



# Leicestershire Local Pension Board LGPS Central Limited

25 June 2025







# Agenda

Leicestershire Local Pension Board

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# LGPS Central Highlights

Our achievements





## £45bn

Assets under our stewardship (at 31 January 2025)

## £12bn

Internally managed public market assets

## £108m

Gross savings generated to (at 31 December 2024)

## £360.7m

Projected gross savings by 2033/34



## 28 Funds

Including two newly launched credit vintages

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quartile

Flagship Global Equity fund performance since inception (at 31 January 2025)

## £6bn

In private market commitments by Partner Funds

## 90

Colleagues



100%

Responsible Investment Integrated Status

## 40%

Colleagues with a non-white ethnic background

## 775

Companies engaged with on ESG matters in 23/24

## 2050

Net Zero commitment on assets under our stewardship



# UK Stewardship Code

Signatory

25%

Of private market deployed investment is in the UK

## £5.2bn

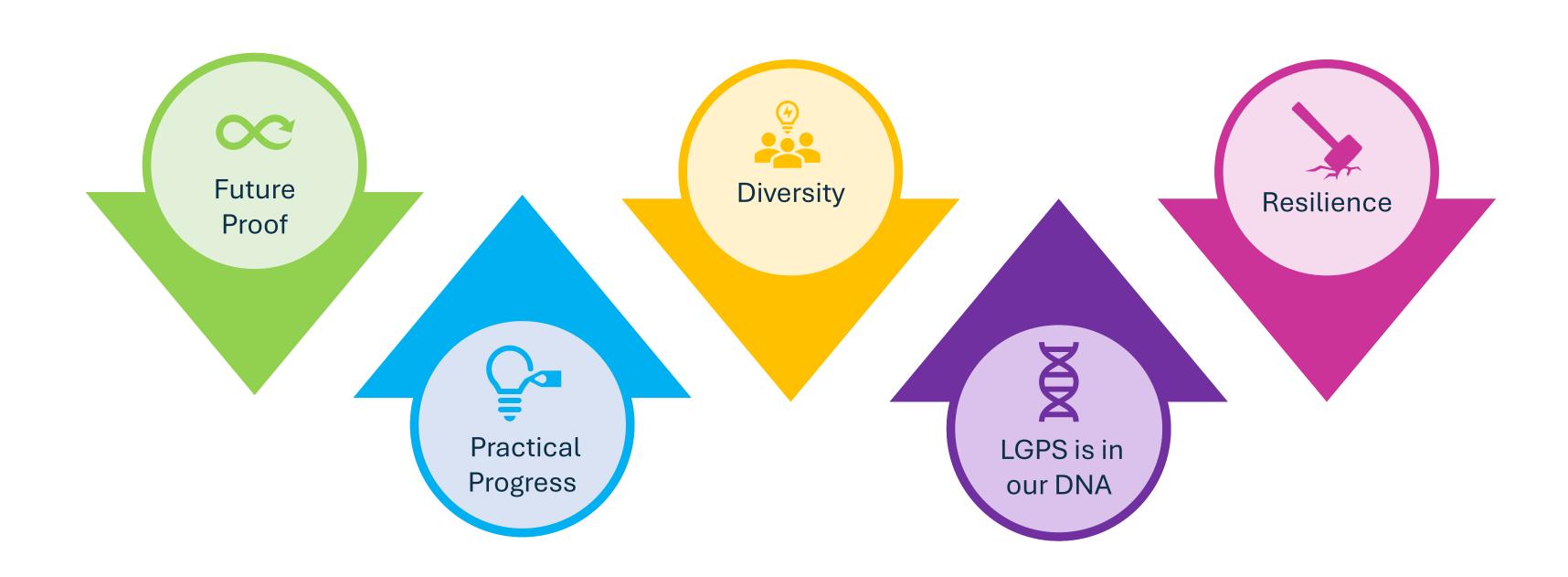
Pooled Assets invested in the UK

## £30m

Invested in Local NHS Facilities

# LGPS Central Highlights

Our approach



## LGPS Central Pool

## Governance and Stakeholder Engagement

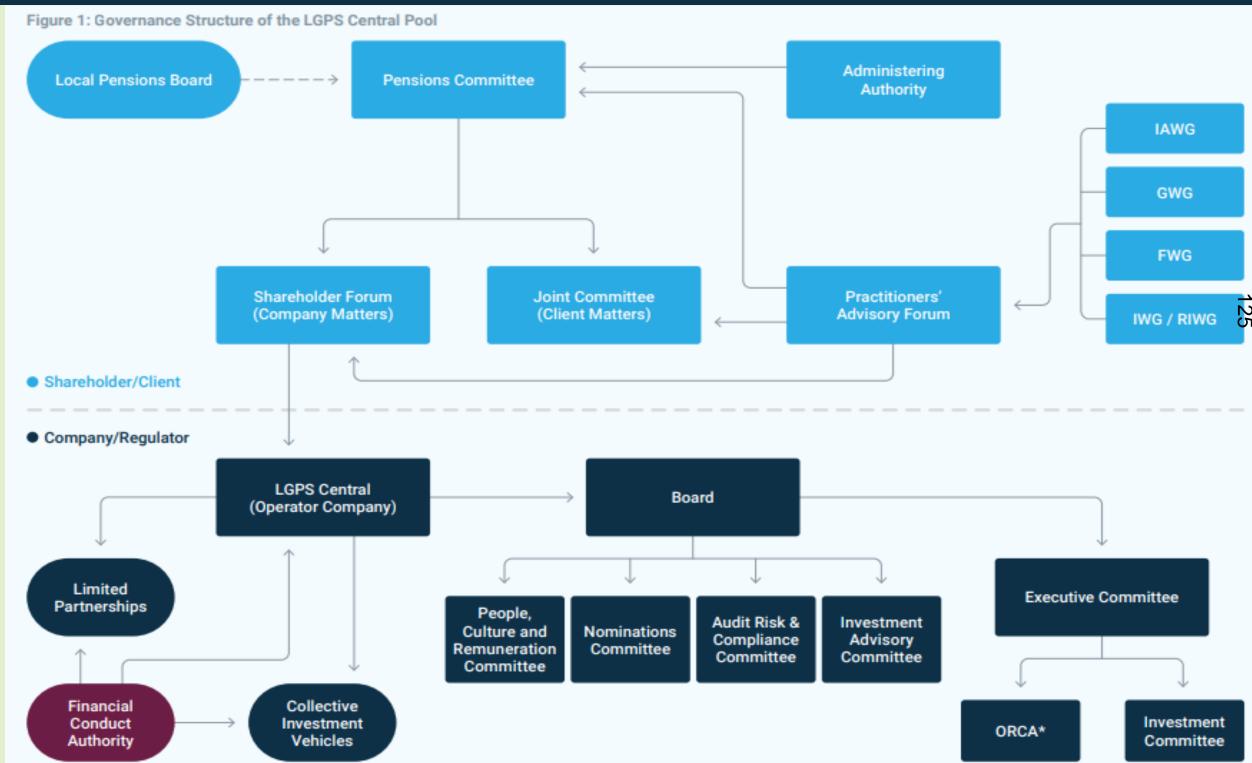


Frequent and regular dialogue and engagement takes place between the Board and LGPSC's clients and Shareholder representatives through Company and Partner Fund forums covering specific aspects of the Company's development and progress.

### **Company General Meetings**

The Company's most recent annual general meeting was held on 24 September 2024. The key business discussed at that meeting included the non-executive director succession plan, Board continuity and the annual governance report to Shareholders. There were also routine updates from the Chair of the Board and the chair of each underlying sub-committee. Shareholders had an opportunity to question the Board and vote on resolutions, including the re-election of directors and the adoption of the Company's annual report and financial statements.

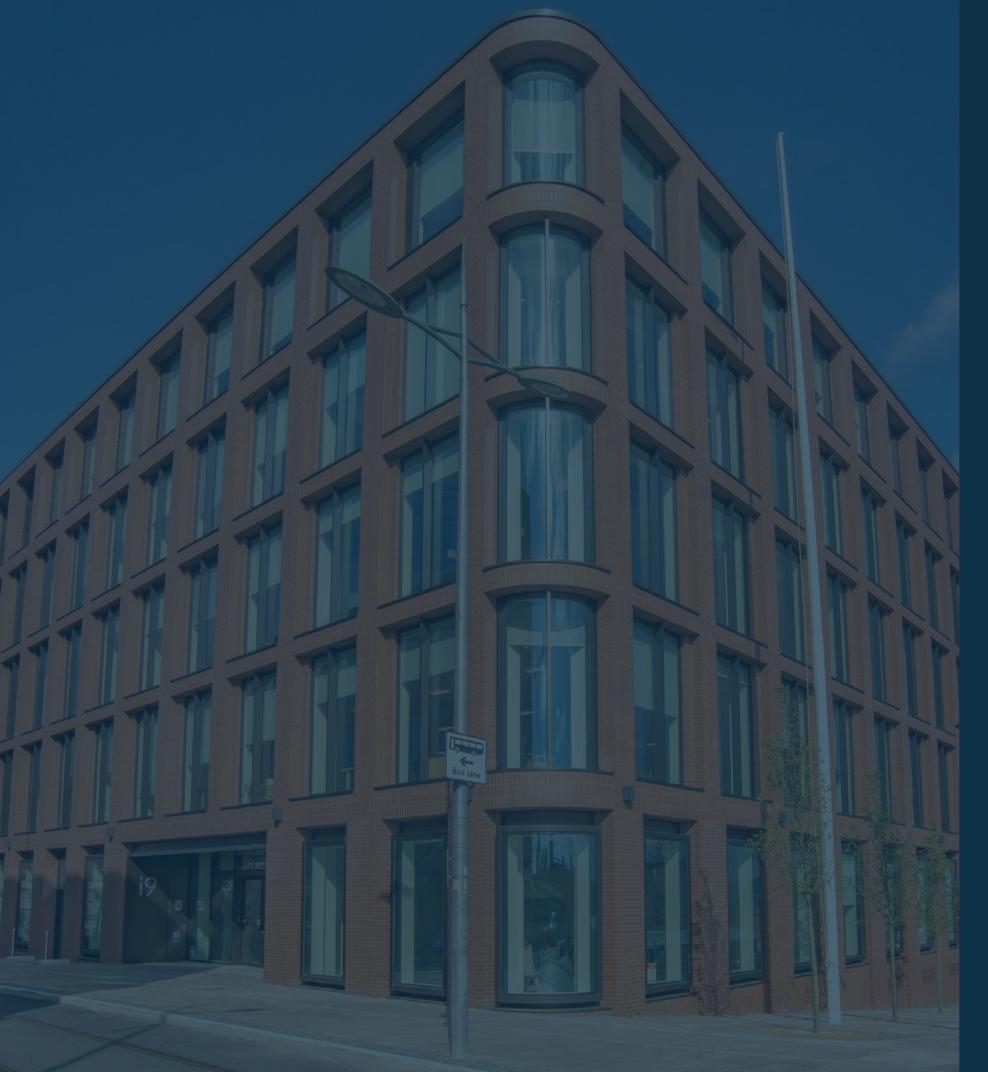
A general meeting was then held on 25 February 2025.



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\* ORCA is the Operations, Risk, Compliance and Administration Committee.





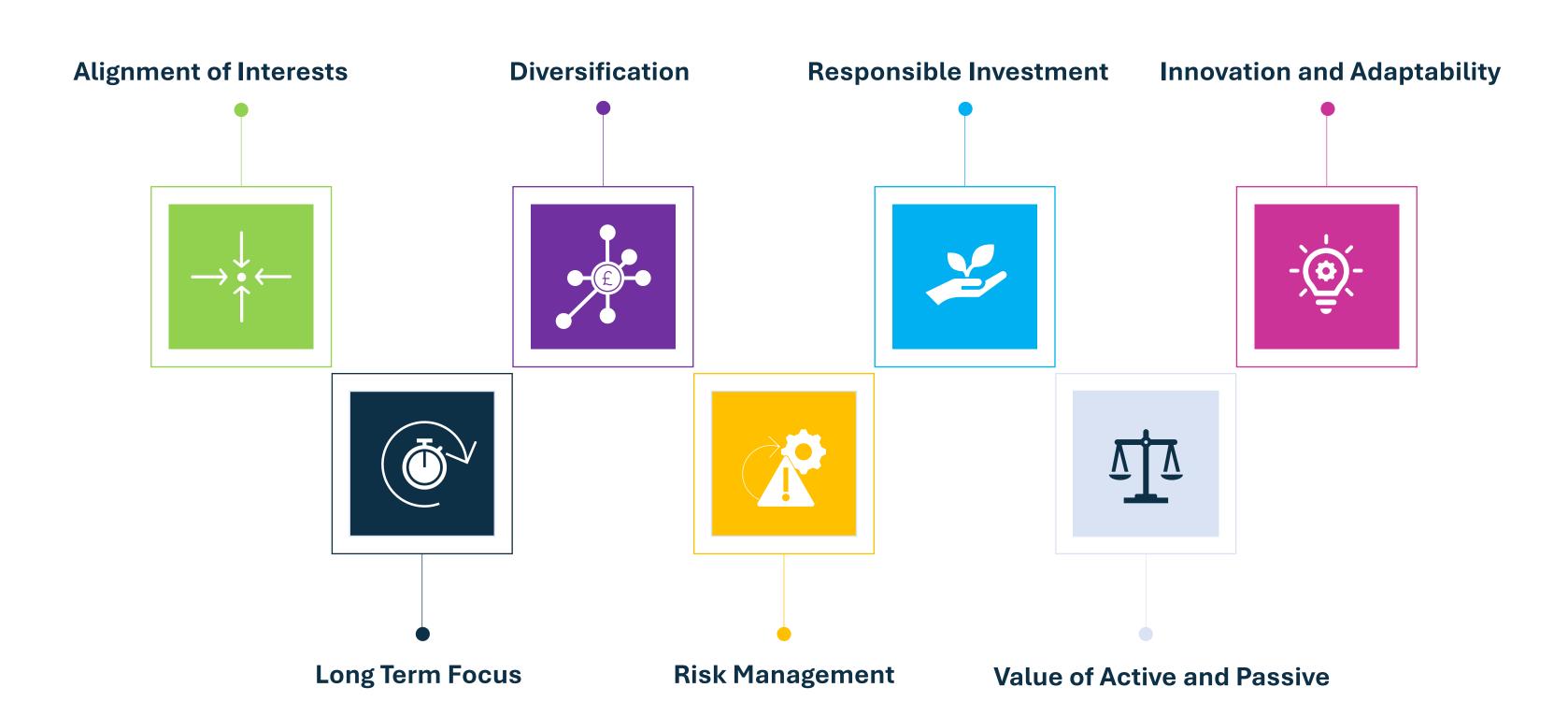


# Investment Approach

# LGPS Central Approach



Investment beliefs are the core convictions that shape how LGPS Central approaches investing



# LGPS Central Approach

Manager monitoring



### **ROUTINE SCRUTINY**



### **FUND LEVEL**

Daily analysis of activities

MANAGER LEVEL

- Weekly internal review meetings
- Review of allocations
- · Informal performance reviews
- · 1-2-1 with fund managers on monthly/quarterly basis
- · Analysis of outcomes

- · Address mandate suitability
- Strategy adaptation
- Performance reporting
- · Internal governance on process, performance, people, RI integrated status
- · RI integration and engagement

### TRIGGERS FOR INTERVENTION

- Sustained under/over performance
- Process drift and performance
- Risk not in-line with expectations.

- · Changes in business ownership, client concentration and liquidity.
- Operational concerns
- Suitability of mandate drifts from purpose



## **3 YEAR REVIEW FORMAL "FIT-FOR-PURPOSE" REVIEW COVERING ALL AREAS** OF THE FUND Extended analysis of fund Mandate and market Fund strategy Delegated managers Responsible investment Recent innovations Continued appropriateness **CLIENT TOUCH POINTS**

**THROUGHOUT PROCESS** 

# Leicestershire County Council Pension Fund



Investments with LGPS Central

	Valuation 31/03/2025 (£m)	Date of First Investment	Performance (% p.a.)							
Fund Name and Benchmark			Since First Investment		5 Years		3 Years		1 Year	
			Fund	B'mark	Fund	B'mark	Fund	B'mark	Fund	B'mark
LGPS Central Limited Global Equity Active Multi Manager Fund	783	February 2019	11.97	11.27	16.56	14.76	8.79	8.14	3.92	5.46
LGPS Central Limited All World Equity Climate Multi Factor Fund	843	December 2020	9.41	9.20	13.96	13.76	7.50	7.32	3.90	3.73
LGPS Central Global Active Investment Grade Corporate Bond Multi Manager Fund	167	April 2020	0.46	-0.05	1.36	0.86	0.50	0.15	4.89	3.82
LGPS Central Global Multi Asset Credit Multi Manager Fund	426	April 2021	1.16	3.32	-	-	2.75	4.32	5.80	4.97
Under Pool Management	Valuation as at 31 March 2025 (£m)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LGPS Central LGIM Passive Funds Oversight and Stewardship Services	1,123	-	-	-	-	-	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-
Total Public Markets Under Pool Management	3,342	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-

Total
Proportion
Pooled:
c. 58%

Source: LGPS Central, figures subject to rounding

# Leicestershire County Council Pension Fund

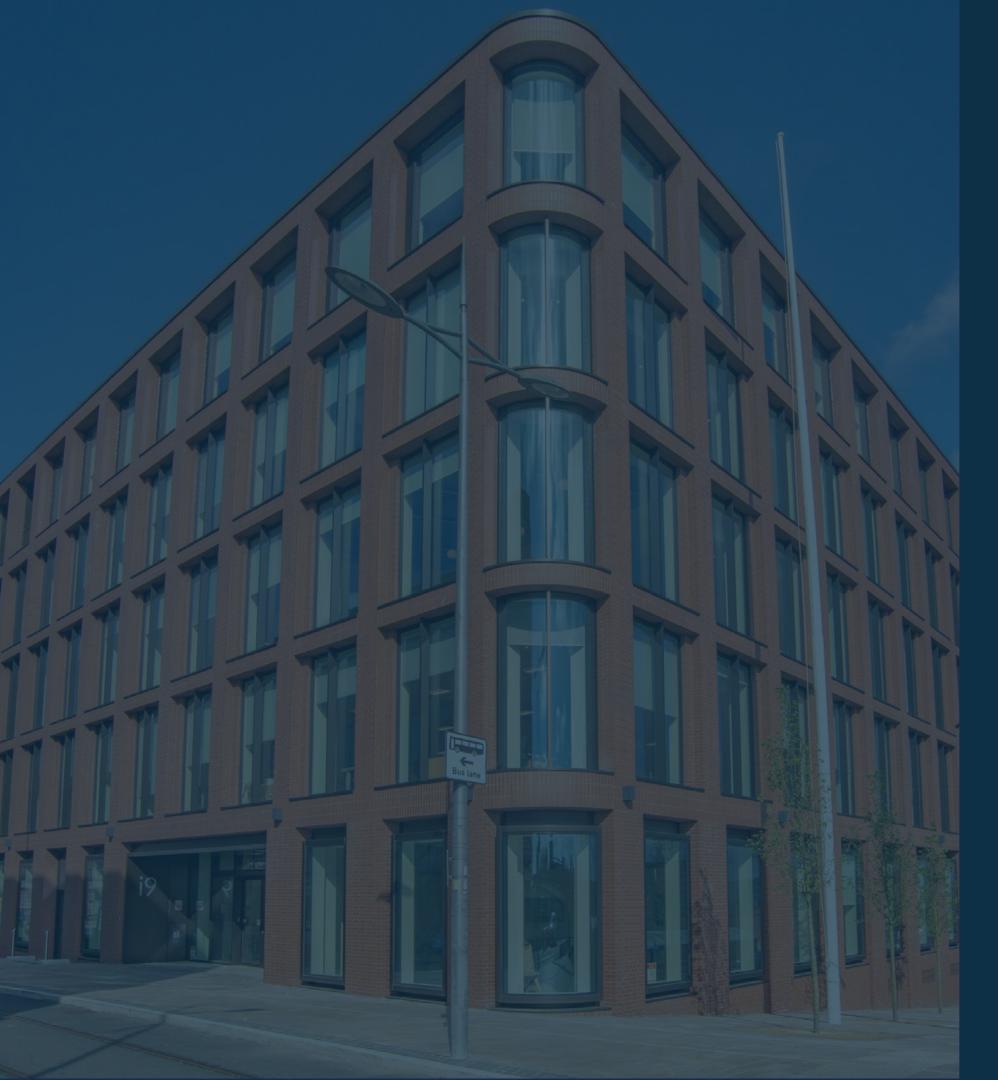


Investments with LGPS Central

Private Markets	Closing Value 31/12/2024 (£m)	Leicestershire Commitment (£m)	Total PF Commitments (£m)	Drawn	IRR	B'mark	Target
Direct Property	67	120	130	61%	4.9%	MSCI +0.5%	
LGPS Central PE Primary Partnership 2018 LP	9	10	150	90%	11.4%	12.2%	16.2%
LGPS Central Core/Core Plus Infrastructure Partnership LP	143	235	1,104	68%	6.3%	5.8%	9.3%
LGPS Central Value Add/Opportunistic Infrastructure Partnership LP	2	30	266	26%	3.8%	5.8%	10.8%
Private Credit I	36	60	305	69%	8.7%	12% -	14%
Private Credit II	163	240	1,165	76%	9.8%	6% -	8%
Private Credit IV	65	117	587	66%	1.2%	4.5%	- 6%
LGPS Central PE Primary Partnership 2021 LP	10	30	365	31%	14.0%	13.6%	17.6%
LGPS Central PE Primary Partnership 2023 LP	6	80	315	7.8%	No	t meaningf	ul
LGPS Central Private Credit Direct Lending Partnership 2024 LP	-	180	460	-	-	-	-
LGPS Central Private Credit Real Asset Partnership 2024 LP	-	100	198	-	-	-	-
Total Private Markets	501	1,202	5,045	-	-	-	-

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# Fit for the Future

LGPS Central Plan

# Fit for the Future

## Government Requirements

- Administering Authorities would remain responsible for setting a high-level investment strategy for their fund but would be required to use the pool as the principal source of advice on their investment strategy
- Authorities would be required to fully delegate the implementation of their investment strategy to the pool
- Pools would be required to be established as investment management companies authorised and regulated by the FCA, with FCA permission to provide advice and with the expertise and capacity to implement investment strategies
- Administering Authorities would be required to transfer all assets, including legacy assets, to the management of the pool
- Pools would be required to develop the capability to carry out due diligence on local investments and to manage such investments

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# Working with our Partner Funds

Implementation of the LGPS Central Fit for the Future Plan

	Preservation of Value	Preservation of value in assets to be transitioned.
	Depth of Knowledge	Recognition of the value of Partner Fund knowledge and experience.
	Collaborative Solutions	Delivering the high standard of service our Partner Funds expect, working with our Partner Funds to develop solutions to meet their strategic needs.
	Robust Governance	Reviewing and enhancing pool governance to ensure it meets Partner Fund requirements for oversight as well as the Government's objectives.
33	Flexible and Pragmatic Approach	The deadline for Partner Funds to transition assets is fast approaching, we need to work together to meet requirements.

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# Appendices





## **About LGPS Central**

### LGPS Central at a Glance



### CORE SERVICES:

- Investment Management
- Asset Pooling
- Advisory Services
- · Responsible Investment Advisory, Analytics and Reporting

### OUR STORY:

- Founded in 2017 by eight Partner Funds - AUM £62bn
- ~70% of partner fund assets pooled so far
- 27 investment funds across seven asset classes
- FCA regulated
- Over £6bn committed in Private Markets

### TEAM:

- A team of 90 experienced professionals including investment specialists covering all asset classes, with a strong focus on responsible investment, supported by professionals in legal, finance, risk management, technology, procurement, programmes, people and culture, and client services
- 43% from non-white ethnic backgrounds
- 50% of Board members are female

### **UK Investment**



£10.8bn

of assets invested in the UK



£825m (28.6%) of private market investment is in the UK



£2.3bn of committed

funds are available to make further investments



Direct UK Property Fund

initially attracting £130 million in commitments to date



Residential UK Property Fund

focused on assets in the social. affordable and private rented sector initially attracting commitments of £115 million to date

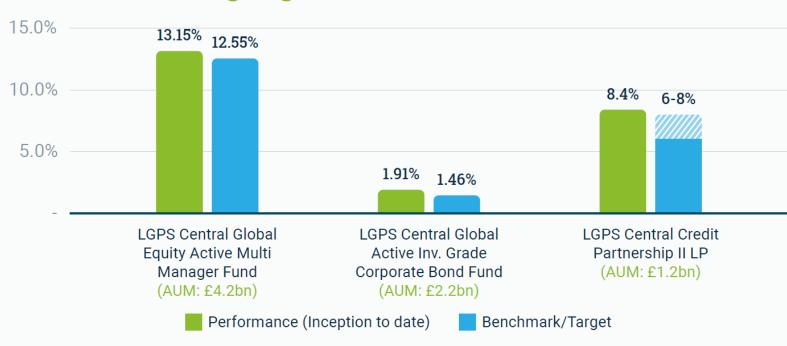


£30m invested in local NHS facilities

## **Assets Under Stewardship**



## **Performance Highlights**



## **Cost Efficiency** and Value







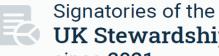
### **Responsible Investment** & Stewardship



Voted at 3,432 meetings comprising of 41.754 resolutions



5-star UN PRI scores in five out of six categories



**UK Stewardship Code** since **2021** 



All Partner Funds producing **TCFD-compliant** 

**Climate Reports** 

## Governance

## Stakeholder Engagement



### **Shareholder Forum**

The Shareholder Forum comprises a representative of each of the Administering Authorities and its primary role is to oversee the operation and performance of the Company and to ensure that the ownership rights and interests of the Administering Authorities are represented. It is a forum for discussing shareholder matters, including reserved matters under the Shareholders' Agreement.

### **Joint Committee**

The Joint Committee is a public forum for the Administering Authorities to perform oversight of client matters and is made up of one elected member per authority. The Joint Committee meets twice a year, and its role is to support and provide assistance, guidance and recommendations to the individual Administering Authorities in connection with Company-related investment issues.

The Company provides updates to the Joint Committee on investment performance, manager oversight, responsible investment and engagement, and its key operational performance indicators.

### **PAF (Practitioners Advisory Forum)**

PAF comprises officers of the Administering Authorities, and its over-riding objectives are to collectively ensure that the pool meets the statutory requirements for investment pooling and to agree a programme of products that meet the needs of all Partner Funds. The Company provides PAF with updates on key strategic and business items. Discussions during the year have included an update on key elements of the Company's business plan, people strategy, operational resilience, programme of assurance and controls reporting.

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## Governance

## Stakeholder Engagement



### **Investment Working Group (IWG)**

The IWG comprises representatives from each of the eight Partner Funds. The Company provides monthly updates relating to investment fund development and performance. The IWG is the principal mechanism through which collective Partner Fund views are sought on the development and evolution of the Company's investment funds. Discussions have included the development of new funds and progress updates on fund implementation, due diligence and manager selection protocols, RI&S Stewardship updates, market outlook, fund factsheets and other reporting.

### Responsible Investment Working Group (RIWG)

The RIWG includes representatives from some of the eight Partner Funds and the Company's RI&S team and meets regularly throughout the year. The Company provides updates and worked with the group on topics such as climate change, the use of plastics, voting and engagement issues, consultations and climate risk reporting.

### **Other Working Groups**

IAWG (Internal Audit Working Group GWG (Governance Working Group) FWG (Finance Working Group)

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