



Mandatory LEA 02		Discretionary Mandate	
Type of engagement	Individual/ internal staff engagements	Reason for interaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage corporate transition for clients in the need to transition <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in internal staff
	Collaborative engagements		<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage corporate transition for clients in the need to transition <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in collaborative engagements
	Service provider engagements		<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage corporate transition for clients in the need to transition <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in service providers

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2013/14

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church / Epworth

Investment Management

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 2013-14 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. This results in some Principles not being explicitly highlighted. For instance, Principle 1 and 2 cannot be implemented without implementing Principle 3, but there are cases when Principle 3 is not explicitly 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.

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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	✓	n/a							✓
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	🔒	n/a							✓
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	-	n/a	✓						
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	-	n/a							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	-	n/a							✓

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 Incorporation				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 02	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 03	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 04	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 05	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision-making	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 06	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 10	Description of ESG integration	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 11	Review ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 13	Aspects of analysis ESG information is integrated into	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 14	ESG issues in index construction	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 15	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 18	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	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	🔒	n/a		✓		✓			
LEA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	🔒	n/a		✓				✓	
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	🔒	n/a		✓					
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	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 17	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 18	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 19	Confirmation of votes	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 20	Securities lending programme	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 21	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 22	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 23	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 24	Shareholder resolutions	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 25	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 26	Disclosing voting activities	✓	Public		✓				✓	

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information

OO 01

Mandatory

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1 Select the services you offer.

Fund management

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

- <10%
- 10-50%
- >50%

Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

- <10%
- 10-50%
- >50%

Other, specify

Execution and advisory only services

OO 01.2 Additional information. [Optional]

We offer a range of sector specific funds which we use to create portfolios appropriate to the needs of our clients. The funds are all managed internally except for overseas equities and property, in which we use 3rd party funds in most markets.

OO 02

Mandatory

Peering

General

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
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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.
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- Yes
- No

OO 04	Mandatory	Gateway/Peering	General
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OO 04.1	Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.
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31/12/2013

OO 04.2	Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year.
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	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		1	280	000	000
Currency	GBP				
Assets in USD		1	993	597	626

OO 04.3	Indicate the level of detail you would like to provide about your asset class mix.
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- Approximate percentage breakdown to the nearest 5% (e.g. 45%)
- Broad ranges breakdown (i.e. <10%; 10-50%; >50%)

OO 06	Mandatory	Descriptive	General
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OO 06.1	To contextualise your responses to the public, indicate how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.
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- Publish our asset class mix as percentage breakdown
- Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	10-50%	10-50%
Fixed income – corporate	<10%	0
Fixed income – government	<10%	0
Fixed income – other	0	0

Private debt	0	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	0	<10%
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	10-50%	0
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
OO 10.1	Select the responsible investment activities your organisation implemented, directly and/or indirectly, for listed equities in the reporting year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We incorporate ESG issues into investment decisions on our internally managed assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We address ESG incorporation, engagement and/or (proxy) voting in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We engage with companies on ESG issues via our staff, collaborations or service providers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above 		
OO 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General

OO 11.1 Indicate if in the reporting year you incorporated ESG issues into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices in the following internally managed asset classes.

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

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.

- Property
- None of the above

OO 12	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 12.1 The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below. They are based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. Note, 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. Direct - Fixed Income and Infrastructure are always 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 incorporation

- Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

Direct - Fixed Income

- Fixed Income - Corporate

RI implementation via external managers

Indirect - Selection, Appointment and Monitoring of External Managers

- Listed Equities
- Property

Closing module

Closing module

Note: Please make sure your response to this indicator is complete and confirmed before you progress. Your response will determine which tailored modules and sections you will be presented with.

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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]

Our overall policy is to ensure that our portfolios are constructed in line with church. Within this there are specific policies which look at specific industries. In general we use a combination of exclusions and engagement, and to use funds which operate similarly in areas in which we do not invest directly. All of our policies and quarterly reviews of our activities are on our website.

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

- Yes

OA 02.2 Provide a URL to your responsible investment policy.

URL

<http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/ethics/index.php>

- 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
Alcohol related companies	http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/downloads/policy_statements/epworth-alcohol-policy-statement.pdf
Caste discrimination	http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/downloads/policy_statements/epworth_caste_discrimination_policy_statement.pdf
Children's issues	http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/downloads/policy_statements/epworth_children_policy_statement.pdf
Climate change	http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/downloads/policy_statements/epworth_climate_change_policy_statement.pdf
Electricity generation	http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/ethics/policy-statements/epworth-electricity-generation-policy-statement.php
Financial intermediaries	http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/downloads/policy_statements/epworth_financial_intermediaries_policy_statement.pdf

No

OA 02.5 Additional information. [Optional]

In total there are 18 detailed policy statements on our website, with a further 12 position papers with background information to these policy statements.

OA 03 **Mandatory** **Core Assessed** **PRI 1,2**

OA 03.1 Indicate the components/types and coverage of your responsible investment policy and guidance documents.

Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy setting out your overall approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Proxy) voting policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement/active ownership policy <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover all AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM

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.
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
OA 04.3	Additional information. [Optional]

We are in the process of finalising and implementing one.

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.
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
OA 05.4	Additional information. [Optional]

Our objective is to construct portfolios in line with the teaching of the church - this is reviewed annually by external bodies.

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.

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
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Investment analysts
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- 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
- Other role, specify
- Other role, specify

OA 08.3 Additional information. [Optional]

Ethical investment is at the core of what we do and forms part of the responsibilities of all investment staff.

Promoting responsible investment

OA 10	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4,5
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OA 10.1 Indicate if your organisation is a member of and/or participant in any collaborative organisation or initiatives that promote responsible investment.

Yes

OA 10.2 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

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- CDP Climate Change

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

- 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
- Principles for Responsible Investment

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

- 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

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

Church Investors Group

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

No

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Integration	<input checked="" 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 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 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>		
Assign specific weighting to ESG factors in your manager evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other general aspects in your selection process, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

ESG incorporation

	LE		
Evaluate the quality and coverage of ESG research used by managers	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Evaluate index providers' ESG incorporation when designing the index	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other ESG incorporation issues in your selection process, specify	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>		
Other engagement issues in your selection process, specify	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
Other (proxy) voting issues in your selection process, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

Monitoring

SAM 08

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 1

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:

General

	LE		
Include responsible investment as a standard agenda item at performance review meetings	<input checked="" 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 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"/>		
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 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 type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

SAM 09	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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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
- We do not track or collect this information

SAM 09.2 Additional information. [Optional]

We use third party funds rather than discretionary portfolios with external managers, these funds usually commit the fund managers to voting the shares, and so we would expect the percentage voted to be very high, though we do not track this.

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
- Yes, we disclose information to clients/beneficiaries only

**SAM
16.3**

Indicate what type of information your organisation proactively discloses to 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 do not proactively disclose information to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

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ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities

Implementation processes

LEI 03	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 03.1

Indicate (1) which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed listed equities and (2) the breakdown of your actively managed listed equities by strategy or combination of strategies.

ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)

- Screening alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Thematic alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Integration alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Screening + Integration strategies

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied (estimate +/- 10%)

100 %

- Thematic + integration strategies
- Screening + thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- No incorporation strategies applied

Total actively managed listed equities

100%

LEI 03.2

Describe your primary reasons for choosing a particular ESG incorporation strategy.

Our overall objective is to construct portfolios which reflect church teaching. This involves a mix of excluding certain sectors and stocks, engaging with others, and incorporating our ethical analysis into our overall investment decision making process.

(A) Implementation: Screening

LEI 06	Mandatory	Descriptive	PRI 1
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LEI 06.1

Indicate and describe the type of screening you apply to your internally managed active listed equities.

Type of screening

- Negative/exclusionary screening

Screened by

- Product
- Activity
- Sector
- Country/geographic region
- Environmental and social practices and performance
- Corporate governance

Description

We exclude for a variety of reasons (please see our website for full policies), sometimes relating to the product/activity a company is involved in, sometimes (though rarely) owing to geographic exposure.

- Positive/best-in-class screening

Screened by

- Product
- Activity
- Sector
- Country/geographic region
- Environmental and social practices and performance
- Corporate governance

Description

In areas in which large harm can be done (principally the extractive industries) we require companies to have best-in-class environmental, human rights and safety records and policies.

- Norms-based screening

LEI 06.2	Describe how the screening criteria are established, how often the criteria are reviewed and how you notify clients and/or beneficiaries when changes are made.
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The list of exclusions is regularly reviewed by an external body (the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment), which also regularly advises on individual cases in which exclusion is a possibility. Any decisions on exclusions are always confirmed at board level.

When the criteria change, clients are informed through our quarterly SRI briefing which forms part of their normal quarterly reporting.

LEI 07	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 07.1	Indicate which processes your organisation uses to ensure that screening is based on robust analysis.
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- Comprehensive ESG research is undertaken or sourced to determine companies' activities and products.
- Companies are given the opportunity by you or your research provider to review ESG research on them and correct inaccuracies
- External research and data used to identify companies to be excluded/included is subject to internal audit by ESG/RI staff, the internal audit function or similar
- Company ESG information/ratings are updated regularly to ensure that portfolio holdings comply with fund policies
- A committee or body with representatives independent of the individuals who conduct company research reviews some or all screening decisions
- A periodic review of the quality of the research undertaken or provided is carried out
- Other, specify
- None of the above

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG issues

LEI 11	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 11.1	Indicate if E, S and G issues are reviewed while researching companies and/or sectors in active strategies.
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ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues
Environmental	<input type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review environmental issues
Social	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review social issues
Corporate Governance	<input type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review corporate governance issues

Communication

LEI 18

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2,6

LEI 18.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in listed equity.

- We disclose it publicly

Provide URL

<http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/ethics/reporting/index.php>

Provide URL

<http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/ethics/policystatements/index.php>

LEI 18.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

- Yes

LEI 18.3

Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/ beneficiaries and the public regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.

- Broad approach to ESG incorporation
 Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used

LEI
18.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify

- No
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only
- We do not proactively disclose it 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 type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input checked="" 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.
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There is a monthly meeting (including CIO and CEO) which reviews, discusses and prioritises engagement activities.

No

LEA 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 04.1	Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities.
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Yes

No

LEA 04.2	Indicate if you monitor the actions that companies take following your engagements.
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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.
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In many cases our engagement activities are long term (in some cases stretching back several decades), and part of each round of engagement is to review the progress made since the previous engagement regarding the relevant issues.

No

Process for engagements conducted via collaborations

LEA 05	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 05.1	Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagements.
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Yes

LEA 05.2	Describe how you identify and prioritise collaborative engagements.
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There is a monthly meeting (including CEO and CIO) which reviews, identifies and prioritises all of our engagements, whether internal or collaborative.

No

LEA 06	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 06.1	Indicate if the collaborative engagements in which you are involved have defined objectives.
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- 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.
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- 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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Part of our collaborative engagement is focussed on the CDP process, both encouraging non-responders to respond and also through the "aiming for A" coalition. There is a clear endpoint from each in the following year's CDP report.

No

General processes for all three groups of engagers

LEA 10	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 10.1	Indicate if you track the number of companies you engage with.
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Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input 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 checked="" type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements
Collaborative engagements	<input 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 checked="" 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

please provide URL

<http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/ethics/reporting/index.php>

LEA 15.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

- Yes

LEA 15.3

Indicate what engagement information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/beneficiaries and/or the public.

Engagement information disclosed

- Details of the selections, priorities and specific goals of engagement
- Number of engagements
- Breakdown of engagements by type/topic
- Breakdown of engagements by region
- An assessment of the current status of the engagement
- Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
- Other information

LEA 15.4	Indicate how frequently you typically report engagements information.
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- Disclosed continuously (prior and post engagements)
- Disclosed quarterly
- Disclosed annually
- Disclosed every two years or less
- Other, specify

No

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

(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions

Process

LEA 17	Mandatory	Descriptive	PRI 2
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LEA 17.1	Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions and what this approach is based on.
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	Approach
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- We use our own research or voting team and make our own voting decisions without the use of service providers.
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting recommendations or provide research that we use to inform our voting decisions.
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf, except for some pre-defined scenarios for which we review and make voting decisions.

	Based primarily on
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- the service provider voting policy signed off by us
- our own voting policy
- our clients requests or policy
- other, explain
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf.

LEA 18	Mandatory	Descriptive	PRI 2
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LEA 18.1	Of the voting recommendations that your service provider made in the reporting year, indicate what percentage your organisation reviewed, and the reasons for the review.
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Percentage of voting recommendations your organisation reviewed

- >20%
- 5-20%
- 1-5%
- <1%

Reasons for review

- Specific ESG issues
- Votes where a significant level of ownership is held
- Votes against management or abstentions
- Conflicts of interest
- Corporate actions such as M&A, disposal, etc.
- Other, explain

LEA 21	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 21.1	Indicate if you ensure that companies are informed of the rationale when you and/or the service providers acting on your behalf abstain or vote against management recommendations.
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- Yes, in most cases
- Sometimes, in the following cases:
- No
- Not applicable as we and/or our service providers do not abstain or vote against management recommendations

Outputs and outcomes

LEA 22	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 22.1	For listed equities where you and/or your service provider has the mandate to issue (proxy) voting instructions, indicate the percentage of votes cast during the reporting year.
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- We do track or collect this information

	Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)
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	%
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95

	Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated
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- of the total number of ballot items on which you could have issued instructions
- of the total number of company meetings at which you could have voted
- of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which you could have voted

LEA 22.2	If there are specific reasons why you did not vote certain holdings, explain these, and if possible, indicate the percentage of holdings affected by these factors. [Optional]
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We always vote, except in cases where shareblocking applies. The percentage above is to the nearest 5%, rather than to the nearest 1%.

We do not track or collect this information

LEA 22.3	Additional information. [Optional]
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Communication

LEA 26	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEA 26.1	Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your voting activities.
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We disclose it publicly

	provide URL
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<http://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/ethics/reporting/index.php>

LEA 26.2	Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.
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Yes

LEA 26.3	Indicate the voting information your organisation proactively discloses to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries.
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	Indicate how much of your voting record you disclose
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- All voting decisions
- Some voting decisions
- Only abstentions and opposing vote decisions
- Summary of votes only

Indicate what level of explanation you provide

- Explain all voting decisions
- Explain some voting decisions
- Only explain abstentions and votes against management
- No explanations provided

**LEA
26.4**

Indicate how frequently you typically report voting information.

- Continuously (primarily before meetings)
 - Continuously (soon after votes are cast)
 - Quarterly or more frequently
 - Between quarterly and annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Other, specify
- No
- We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only
 - We do not proactively disclose our voting activities to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries