

Statement of changes made to the Investment Strategy Statement

January 2019

The Investment Strategy Statement was adopted in March 2017, following the completion of the previous triennial valuation.

In advance of the next full review, as part of the 2019 triennial valuation, the statement has been updated to reflect revised investment objectives and beliefs adopted by the pension committee in January 2019, to reflect more detail in the consideration of risks in light of those revised objectives and beliefs, and to update the fund's involvement with the ACCESS pool.

In accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2016, this document sets out a statement of changes made.

General

Presentation amended to reflect Isle of Wight Council strategy document template, with resultant amendment to section numbering. Paragraph numbering added for ease of reference.

1 Document information

New section included within template.

2 Contents page

New section included within template.

3 Introduction

New paragraphs added to clarify the purpose and requirements of the statement, and to specify advice taken in the preparation of the document.

4 Investment Beliefs and Objectives

Reordering of previous paragraphs.

Deletion of previous investment beliefs.

Insertion of updated investment beliefs as appendix.

5 Investment strategy and the process for ensuring suitability of investment

Additional paragraphs for information about 2019 valuation process.

Greater depth of information provided on:

- asset classes invested in and limits on investment with related parties;
- advice taken in reviewing suitability of investments;
- removal of additional restrictions on investments;
- investment managers currently employed.

6 Risk measurement and management

Identification of principal risks, management of risks and contingency plans

Expansion of previous investment risks into investment, funding, asset and other provider risks.

Expansion of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) risk into two key areas:

- sustainable investment/ESG factors
- stewardship and governance

7 Approach to asset pooling

Updated for increased activity in ACCESS pool since previous version of ISS.

8 Voting Rights

No changes

9 Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance policy and policy of the exercise of rights (including voting rights) attaching to investments

Insertion of paragraph stating committee's intent to develop its own ESG policy during 2019.

10 Myners Principles

No changes

11 Advice taken

Amendment to investment consultants, from Mercer Limited to Hymans Robertson

Appendix A - Investment Beliefs

New appendix, reflecting output from development workshop held on 14 September 2018

Appendix B – Myners Principles compliance statement

Minor amendments to supporting evidence for adherence to principles, reflecting progress made since previous statement approved.