### **Implementation Statement**

The Plan provides benefits on both a defined benefit (DB) and defined contribution (DC) basis.

The Plan is comprised of two sections (1 and 2). Section 1 is a hybrid of a DC Plan with a DB Underpin, Section 2 is pure DC. Under applicable legislation, the Plan, for the purpose of this Statement, is therefore a hybrid scheme (a scheme providing both DB and DC benefits).

This Statement has been prepared in accordance with applicable legislation, considering guidance from the Pensions Regulator.

#### **Background**

The Department for Work and Pensions ('DWP') implements regulation which aim to improve disclosure of financially material risks.

The regulatory requirements recognise Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors as financially material, and UK pension plan trustees are required to consider how these factors are managed as part of their fiduciary duty. The regulations require the Trustee to detail policies in the Plan's Statement of Investment Principles ("SIP") and demonstrate adherence to these policies in an implementation report on an annual basis.

This implementation report is to provide evidence that the Trustee continues to follow and act on the principles outlined in the Plan's SIP, including:

- actions the Trustee has taken to manage financially material risks and implement the key policies in the Plan's SIP;
- the Trustee's current policy and approach with regards to ESG and the actions taken with managers on managing ESG risks;
- the extent to which the Trustee has followed policies on engagement, including Trustee engagement with the Plan's investment managers, and in turn the engagement activity of the investment managers with the companies/issuers in which they invest;
- voting behaviour covering the reporting year for and on behalf of the Plan Trustee, including details of any significant votes cast by the Trustee or on their behalf;
- the policies in place to ensure the default strategy remains in the best interest of its members.

### **Statement of Investment Principles ("SIP")**

The Trustee updated the SIP in May 2024 to include an "Illiquid assets policy" having considered illiquid assets as an investment provision within the Plan's arrangements.

The SIP can be found online at the web address: <a href="https://myoraclepension.com/documents.html">https://myoraclepension.com/documents.html</a>

Details of changes to the Plan's SIP made over the accounting year period are set out within this report.

#### **Implementation Statement**

This report demonstrates that the Trustee of the Oracle UK Pension Plan has adhered to their investment principles and policies over the 12-month period to 31 May 2024 for managing financially material considerations, including ESG factors and climate change.

Signed

Position

Date

### Summary of key actions undertaken over the Plan's reporting year

There were no strategic changes made to the investment strategy underlying the Plan's Section 1 or Section 2 assets over the reporting year.

The Trustee has undertaken a review of the investment strategy underlying the Oracle Pensioner Reserve Fund. To recall, the Plan pays members' pensions relating to Section 1 Core funds from the Pensioner Reserve Fund upon retirement.

The strategic changes provisionally agreed by the Trustee remain in consultation and are expected to be implemented in the next accounting year period.

#### **Trustee policies**

The Trustee has identified both financially material and non-financially material risks, as outlined in the Plan's SIP, and agreed policies for managing these risks. Stewardship, including the exercise of voting rights and engagement activities, is set out in the engagement and voting summary tables further in this report.

The key actions the Trustee has taken over the accounting year are set out below.

The Trustee adopts an integrated risk management approach. The three key risks associated within this framework and how they are managed are stated below:

Risk / Policy	Definition	Policy	Actions and details on changes to policy
Investment	The risk that the Plan's funding position deteriorates relative to the value of the DB Underpin due to the assets underperforming.  The extent to which there are insufficient Plan assets available to cover ongoing and future liability cash flows in respect of the DB Underpin, after allowing for guarantees provided by the sponsoring	<ul> <li>Selecting an investment objective that is achievable and is consistent with the Plan's funding basis and the sponsoring company's covenant strength.</li> <li>Investing in a diversified portfolio of assets.</li> <li>Funding risk is considered as part of the Section 1 investment strategy review and the actuarial valuation of the DB Underpin liabilities.</li> <li>The Trustee invests in the Pensioner Reserve Fund to maximise the likelihood of DB Underpin liabilities</li> </ul>	
	employer.	being paid.  The Trustee will agree an appropriate basis in conjunction with the investment strategy to ensure an appropriate journey plan is agreed to manage funding risk over time.  review of th strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strate or remain in contains and once in the strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strate or remain in contains and once in the strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strate or remain in contains and once in the strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year. The pragreed strategy und Oracle Pens Fund over the year.	review of the investment strategy underlying the Oracle Pensioner Reserve Fund over the reporting year. The provisionally agreed strategic changes remain in consultation, and once implemented will be reflected in future

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Risk / Policy	Definition	Policy	Actions and details on changes to policy
Covenant	The risk that the sponsoring company becomes unable to continue providing the required financial support to the Plan in respect of the DB Underpin liabilities.	When developing the     Plan's investment and     funding objectives, the     Trustee takes account of     the strength of the     covenant and associated     guarantees, ensuring the     level of risk the Plan is     exposed to is at an     appropriate level for the     covenant to support.	The Trustee carries out a covenant assessment as part of each tri-annual actuarial valuation.  The next formal covenant review is scheduled to take place as part of the 31 May 2025 actuarial valuation.

The Plan is exposed to a number of underlying risks relating to the Plan's investment strategy in respect of the DB Underpin, these are summarised below:

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Interest rates	The risk of mismatch	To invest, where practical and	No action, change or
and inflation	between the value of the	deemed suitable, in assets	material deviation
	Plan's assets and present	which are expected to partially	from stated policy over
	value of DB Underpin	match the movements of the	accounting period.
	liabilities from changes	DB Underpin arising from	
	in interest rates and	interest rates and inflation.	
	inflation expectations.		
Liquidity	Difficulties in raising	To maintain a sufficient	
	sufficient cash when	allocation to liquid assets so	
	required without	that there is a prudent buffer	
	adversely impacting the	to pay members benefits as	
	fair market value of the	they fall due.	
	investment.	The Trustee monitors the	
		Plan's collateral and liquidity	
		position in the context of	
		Company contributions as part	
		of quarterly reporting.	
Market	Experiencing losses due	To remain appropriately	
	to factors that affect the	diversified and hedge away	
	overall performance of	any unrewarded risks, where	
	the financial markets.	practicable.	
Credit	Default on payments	To diversify this risk by	
	due as part of a financial	investing in a range of credit	
	security contract.	markets across different	
	,	geographies and sectors.	
Environmental,	Exposure to	To appoint managers who	
Social and	Environmental, Social	satisfy the following criteria,	
Governance	and Governance factors,	unless there is a good reason	
("ESG")	including but not limited	why the manager does not	
, ,	to climate change, which	satisfy each criterion:	
	can impact the	1. Responsible Investment ('RI')	
	performance of the	Policy / Framework	
	Plan's investments.	2. Implemented via Investment	
		Process	
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		3. A track record of using
		engagement and any voting
		rights to manage ESG factors
		4. ESG specific reporting
		5. UN PRI Signatory
		The Trustee monitors the
		managers on an ongoing basis,
		and carries out an annual ESG
		and sustainability impact
		assessment as at 31 May each
		year.
Currency	The potential for	There are currently no
	adverse currency	arrangements to hedge
	movements to have an	currency risk, but there are
	impact on the Plan's	domestic products available to
	investments.	members.
Non-financial	Any factor that is not	Non-financial matters are not
	expected to have a	taken into account in the
	financial impact on the	selection, retention or
	Plan's investments.	realisation of investments.

Further key risks relating to Section 1 non-core and Section 2 contributions include:

Risk / Policy	Definition	Policy	Actions and details on changes to policy
Inflation Risk	The risk that the real value (i.e. post inflation) value of members' accounts decreases.	The Trustee provides members with a range of lifestyle options and self-select funds, across various asset classes, with the majority expected to keep pace with inflation (with the exception of the money market and fixed interest bond funds). Members are able to set their own investment allocations, in line with their risk tolerances.	No action, change or material deviation from stated policy over accounting period.
Pension Conversion Risk	The risk that members' investments do not match how they would like to use their pots in retirement, based on their preferred choice of lifestyle option.	The lifestyle strategies increase the proportion of assets that more closely match the chosen retirement destination as members approach retirement. This aims to reduce the risk of a substantial fall in the purchasing power of their accumulated savings near retirement in accordance with their preferred retirement option.	

### Changes to the SIP over the accounting year period

#### Date last updated: May 2024

The Trustee updated the Plan's SIP in May 2024 to add their currently stated policy on illiquid assets:

The Trustee believes there may be financial advantages to investing in illiquid assets and has considered the inclusion of illiquid assets within the Plan's investment arrangements in combination with Isio, their investment adviser.

However, the Trustee acknowledges the Plan is closed to contributions, as such there is limited scope to manage sufficient liquidity between inflows and outflows if investing in a bespoke mandate designed for the Plan. The Trustee is aware that other options are becoming increasingly available (e.g. Long Term Asset Funds (LTAFs), or accessing private markets via listed exposure).

The Trustee has agreed it will continue monitoring the availability of illiquid assets for DC pension schemes, and has agreed to review its illiquid investment policy on a regular basis.

#### ESG as a financially material risk

The SIP describes the Trustee's policies with regard to ESG as a financially material risk.

The Trustee has considered financially material factors such as ESG issues as part of the investment process to determine a strategic asset allocation over the length of time during which the benefits are provided by the Plan for members. The Trustee believes that financially material considerations are implicitly factored into the expected risk and return profile of the asset classes they are investing in.

In endeavouring to invest in the best financial interests of the beneficiaries, the Trustee has elected to invest primarily through pooled funds. The Trustee acknowledges that it has limited influence on the ESG policies and practices of the companies in which the pooled funds invest. However, the Trustee does expect its fund managers and investment advisor to take account of financially material considerations when carrying out their respective roles.

The Trustee accepts that the Plan's assets are subject to the investment manager's own policy on responsible investment. The Trustee will assess that this corresponds with its responsibilities to the beneficiaries of the Plan with the help of its investment advisor.

An assessment of the ESG and responsible investment policies forms part of the manager selection process when appointing new managers and these policies are also reviewed regularly for existing managers with the help of the investment advisor. The Trustee will only invest with investment managers that are signatories of the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment (UN PRI) or another similarly recognised standard.

The Trustee will monitor financially material considerations through the following means:

- Obtain training where necessary on ESG considerations in order to understand fully how ESG factors, including climate change, could impact the Plan and its investments;
- Use ESG ratings information provided by its investment advisor, to assess how the Plan's investment managers take account of ESG issues; and
- Request that all the Plan 's investment managers provide information about their ESG policies, and details of how they integrate ESG into their investment processes, via its investment advisor.

If the Trustee determines that financially material considerations have not been factored into the investment managers' process, it will take this into account on whether to select or retain an investment.

Trustee's areas of assessment and ESG beliefs when assessing investment managers

Risk Management	1. Integrating ESG factors, including climate change risk, represents an opportunity to increase the effectiveness of the overall risk management of the Plan.
	2. ESG factors can be financially material and managing these risks forms part of the fiduciary duty of the Trustee
Approach / Framework	3. The Trustee should understand how asset managers make ESG decisions and will seek to understand how ESG is integrated by each asset manager.
	4. ESG factors are relevant to investment decisions in all asset classes.
	5. Managers investing in companies' debt, as well as equity, have a responsibility to engage with management on ESG factors.
Reporting & Monitoring	6. Ongoing monitoring and reporting of how asset managers manage ESG factors is important.
	7. ESG factors are dynamic and continually evolving; therefore, the Trustee will receive training as required to develop their knowledge.
	8. The role of the Plan's asset managers is prevalent in integrating ESG factors; the Trustee will, alongside the investment advisor, monitor ESG in relation to the asset managers' investment decisions.
Voting & Engagement	9. The Trustee will seek to understand each asset managers' approach to voting and engagement when reviewing the asset managers' approach.
	10. Engaging is more effective in seeking to initiate change than disinvesting.
Collaboration	11. Asset managers should sign up and comply with common codes and practices such as the UNPRI & Stewardship code. If they do not sign up, they should have a valid reason why.
	12. Asset managers should engage with other stakeholders and market participants to encourage best practice on various issues such as board structure, remuneration, sustainability, risk management and debtholder rights.

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### **Formal ESG Review of Plan's investment managers**

The Trustee carried out a formal ESG review of the Plan's investment managers over the accounting year period.

As part of this, the Trustee did not engage directly with the Plan's investment managers on their ESG policies but have indirectly via their investment advisor through direct feedback, and as part of their core ESG engagement processes. The Plan's investment advisor has engaged with the Plan's investment managers on their ESG policies to ensure they meet a set of minimum criteria.

Following the ESG review, there were a number of actions identified as follows:

The Plan's investment adviser will be engaging with the managers on the Trustee's behalf, to review their ESG policies and set actions and priorities. They will report back to the Trustee on a periodic basis with progress reports that will include updates on engagements with the managers.

	rts that will include updates on engagements with the managers.
Manager / Fund	Actions identified as part of Trustee's ESG review
<b>Baillie Gifford</b>	Investment Approach – Consider explicitly considering 'just transition' as part
Positive	of process.
Change Fund	<ul> <li>Voting &amp; Engagement – Consider running engagement through a centralised team.</li> <li>Reporting – Consider including more information, such as carbon metrics and implied temperature pathway in regular standard client reporting.</li> </ul>
BlackRock Credit – Passive Gilts and Liquidity Fund	<ul> <li>Reporting – Develop the range of TCFD metrics published for the strategy. Publish ESG and TCFD metrics on a quarterly basis.</li> <li>Stewardship - Develop stewardship priorities and record engagement.</li> <li>Reporting – Develop the range of TCFD metrics that are reported. Develop reporting on social factors.</li> </ul>
BlackRock Diversified Growth Fund	<ul> <li>Investment Approach – Implement specific ESG policy for the Fund.</li> <li>Risk Management – Update its ESG scorecard on an annual basis.</li> <li>Stewardship – Create Fund level stewardship priorities.</li> <li>Reporting – Provide Scope 1 &amp; 2 GHG emissions and ESG metrics in quarterly reporting specific to the Fund, rather than Diversified Strategies as a whole.</li> <li>Collaboration – Collaborate with the market on ESG issues that are in line with the Fund's objectives/tilt.</li> </ul>
HSBC Islamic Global Equity Index Fund	<ul> <li>Risk Management - Aim to make sustainability training compulsory for the investment team.</li> <li>Climate - Aim to report on Scope 3 emissions.</li> <li>Reporting - Provide more consistent and granular ESG scoring across the full range, while also working to improve data coverage.</li> </ul>
LGIM Absolute Return Bond Fund	<ul> <li>Risk Management - Expand on the optional training by introducing a formal training programme with a defined syllabus for all relevant investment professionals.</li> <li>Reporting - Include a fund-level ESG score and scope 3 GHG data in quarterly ESG reports.</li> </ul>
LGIM Future World Global Equity Index Fund LGIM Future	<ul> <li>Stewardship - The manager should aim to increase the percentage of portfolio companies they engage with (currently 48%).</li> <li>Reporting - LGIM should strive to have their ESG metrics and data independently verified to ensure accuracy of key metrics and data.</li> <li>Investment Approach - Introduce fund specific ESG objectives and KPIs.</li> </ul>
World Multi- Asset Fund	<ul> <li>Risk Management - ESG specialists that feed into decision-making and risk management process.</li> </ul>

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Actions identified as part of Trustee's ESG review
<ul> <li>Reporting - LGIM to continue to expand reporting capabilities to meet TCFD requirements in regular. reporting and independently verify ESG metrics and data reporting.</li> <li>Collaboration - look to increase listed equities' UNPRI score to 5*.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Risk Management – Expand on the optional training by introducing a formal training programme with a defined syllabus for all relevant investment professionals.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Reporting – Include a fund-level ESG score and scope 3 GHG data in quarterly ESG reports.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Investment Approach - Consider setting explicit fund level ESG, climate and social objectives.</li> <li>Risk Management - Consider making ESG training program compulsory for all members of the team.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Reporting - The Fund range should consider reporting on nature or biodiversity-related metrics.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Investment Approach – Utilisation of an ESG scorecard during the due diligence process.</li> <li>Risk Management - Explicitly capture social and nature-related risks.</li> <li>Stewardship - Provide clearer examples of where engagement is undertaken to enhance climate risk mitigation or to enhance social or nature / biodiversity factors.</li> </ul>

The Plan's investment advisor, Isio, will be engaging with the investment managers on the Trustee's behalf, to review their ESG policies and set actions and priorities. Isio report back to the Trustee on a quarterly basis with progress updates that includes revisions to ESG ratings and updates on engagements with the managers.

#### Investment manager engagement summary over accounting year period

As the Plan invests via pooled funds managed by various investment managers, each manager has provided details on their ESG-related engagement activity, including a summary of the activity over the Plan's reporting year. The managers also provided examples of any significant ESG-related engagements where relevant.

Fund name	Engagement summary	Commentary and significant engagements
Baillie Gifford Positive Change Fund Data reflects 12-month period to 31 March 2024	Total Engagements: 61 Of which: - Environmental: 22 - Social: 25 - Governance: 40 - Other: 17	Baillie Gifford ("BG") contacted numerous companies where they engaged on a diverse variety of subjects. Most engagements were spread across Corporate Governance, Voting Engagements and Environmental and Social.  Example of significant engagement(s) include:
	(Note: some engagements may classify under multiple topics)	MercadoLibre:  BG had an encouraging call with members of the senior leadership team and the sustainability team of Latin American ecommerce leader, MercadoLibre. BG discussed MercadoLibre's various green initiatives, including transitioning its delivery fleet to electric, working with suppliers,

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Fund name	Engagement summary	Commentary and significant engagements
		sustainable labelling, and carbon offsetting, which they believe are market-leading.
		BG's Climate team joined the call to provide perspectives and learnings on how different businesses are approaching their scope 3 emissions, a particularly difficult issue for ecommerce platforms.
		BG remain comfortable that the environmental sustainability of MercadoLibre's business model is integrated with its financial strategy and important for the company's growth.
BlackRock Diversified Growth Fund  Data reflects 12-month period to 31 March 2024	Total Engagements: 323 Of which: - Environmental: 86 - Social: 120 - Governance: 301	The BlackRock Investment Stewardship Team ("BIS") carry out all voting and engagement activities. The BIS engage across all funds at an issuer level thereby leveraging their combined AUM capital (e.g. across equity and credit) to maximise engagement effectiveness.
	(Note: some engagements may classify under multiple	Example of significant engagement(s) include:
	topics)	Shell plc:
		At Shell's May 2023 AGM, the board submitted a resolution for an advisory vote "requesting shareholders support the progress against Shell's Energy Transition Strategy". Blackrock supported this proposal. Shell's current disclosure states that the company aims to reduce their scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 50% by 2030 compared to 2016 levels on a net basis.
		Shell managed to reduce operational emissions by 30% and in the past year, Shell has continued to deliver against their target to increase total capex spending on low- and zero-carbon energy.
		Shell continues to provide a clear assessment of their plans to manage climate-related risks and opportunities and has demonstrated to BlackRock their continued delivery against their Energy Transition Strategy. Shell's reporting and approach are aligned with BIS clients' long-term financial interests; therefore, they continue to support the management resolution and work with Shell on this.

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Fund name	Engagement summary	Commentary and significant engagements
BlackRock Credit - Liquidity Fund  BlackRock Credit - Passive Gilts	BlackRock do not currently activities for funds without	provide details of specific engagement voting rights.
HSBC Islamic Global Equity Index Fund  Data reflects 12-month period to 31 March 2024	Total Engagements: 63 Of which:  - Environmental: 30 - Social: 49 - Governance: 29 (Note: some engagements may classify under multiple topics)	HSBC engage on a wide range of engagement subjects. These predominantly focus on individual improvements on climate-related strategies, governance structure and social issues.  Example of significant engagement(s) include:  Large US e-commerce firm (undisclosed): HSBC have ongoing engagement with the investor relations team of a large e-commerce company (c.8% of portfolio) to share their views on reported incidents around human rights violations. The company continues to investigate allegations when they arise and assess their auditing of supply chains and transparency around that. They have also conducted independent unannounced audits and assessments as part of a scaled-up programme.  HSBC believe that the company must enhance their transparency on reporting during such engagements and continue to promote this in their voting stance at AGMs.
LGIM Passive Gilt Funds	LGIM do not currently provide details of their engagement activities at strategy level for Gilt funds and have limited data at firm level.	Given the nature of the Fund, engagement is somewhat limited, and is conducted with underlying counterparties and banks as opposed to investee companies. Engagement with counterparties is through LGIM's Investment Stewardship team, analysts, portfolio managers and traders, who include ESG in all their regular counterparty review meetings.  LGIM provide high level engagement statistics at a fund level within their quarterly ESG reports, based on the engagements of the companies held by the fund over past year. Currently, engagement data is not applied to government bonds, however, LGIM are looking to provide more complete reporting in due course.

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Fund name	Engagement summary	Commentary and significant engagements
LGIM Future World Global Equity Fund Data reflects 12-month period to 31 March 2024	Total Engagements: 1,274 Of which: - Environmental: 564 - Social: 217 - Governance: 406 - Other: 87	LGIM currently do not provide examples of their engagement activities at Fund level.  LGIM's Investment Stewardship team are responsible for engagement activities across all funds. LGIM share their finalised ESG scorecards with portfolio companies and the metrics on which they are based.  LGIM leverage the wider capabilities of the
LGIM Future World Multi-Asset Fund  Data reflects 12-month period to 31 March 2024	Total Engagements: 2,104 Of which: - Environmental: 1,268 - Social: 254 - Governance: 475 - Other: 107	global firm to engage with companies. The team also regularly engage with regulators, governments, and other industry participants to address long term structural issues, aiming to stay ahead of regulatory changes and adopt best practice.
LGIM UK Equity Index Fund  Data reflects 12-month period to 31 March 2024	Total Engagements: 476 Of which: - Environmental: 180 - Social: 87 - Governance: 194 - Other: 15	
<b>LGIM Absolute Return Bond Fund</b> Data reflects 12-month period to 31 March 2024	Total Engagements: 330 Of which: - Environmental: 146 - Social: 39 - Governance: 99 - Other: 46	
LGIM AAA-AA-A Corporate Bond All Stocks Fund  Data reflects 12-month period to 31 March 2024	Total Engagements: 255 Of which: - Environmental: 154 - Social: 26 - Governance: 71 - Other: 4	
Threadneedle Property Fund	Columbia Threadneedle is unable to provide engagement statistics for their property funds.	Columbia Threadneedle has a history of active engagement and collaboration on ESG related topics and is looking to improve the extent and depth of its reporting on these issues.

### Investment manager voting summary over accounting year period

The Trustee believes that responsible oversight of investee companies is a fundamental duty of good stewardship. As such, it expects the Plan's managers to vote at the majority of investee company meetings every year, and to provide sufficient information as to allow for the independent assessment of their voting activity.

As the Plan invests via pooled funds managed by various investment managers, where applicable, each manager has provided details on their voting actions including a summary of the activity over the Plan's reporting year. The managers also provided examples of any significant votes where relevant.

Fund name	Voting summary	Example of significant votes	Commentary
Baillie Gifford Positive Change Fund Data reflects 12- month period to 31 March 2024	Votable Proposals: 323 Proposals Voted: 95% For votes: 97% Against votes: 3% Abstain votes: 0%	PT BANK RAKYAT INDONESIA (PERSERO) TBK: Baillie Gifford ("BG") opposed the changes to the composition of the company's management due to a lack of disclosure. Whilst this is common practice in Indonesia, BG are uncomfortable voting on a proposal where they do not have all the information to make an informed decision. BG continues to encourage the board to disclose this information in advance of the AGM.	Whilst BG make use of proxy advisors' voting recommendations (ISS and Glass Lewis), they do not delegate or outsource stewardship activities or rely upon their recommendations.  All client voting decisions are made in-house.
BlackRock Diversified Growth Fund Data reflects 12- month period to 31 March 2024	Votable Proposals: 7,308 Proposals Voted: 94% For votes: 94% Against votes: 5% Abstain votes: 1%	Broadcom Inc.  BlackRock voted against the election of 4 Directors and a compensation package as they believe the pay is not aligned with performance and peers.	BlackRock use Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) electronic platform to execute vote instructions.  BlackRock endeavour to communicate to companies when they intend to vote against management, either before or just after casting votes in advance of the shareholder meeting. They also publish their voting guidelines to help clients and companies understand their thinking on key governance matters that are commonly put to a shareholder vote.
HSBC Islamic Global Equity Fund	Votable Proposals: 1,702	Apple Inc.:  HSBC voted against Apple's report on median	HSBC use Institutional Shareholder Service's (ISS) electronic platform to assist

Fund name	Voting summary	Example of significant votes	Commentary
Data reflects 12- month period to 31 March 2024	Proposals Voted: 96% For votes: 76% Against votes: 23% Abstain votes: 0%	gender/racial pay gap. HSBC believe the proposal would contribute to improving gender inequality. The shareholder resolution did not pass.  HSBC have stated they will continue to vote against propositions such as this if they have similar concerns over diversity on other boards.	with the global application of their voting guidelines.  Voting policy recommendations are reviewed according to the scale of HSBC's holdings. The bulk of holdings are voted in line with the recommendation based on their internal guidelines.  HSBC exercise their voting rights as an expression of stewardship for client assets. They have global voting guidelines which protect investor interests and foster good practice.
LGIM UK Equity Index Fund  Data reflects 12- month period to 31 March 2024	Votable Proposals: 10,462 Proposals Voted: 100% For votes: 94% Against votes: 6% Abstain votes: 0%	SSE Plc:  LGIM voted to approve SSE's Net Zero Transition Report as they expect investee companies to introduce credible transition plans, consistent with the Paris goals of limiting the global average temperature increase to 1.5c. This includes the disclosure of scope 1, 2 and material scope 3 GHG emissions.	LGIM's Investment Stewardship team uses ISS's 'ProxyExchange' electronic voting platform to electronically vote clients' shares. All voting decisions are made by LGIM and they do not outsource any part of the strategic decisions.  LGIM publicly communicates its vote instructions on its website with the rationale for all votes against management.
LGIM Future World Multi- Asset Fund  Data reflects 12- month period to 31 March 2024	Votable Proposals: 91,840 Proposals Voted: 100% For votes: 77% Against votes: 23% Abstain votes: 0%	Shell Plc:  LGIM voted against the approval of the Shell Energy Transition Progress.  LGIM acknowledge the substantial progress made by Shell regarding climate commitments, but remain concerned by the lack of disclosure surrounding future oil and gas production plans and targets associated with the upstream and downstream operation.  LGIM continue to undertake extensive engagement with	LGIM continues to engage with their investee companies, publicly advocate their position on issues and monitor company and market-level progress.

Fund name	Voting summary	Example of significant votes	Commentary
		Shell on its climate transition plans.	
Here World Global Equity Index Fund  Data reflects 12-month period to 31 March 2024	Votable Proposals: 52,212 Proposals Voted: 100% For votes: 80% Against votes: 19% Abstain votes: 1%	Microsoft Corporation:  LGIM voted against the election of Satya Nadella as Director.  They did so as LGIM expect companies to separate the roles of Chair and CEO due to risk management and oversight concerns.  LGIM will continue to engage with investee companies on independence and disclosure, and publicly advocate their position on this issue.	