



**Minutes of a meeting of the Investment Subcommittee held at County Hall,
Glenfield on Wednesday, 24 July 2024.**

PRESENT:

Leicestershire County Council

Mr. T. Barkley CC (Chairman)
Mr. D. C. Bill MBE CC

Mr. D. J. Grimley CC

District Council Representative

Cllr. Roy Denney

Staff Representatives

Mr. Nick Booth

Independent Advisers and Managers

Hymans Robertson

Mr. Philip Pearson

Stafford Timberland Limited

Mr. Dermot McCloskey
Mr. Stephen Addicott
Mr Marek Guizot

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2024 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. Question Time.

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 35.

3. Questions asked by members under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).

4. Urgent items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

5. Declarations of interest.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

6. Cash Position 31 March 2024, Deployment Against the Strategic Asset Allocation, Proposed Private Equity Commitments

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources which provided an update on the cash holding of the Leicestershire County Council Pension Fund (Fund) and plans for its deployment against the Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). The report also provided information regarding a proposed commitment to private equity in order to maintain alignment to the SAA. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 6' is filed with these minutes.

RESOLVED:

- a) That an additional £40m GBP commitment to the LGPS Central Private Equity 2023 vintage be approved.
- b) That a \$50m (£40m at a 1.25£/\$ exchange rate) USD commitment to the Adams Street Partners global funds 2024 be approved.

7. Review of the Leicestershire LGPS Infrastructure Assets.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources which provided an update on the review of the Fund's infrastructure assets, including timberland investments. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 7' is filed with these minutes.

A Member referred to the Fund's infrastructure, with 75% of assets invested in developed markets, and queried if there was a breakdown of what countries those investments were in. The Director of Corporate Resources informed the meeting that each of the managers in their quarterly reports could provide a geographical breakdown, some of them at country level.

RESOLVED:

That the report on a review of the Fund's infrastructure assets, including timberland investments, be noted.

8. Dates of Future Meetings.

The dates of future meetings of the Sub-Committee scheduled to take place on the following dates were noted:

2 October 2024
 11 December 2024
 16 April 2025
 16 July 2025
 1 October 2025
 10 December 2025

9. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

10. Review of the Leicestershire LGPS Infrastructure Asset Portfolio.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources which provided an update in respect of an infrastructure review of the Fund's assets and advised on investment commitments to align with the strategic asset allocation (SAA) as agreed by the Local Pension Committee at its meeting in January 2024. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 10' is filed with these minutes.

The report also sought approval of several infrastructure commitments and a representative from the Fund's investment advisor Hymans Robertson (Hymans) delivered a presentation and answered questions from Members. A copy of the presentation is filed with these minutes.

The Chairman welcomed representatives from Stafford Timberland Limited (Stafford) to the meeting who provided a presentation on the rationale for the recommendation to transfer current interests in three Stafford Timberland investments into one new investment, and answered questions from Members. A copy of the presentation is filed with these minutes.

After their presentation, the representatives from Stafford left the meeting for Members to consider the recommendations in private.

RESOLVED:

- a) That it be approved that the general cash balances fund the below investments noting that these will be called over a number of years:
 - i. £100million (GBP) be committed to the LGPS Central infrastructure core/core plus fund in 2024
 - ii. £30million (GBP) to be LGPS Central infrastructure value add/opportunistic fund in 2024
- b) That it be approved that authority be delegated to the Director of Corporate Resources to commit in 2025 and 2026 a further:
 - i. £100million in each year to the LGPS Central infrastructure core/core plus fund subject to the details as listed at point 21 of the report.
 - ii. £30million in each year to the LGPS Central infrastructure value add/opportunistic fund subject to the details as listed at point 21 of the report.
- c) That Stafford Capital Partners proposal to create a continuation fund for Stafford timberland funds six, seven and eight investments be approved.

10.00 to 11.55am
24 July 2024

CHAIRMAN