



LEA 02	Disclosure: Mandatory	Reason for interaction	Principle: PRI 1, 2, 3
<p>Type of engagement Individual/ internal staff engagements</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in internal staff <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific 		
<p>Type of engagement Collaborative engagements</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in collaborative engagements <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific 		
<p>Type of engagement Service provider engagements</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in service provider <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific 		

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2013/14

West Midlands Pension Fund

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	✓	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	✓	Private							✓
OA 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	✓	Private							✓
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	🔒	n/a		✓					
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	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
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	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 17	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 18	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
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
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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 bank
- Reserve - sovereign or government controlled fund
- Other, specify

OO 01.2 Additional information. [Optional]

Local Authority Pension Fund

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

115

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

OO 04.1 Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2013

OO 04.2 Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		9	949	693	952
Currency	GBP				
Assets in USD		15	496	629	879

OO 04.3 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 percentage breakdown
- Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

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

Infrastructure	0	<10%
Commodities	0	<10%
Hedge funds	0	<10%
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	<10%	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
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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 incorporate ESG issues into investment decisions on our internally managed assets
- We address ESG incorporation, engagement and/or (proxy) voting in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes
- We engage with companies on ESG issues via our staff, collaborations or service providers
- We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers
- None of the above

OO 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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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.

- Property
- 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.
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- Fixed income – corporate
- Fixed income – government
- Fixed Income – other
- Private equity
- Property
- Infrastructure
- Commodities
- Hedge funds
- None of the above

OO 11.3	Additional information. [Optional]
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The Fund tries to purchase properties with high green credentials and also tries to improve standards within existing stock wherever possible, so long as the economic costs of doing so are not prohibitive. When choosing a Real Estate fund, we always give regard to the manager's past performance in property enhancements.

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.
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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
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- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

	Direct - Other asset classes with dedicated modules
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- Property

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]

The Fund's ethos is that corporate governance is not something to be separately considered, but is mainstream and integral to its overall investment strategy. There are essentially four elements to the Fund's approach. These include, voting globally, engaging with partnerships, pursuing shareholder litigation when appropriate and investing in SRI funds. Each one can be undertaken separately, though are most effective when combined, representing best practice.

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.wmpfonline.com/Fund+Investments/Key+documents.htm>

- 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.
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Policy or document name	URL
Corporate Governance Strategy	http://www.wmpfonline.com/Fund+Investments/Key+documents.htm
Compliance with Stewardship Code	http://www.wmpfonline.com/Fund+Investments/Key+documents.htm
Compliance with Myners Principles	http://www.wmpfonline.com/Fund+Investments/Key+documents.htm

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on corporate governance <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on social issues <input type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Screening/exclusion policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <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 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

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.

Yes

OA 05.2 Indicate how frequently your organisation sets or revises objectives for responsible investment.

- 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.

- 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.

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
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- 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

0

OA 08.3

Additional information. [Optional]

The Fund is currently recruiting for a Corporate Governance specialist and hopes to appoint in the next few weeks.

Promoting responsible investment

OA 10

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4,5

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
- 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

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]

The Fund's Director of Pensions is the Treasurer of the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum and the Fund was a founding member of the organisation.

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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

Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)

United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

United Nations Global Compact

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

No

OA 11	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4
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OA 11.1 Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- Yes
- 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]

In-house portfolio managers carry out all due diligence on external managers.

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 type="checkbox"/>		
Thematic	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Integration	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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"/>

SAM 05.4	Additional information. [Optional]
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Less than 2% of the Fund's assets are subject to thematic ESG (e.g. clean energy, climate change).

Proxy votes on the Fund's segregated assets are cast by PIRC, the Fund's voting partner. However all voting within pooled investments is the responsibility of the individual asset manager.

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:
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	General
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	LE		
Review the manager's responsible investment policies	<input 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 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 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss with managers how ESG issues have impacted specific investment decisions and, where relevant, stock or portfolio performance	<input checked="" 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 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
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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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	LE		
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"/>		
Other general aspects of your monitoring, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Proxy) voting

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Review the number or percentage of votes cast	<input type="checkbox"/>
Request an explanation of reasons for votes cast	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Communication

SAM 16

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 6

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
- We do not proactively disclose information to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

West Midlands Pension Fund

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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.

Type of engagement	Reason for interaction
Individual/Internal staff 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 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 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 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.

☉ Yes

LEA 05.2	Describe how you identify and prioritise collaborative engagements.
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The Fund's Director of Pensions is a member of LAPFF's Executive Committee which gathers input from members and the primary service provider (PIRC) and advises on what collaborations to pursue and prioritise.

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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For LAPFF engagements, progress is monitored by the service provider (PIRC) and quarterly progress reports are provided to members. Before each meeting, LAPFF sets out two or three objectives, then following the meeting, an assessment is undertaken to determine if and how each objective was achieved. Details of the progress made is then reported to the Fund in the quarterly report.

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 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]
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The Fund monitors the progress of all LAPFF engagement at both meetings of the LAPFF Executive and the quarterly Business Meetings.

Additionally, engagement projects that are undertaken by the service provider (PIRC) specifically on behalf of West Midlands PF are monitored via e-mail, telephone calls and meetings.

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.

Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Collaborative engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input checked="" 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 type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input checked="" 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

please provide URL

<http://www.wmpfonline.com/Fund+Investments/Governance+Activity.htm>

please provide URL

<http://www.lapforum.org>

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.

- 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

LEA 17.1

Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions and what this approach is based on.

Approach

- 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.

Based primarily on

- 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, except for some pre-defined scenarios for which we review and make voting decisions.

We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf.

LEA 17.2	Additional information.[Optional]
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The Fund has developed a bespoke template for voting at UK meetings. However, the Fund currently follows the voting advice of PIRC for European US, Japanese, Pacific region and Emerging Markets companies

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
- We do not track or collect this information

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.

- We disclose it publicly

provide URL

<http://www.wmpfonline.com/Fund+Investments/Governance+Activity.htm>

**LEA
26.2**

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

- Yes

**LEA
26.3**

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

Indicate how much of your voting record you disclose

- 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