



Pensions Committee

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2015

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This Committee

To discharge the functions of the Pensions Committee aimed at improving market governance across the Pension Fund and the operational effectiveness of Investment Strategy.

Terms of Reference

The Constitution defines the terms of reference of the Pensions Committee as:

- 1. To maintain a business plan for its activity and evaluates progress against this plan.
- 2. To monitor financial risks, including all investment risks relative to liabilities, within the Pension Committee's risk framework, and reports any issues or breaches to the Pension Committee.
- 3. To keep asset allocation under review within range guidelines set by the Pension Committee. Within these range guidelines, the Sub-Committee has delegated authority to:
- Increase or decrease the allocation to equities, bonds or property
- Increase or decrease the amounts / proportions of assets in manager mandates
- Increase or decrease the level of currency hedging in place
- Select investments for, or dispose of existing investments in, the "opportunity fund" (5% of assets), using the feeder fund.
- 4. To consider the framework for the allocation of new money among managers. Similarly, in the event that assets need to be realised, the Sub-Committee also considers this matter.
- 5. To formally review annually the mandates of the managers, and their adherence to their expected investment process and style. This ensures that the explicit written mandate of each of the Fund's managers is consistent with the Fund's overall objective and is appropriately defined in terms of performance target, risk parameters and timescale.
- 6. To consider the need for any changes to the investment managers' mandates (e.g. in relation to continuing appropriateness of benchmarks and operating guidelines).
- 7. To consider the need for any changes to the Fund's investment manager arrangements (e.g. replacement, addition, termination) and makes recommendations to the Pension Committee.
- 8. In the event of a proposed change of managers, to evaluate the credentials of potential managers. To make recommendations to the Pension Committee in respect of any change of managers.

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