

PETITION ON LGPS DIVESTMENT		Item 5
Committee	Pensions Committee	
Contact Officers	Anisha Teji, Democratic Services	
Papers with this report	None.	

## REASON FOR ITEM

With the Chair's permission, this item is brought to the Committee following the submission of a petition by local residents and members of the Hillingdon Palestine Solidarity Campaign, requesting that Hillingdon Council divest its pension fund investments from companies alleged to be complicit in violations of Palestinian rights.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Pensions Committee notes the petition and submission made by the petition organiser and asks any clarification questions.**

## INFORMATION

On 30 October 2025 the Council received a petition signed by local residents and members of the Hillingdon Palestine Solidarity Campaign (HPSC) as follows:

### ***"Petition topic***

*Divestment of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) fund it administers from, and end procurement contracts with, companies enabling Israel's grave violations of Palestinian rights, including arms companies.*

### ***Desired outcome***

*We, the undersigned, call on the Council to:*

*1. Commit to divest the Local Government Pension Scheme fund administered by the council from companies complicit in Israel's genocide and apartheid against Palestinians.*

*These include:*

- *arms companies supplying Israel with weapons and military technology*
- *companies providing infrastructure for Israel's unlawful military occupation of Palestinian land*
- *companies conducting business activity in Israel's illegal settlements on stolen Palestinian land*

2. *Use its influence as part of London Collective Investment Vehicle (CIV) to publicly lobby it to divest from companies enabling Israel's human rights abuses.*
3. *Commit to end procurement contracts with companies complicit in Israel's attacks. For example, terminate all banking arrangements with Barclays, which provides substantial financing to companies supplying Israel with weapons used in its attacks on Palestinians."*

The petition received 1,045 signatures from Hillingdon and local residents.

### **Constitutional Context:**

In accordance with the London Borough of Hillingdon's Constitution and Petition Scheme, petitions submitted by residents that fall outside the usual procedures for hearing petitions, may be referred and considered by another appropriate committee responsible for the subject matter. In this case, this is the Pensions Committee.

The lead petitioner will be invited to address the Pensions Committee for up to 5 minutes.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None at this time.