 08.2 Additional information. [Optional]

General processes for all three groups of engagers

LEA 10

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

PRI 2

LEA 10.1

Indicate if you track the number of engagements your organisation participates in.

Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements
Collaborative engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements
Service provider engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements

Communication

LEA 15

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2,6

LEA 15.1

Indicate whether your organisation proactively discloses information on its engagements.

- We disclose it publicly
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only
- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries.