



# **Statement of Investment Principles**

**For the Nottingham City Transport Limited  
Pension Fund**

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# 01 Introduction

## Purpose

This document constitutes the Statement of Investment Principles ('the SIP') required under Section 35 of the Pensions Act 1995 for the Nottingham City Transport Limited Pension Fund ('the Fund'). It describes the investment policy being pursued by the Trustee of the Fund and is in accordance with the Government's voluntary code of conduct for Institutional Investment in the UK ("the Myners Principles"). This SIP also reflects the requirements of Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment) Regulations 2005.

## Fund details

The exclusive purpose of the Fund is to provide retirement and death benefits to eligible participants and beneficiaries. It qualifies as a registered pension Fund, registered under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004.

## Advice and consultation

Before preparing this Statement, the Trustee have sought advice from the Fund's Investment Consultant, XPS Investment Limited. The Trustee have also consulted the Principal Employer. The Trustee will consult the Principal Employer on any future changes in investment policy as set out in this Statement.

## Investment powers

The Fund's Trust Deed and Rules set out the investment powers of the Trustee. This Statement is consistent with those powers. Neither this Statement nor the Trust Deed and Rules restrict the Trustee's investment powers by requiring the consent of the Principal Employer.

In accordance with the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, the Trustee set general investment policy but delegate responsibility for the selection of the specific securities and any financial instruments in which the Fund invests to the Investment Managers.

## Review of the Statement

The Trustee will review this Statement and their investment policy at least every three years in conjunction with each triennial valuation or immediately following any significant changes in investment policy.

The Trustee will also review this Statement in response to any material changes to any aspect of the Fund, its liabilities, finances and attitude to risk of either the Trustee or Principal Employer which it judges to have a bearing on the stated investment policy.

The Trustee will receive confirmation of the continued appropriateness of this Statement annually, or more frequently, if appropriate.

## Definitions

Capitalised terms in this document mean the following:

*Act* - The Pensions Act 1995 (as amended by section 244 of the Pensions Act 2004);

*AVCs* - Additional Voluntary Contributions;

*Investment Manager* - An organisation appointed by the Trustee to manage investments on behalf of the Fund;

*Principal Employer* - Nottingham City Transport Limited;

*Recovery Plan* - The agreement between the Trustee and the Principal Employer to address the funding deficit;

*Fund* - The Nottingham City Transport Limited Pension Fund;

*Statement* - This document, including any appendices, which is the Trustee's Statement of Investment Principles;

*Technical Provisions* - The amount required, on an actuarial calculation, to make provision for the Fund's liabilities;

*Low Dependency* - The long term funding target which once achieved and a suitable investment policy is adopted, the Fund has sufficient assets to minimise dependency on the employer;

*Trust Deed and Rules* - the Fund's Trust Deed and Rules dated 25 October 2016 as subsequently amended;

*Trustee* - the collective entity responsible for the investment of the Fund's assets and managing the administration of the Fund;

*Value at Risk* - a technique which uses historical correlations of asset class returns and volatilities to estimate the likely worst-case scenario loss for a given portfolio of assets.

# 02 Strategic investment policy and objectives

## Choosing investments

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The Trustee rely on professional Investment Managers for the day-to-day management of the Fund's assets. However, the Trustee retain control over some investments. In particular, the Trustee make decisions about pooled investment vehicles in which the Fund invests and any AVC investment vehicles.

The Trustee's policy is to regularly review the investments over which they retain control and to obtain written advice about them when necessary. When deciding whether or not to make any new investments the Trustee will obtain written advice and consider whether future decisions about those investments should be delegated to the Investment Managers. The written advice will consider suitability of the investments, the need for diversification and the principles within this Statement. The adviser will have the knowledge and experience required under Section 36(6) of the Act.

## Long-term objectives

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The primary investment objective of the Trustee is to seek to ensure the Fund is able to meet the benefit payments promised as they fall due from a combination of investment returns and planned contributions.

Having regard to the primary investment objective and subject to the strength of the employer covenant, the Trustee will seek to achieve a level of investment return which mitigates the cost of the Fund to the employer over the long term.

The Trustee will seek to achieve a level of investment return which is at least that assumed in the Recovery Plan from the most recent Actuarial Valuation.

The Trustee will seek to achieve a balance between return seeking assets and liability matching assets consistent with the profile of the members of the Fund and the profile of the liabilities.

The Trustee will seek to keep the costs and the manager risk in implementing the investment strategy to a minimum.

The Trustee will seek to utilise the skills of investment managers to enhance returns to the extent they reasonably expect that the manager will be able to add value in excess of the extra fees over time.

The Trustee will seek to use the skills of investment managers to reduce volatility and to increase diversity across asset classes where prudent to do so given the other investment objectives.

The Trustee will seek to use the skills of investment managers and hedging strategies to reduce the interest rate risk and inflation risk of the Fund so far as practicable.

**The Trustee will largely seek to hedge substantially all currency risks, as part of managing currency exposure within the broader investment strategy where it is reasonably considered to help reduce portfolio volatility. Expected returns**

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By undertaking the investment policy described in this Statement, the Trustee expect future investment returns will at least meet the rate of return underlying the Recovery Plan.

## Investment Policy

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Following advice from the Investment Consultant, the Trustee have set the investment policy and objectives with regard to the Fund's liabilities and funding level.

The Trustee intend to achieve these objectives through investing in a diversified portfolio of return-seeking assets (e.g. multi-asset, multi-strategy credit and secure income) and liability matching assets (e.g. LDI and Buy & Maintain Credit). The Trustee recognise that the return on return-seeking assets, whilst expected to be greater over the long-term than that on liability matching assets, is likely to be more volatile. A mixture across asset classes should nevertheless provide the level of returns required by the Fund to meet its liabilities at an acceptable level of risk (of underperforming the liabilities) for the Trustee, and an acceptable level of cost to the Principal Employer.

## Strategic investment policy and objectives continued

The investment policy the Trustee have adopted is detailed in Appendix I. The specific Investment Manager mandates against which performance of the assets will be assessed are specified in Appendix II.

### Range of assets

The Trustee consider that the combination of the investment policy detailed in Appendix I and the specific manager mandates detailed in Appendix II will ensure that the assets of the Fund include suitable investments that are appropriately diversified and provide a reasonable expectation of meeting the objectives. In setting out the mandates for the Investment Managers, the Trustee will ensure that the Fund holds a suitably diversified range of securities in each category, avoiding an undue concentration of assets.

Based on the structure set out in Appendix I, the Trustee consider the arrangements with the Investment Managers to be aligned with the Fund's overall strategic objectives. Details of each specific mandate are set out in agreements and pooled fund documentation with each Investment Manager. The amounts allocated to any individual category or security will be influenced by the overall benchmark and objectives, varied through the Investment Managers' tactical asset allocation preferences at any time, within any scope given to them through asset allocation parameters set by the Trustee or governing the pooled funds in which the Fund is invested.

The Trustee will ensure that the Fund's assets are predominantly invested in regulated markets to maximise their security.

Investment Managers are incentivised to perform in line with expectations for their specific mandate as their continued involvement as Investment Managers as part of the Fund's investment strategy – and hence the fees they receive – are dependent upon them doing so. They are therefore subject to performance monitoring and reviews based on a number of factors linked to the Trustee's expectations, including the selection / deselection criteria set out in Section 6

The Trustee encourage Investment Managers to make decisions in the long-term interests of the Fund. The Trustee expect the Investment Managers to engage with management of the underlying issuers of debt or equity and the exercising of voting rights. This expectation is based on the belief that such engagement can be expected to help Investment Managers to mitigate risk and improve long term returns. As covered in more detail in Section 3, the Trustee also require the Investment Managers to take ESG factors and climate change risks into consideration within their decision-making as the Trustee believe these factors could have a material financial impact in the long-term. The Trustee therefore make decisions about the retention of Investment Managers, accordingly.

# 03 Responsible investment

The Trustee have considered their approach to environmental, social and corporate governance (“ESG”) factors for the long term time horizon of the Fund and believe there can be financially material risks relating to them. The Trustee have delegated the ongoing monitoring and management of ESG risks and those related to climate change to the Fund’s Investment Managers. The Trustee require the Fund’s Investment Managers to take ESG and climate change risks into consideration within their decision-making, in relation to the selection, retention or realisation of investments, recognising that how they do this will be dependent on factors including the characteristics of the asset classes in which they invest.

The Trustee encourages the Investment Managers to engage with investee companies and vote whenever it is practical to do so on financially material matters such as strategy, capital structure, conflicts of interest policies, risks, and ESG issues as part of their decision making. In relation to ESG, the Trustee have established the following factors which it considers to be key priority for stewardship activity undertaken on their behalf.

- Climate Change
- Pollution and waste
- Human and labour rights
- Diversity and inclusion
- Executive remuneration

The Trustee will annually review stewardship activity undertaken by their investment managers to ensure that the policies and priorities outlined above are being met and may explore these issues with their investment managers as part of the ongoing monitoring of ESG integration and stewardship activities. There are various ways to engage with investee companies, including discussions with senior management and Board members and voting on key resolutions when shares are held by the Fund.

The Trustee will seek advice from the Investment Consultant on the extent to which their views on ESG and climate change risks may be taken into account in any future Investment Manager selection exercises. Furthermore, the Trustee, with the assistance of the Investment Consultant, will monitor the processes and operational behaviour of the Investment Managers from time to time, to ensure they remain appropriate and in

line with the Trustee’s requirements as set out in this Statement.

As the Fund invests in pooled funds, the Trustee acknowledge that they cannot directly influence the policies and practices of the companies in which the pooled funds invest. They have therefore delegated responsibility for the exercise of rights (including voting rights) attached to the Fund’s investments to the Investment Managers. The Trustee encourage them to engage with investee companies and vote whenever it is practical to do so on financially material matters such as strategy, capital structure, conflicts of interest policies, risks, social and environmental impact and corporate governance as part of their decision-making processes. The Trustee require the Investment Managers to report on significant votes made on behalf of the Trustee.

In order to ensure sufficient oversight of the engagement and voting practices of their managers, the Trustee may periodically meet with their investment managers to discuss engagement which has taken place. The Trustee will also expect their investment adviser to engage with the managers from time to time as needed and report back to the Trustee on the stewardship credentials of their managers. The Trustee will then discuss the findings with the investment adviser, in the context of their own preferences, where relevant. This will include considering whether the manager is a signatory to the UK Stewardship Code. The Trustee recognise the Code as an indication of a manager’s compliance with best practice stewardship standards.

If the Trustee become aware of an Investment Manager engaging with the underlying issuers of debt or equity in ways that they deem inadequate or that the results of such engagement are mis-aligned with the Trustee’s expectation, then the Trustee may consider terminating the relationship with that Investment Manager.

When considering the selection, retention or realisation of investments, the Trustee have a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the Fund, although they have neither sought, nor taken into account, the beneficiaries’ views on matters including (but not limited to) ethical issues and social and environmental impact. The Trustee will review this policy if any beneficiary views are raised in future.

# 04 Risk measurement and management

The Trustee recognise a number of risks involved in the investment of the assets of the Fund. The Trustee measure and manage these risks as follows:

**Solvency risk and mismatching risk** - The risk that the assets do not respond to market changes in the same way as the liabilities, resulting in volatility in the funding position, is addressed through the strategic asset allocation and through ongoing triennial actuarial valuations. In setting the investment strategy, the Trustee will consider (for example) the Value at Risk.

**Strategy risk** - The risk that the Investment Managers' asset allocation deviates from the Trustee's investment policy is addressed through regular review of the asset allocation. In reviewing the investment strategy on a periodic basis, the Trustee will consider the current economic factors affecting the asset classes in which they have invested and the short to medium term outlook for performance by reference to e.g. current and historic yields, GDP growth forecasts and other relevant factors. The Trustee will also consider how far the actual asset allocation has drifted from the strategic asset allocation and take action to rebalance if necessary.

**Liquidity risk** - The risk that assets cannot be sold quickly enough to enable benefits to be paid or that the Trustee cannot exit a particular investment is addressed through the process by which the administrator estimates the benefit outgo and ensures that sufficient cash balances are available, and through the Trustee's policy on realisation of assets (see below).

**Inappropriate investments** - The risk that an Investment Manager invests in assets or instruments that are not considered to be appropriate by the Trustee is addressed through the Trustee's policy on the range of assets in which the Fund can invest (see section 2).

**Counterparty risk** - The risk that a third party fails to deliver cash or other assets owed to the Fund is addressed through the Investment Managers' guidelines with respect to cash and counterparty management.

**Political risk** - The risk of an adverse influence on investment values from political intervention is reduced by diversification of the assets across many countries.

**Custodian risk** - The risk that the custodian fails to provide the services expected is addressed through the agreement with the third party custodian and ongoing monitoring of the custodial arrangements. In pooled arrangements this is invariably delegated to the Investment Managers.

**Manager risk** - The risk that an Investment Manager fails to meet their stated objective is addressed through the performance objectives set out in Appendix II and through the monitoring of the Investment Managers as set out in section 6. In monitoring the performance of the Investment Managers, the Trustee measure the returns relative to the benchmark, objective and the volatility of returns. In addition, the Trustee will regularly review each Investment Manager's approach to risk within each fund in order to highlight any unintended risk being taken. For example:

- > for equities, the Trustee will consider the spread of assets across various geographic and industry sectors, the concentration of investments in individual stocks and the active positions taken by the Investment Managers;
- > for secure income, real estate secondary assets and property, the Trustee will consider the spread of assets across various geographic sectors, vintage years and property types. The Trustee will also review how each fund operates within its own defined risk controls and limits;
- > for multi-asset funds such as diversified growth funds (DGFs) and private markets, the Trustee will consider the weightings within each fund to different asset classes;
- > for liability driven investment (LDI) funds, the Trustee will review risk through the type of instruments held and the risks associated with these investments.

**Fraud/Dishonesty** - The risk that the Fund assets are reduced by illegal actions is addressed through restrictions applied as to who can authorise transfer of cash and the account to which transfers can be made.

**Currency risk** - The risk of losses through depreciation of non-sterling currencies is measured by reference to the exposure of the Fund to pooled funds with unhedged currency risk and is managed by investing predominantly in sterling assets and only taking currency risk where it increases the level of diversification.

# 05 Realisation of assets and investment restrictions

## Realisation of investments

In recognition of the fact that funds may need to be realised for a number of unanticipated reasons at any time, and the desirability of retaining as high a degree of flexibility as possible to cater for unexpected changes in circumstances, the Trustee will monitor closely the extent to which any assets not readily realisable are held by the Investment Managers and will limit such assets to a level where they are not expected to prejudice the proper operation of the Fund.

The Trustee have considered how easily investments can be realised for the types of assets in which the Fund is currently invested. As such, the Trustee believe that the Fund currently holds an acceptable level of readily realisable assets. The Trustee will also take into account how easily investments can be realised for any new investment classes it considers investing in, to ensure that this position is maintained in the future.

The Trustee will hold cash to the extent that it considers necessary to meet impending anticipated liability outflows. A bank account is used to facilitate the holding of cash awaiting investment or payment and this is carefully monitored by the Fund's administrator.

## Investment restrictions

The Trustee have established the following investment restrictions:

- > The Trustee or the investment managers may not hold in excess of 5% of the Fund's assets in investments related to the Principal Employer;
- > Whilst the Trustee recognise that borrowing on a temporary basis is permitted, this option will only be utilised where it is deemed absolutely necessary or where the Trustee have received advice from the Investment Consultant that the Fund's overall exposure to risk can be reduced through temporary borrowing, e.g. during an asset transfer;
- > Investment in derivative instruments may be made only insofar as they contribute to the reduction in risk or facilitate efficient portfolio management.

The Investment Managers impose internal restrictions that are consistent with their house style. In some instances, the Trustee may impose additional restrictions and any such restrictions are specified in Appendix II.

# 06 Investment Manager Arrangements and fee structure

## Delegation to Investment Manager(s)

In accordance with the Act, the Trustee have appointed one or more Investment Managers and delegated to them the responsibility for investing the Fund's assets in a manner consistent with this Statement.

The Investment Managers are authorised and regulated to provide investment management services to the Fund. Within the UK, the authorisation and regulation of the Investment Managers falls under the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Specific products in which the Fund invests may also be regulated by the Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA). For non-UK Investment Managers, authorisation and regulation is undertaken by the home state regulator.

Where Investment Managers are delegated discretion under section 34 of the Pensions Act 1995, the Investment Managers will exercise their investment powers with a view to giving effect to the principles contained in this Statement so far as reasonably practicable. In particular, the Investment Managers must have regard to the suitability and diversification of the investments made on behalf of the Fund.

The Investment Managers will ensure that suitable internal operating procedures are in place to control individuals making investments for the Fund.

## Performance objectives

The individual benchmarks and objectives against which each investment mandate is assessed are given in Appendix II.

## Review process

Appointments of Investment Managers are expected to be long-term, but the Trustee will review the appointment of the Investment Managers in accordance with their responsibilities. Such reviews will include analysis of each Investment Manager's performance and processes and an assessment of the diversification of the assets held by the Investment Manager. The review will include consideration of the continued appropriateness of the mandate given to the Investment Manager within the framework of the Trustee's investment policies.

The Trustee receive quarterly performance monitoring reports from the Investment Consultant which consider

performance over the quarter, one and three year periods. In addition, any significant changes relating to the criteria below that the Investment Consultant is aware of will be highlighted, which may lead to a change in the Investment Consultant's rating for a particular mandate. These ratings help to determine an Investment Manager's ongoing role in implementing the investment strategy. If there are concerns, the Trustee may carry out a more in-depth review of a particular Investment Manager. Investment Managers will also attend Trustee meetings as requested.

The Investment Consultant has also carried out a review of how well ESG factors are incorporated into each Investment Manager's processes and the Trustee will re-assess progress on ESG issues periodically.

Fund manager remuneration is considered as part of the manager selection process. It is also monitored regularly with the help of the Investment Consultant to ensure it is in line with the Trustee's policies and with fee levels deemed by the Investment Consultant to be appropriate for the particular asset class and fund type.

## Selection / Deselection Criteria

The criteria by which the Trustee will select (or deselect) the Investment Managers include:

- > Parent - Ownership of the business;
- > People - Leadership/team managing the strategy and client service;
- > Product - Key features of the investment and the role it performs in a portfolio;
- > Process - Philosophy and approach to selecting underlying investments including operational risk management and systems;
- > Positioning - Current and historical asset allocation of the fund;
- > Performance - Past performance and track record;
- > Pricing - The underlying cost structure of the strategy;
- > ESG – Consistency and extent to which ESG analysis is incorporated into the process of selecting underlying investments.

# Investment Manager Arrangements and fee structure continued

An Investment Manager may be replaced, for example (but not exclusively), for one or more of the following:

- > The Investment Manager fails to meet the performance objectives set out in Appendix II;
- > The Trustee believe that the Investment Manager is not capable of achieving the performance objectives in the future;
- > The Investment Manager fails to comply with this Statement.
- > The Investment Manager may also be removed for wider strategic reasons where they no longer align to

Fund's long-term investment strategy.

## Investment Managers' fee structure

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The Investment Managers are remunerated by receiving a percentage of the Fund's assets under management and, in some cases, through the application of a flat fee. Details of the fee arrangements are set out in Appendix II. It is felt

that this method of remuneration provides appropriate incentives for the Investment Managers to target the agreed level of outperformance whilst adhering to the level of risk specified by the Trustee.

## Portfolio turnover

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The Trustee require the Investment Managers to report on actual portfolio turnover at least annually, including details of the costs associated with turnover, how turnover compares with the range that the Investment Manager expects and the reasons for any divergence.

## Investment Consultant's fee structure

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The Investment Consultant is remunerated for work completed on a fixed fee basis, a time-cost basis or via a project fee. It is felt that this method of remuneration is appropriate because it enables the Investment Consultant to provide the necessary advice and information to facilitate the Trustee in undertaking their responsibilities.

# 07 Additional Voluntary Contribution arrangements

## Provision of AVCs

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The Fund provided a facility for members to pay additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) to enhance their benefits at retirement. The Trustee's objective is to provide vehicles that enabled members to generate suitable long-term returns, consistent with their reasonable expectations.

The investment funds are provided by Standard Life Assurance Company.

## Review process

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The appointment of the AVC providers and the choice of AVC funds offered to members will be reviewed by the

Trustee from time to time to ensure that the investment performance achieved is acceptable, and the investment profile of the funds remains consistent with the Trustee's objectives.

Where possible, performance of the AVC providers will be measured relative to the individual benchmarks and objectives for the funds offered and/or to other providers offering similar fund options as measured in industry AVC surveys.

# 08 Compliance Statement

## Confirmation of advice

Before a Statement of Investment Principles, as required by the Pensions Act 1995, is prepared or revised by the Trustee of a pension Fund, they must have consulted with the principal employer and obtained and considered the written advice of a person who is reasonably believed by it to be qualified by his ability in and practical experience of financial matters and to have the appropriate knowledge and experience of the management of the investments of such Funds.

The Investment Consultant hereby confirms to the Trustee that they have the appropriate knowledge and experience to give the advice required by the Act.

## Trustee's declaration

The Trustee confirm that this Statement of Investment Principles reflects the Investment Strategy they have decided to implement. The Trustee acknowledge that it is their responsibility, with guidance from the Advisers, to ensure the assets of the Fund are invested in accordance with these Principles.

# Appendix I

## Investment Strategy & Structure

### Overall strategy

The Trustee have adopted a strategy where assets are invested in liability matching and return seeking asset classes.

The Trustee have identified the following long-term structure as appropriate to meet the objectives of the Fund:

Asset Class	Long term Target Allocation (%)
<u>Matching Assets</u>	
Liability Driven Investments (LDI) Funds (including the allocation to the Sterling Liquidity Fund)	<b>43%</b>
Buy and Maintain Credit Funds	<b>12%</b>
<u>Return Seeking Assets</u>	
Secure Income Fund	<b>35%</b>
Multi Asset Fund	<b>10%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Liability matching assets

The Trustee make use of liability driven investments (“LDI”) to help immunise the funding position as a result of changes in interest rate and inflation expectations. This includes the Matching Plus fund range (combined with the Single Stock Gilt fund range).

The leveraged nature of some of these funds means that there is an expectation that additional collateral will be required to be paid into these funds from time to time (and any excess collateral repaid to the Trustee). Where any additional collateral payments are required, it is the Trustee’s intention that these will be first met through physical gilts held in the Enhanced Service Agreement (“ESA”) portfolio, with further liquidity provided by disinvestments from the multi asset allocation where required. L&G will monitor these holdings and notify the Trustee should they expect there to be insufficient assets available to meet a future recapitalisation event, either through physical gilts or disinvestments from the multi asset allocation.

In addition to this, the Trustee also make use of the L&G ESA to help govern the liability hedging strategy with L&G. Here L&G have greater discretion over managing the liability hedging assets, including rebalancing of the underlying gilt funds and liquidity management. The Trustee pay an additional fee to L&G for the use of this service.

### Return-seeking assets

In order to achieve the required rate of investment return with a lower level of expected volatility, the Trustee have decided to invest in a diversified range of return seeking assets.

**Secure Income** - With the objective of achieving a higher rate of return, the Trustee have allocated some of the Fund’s assets to a Secure Income Fund (Private Credit, Real Estate Debt, Infrastructure Debt, Infrastructure Equity, and Real Estate Equity). The illiquid assets are expected to provide a higher return than a similar investment in quoted markets.

**Multi Asset** – The Trustee have decided to invest in this asset class in order to provide additional diversification and return. Multi asset funds are expected to provide a long term return similar to equities but with a lower degree of volatility. This is achieved by providing a diversified exposure to a range of traditional return seeking assets (e.g. equities, high yield credit, listed property).

### Rebalancing and cashflow

The Trustee review the asset allocation on a periodic basis to ensure that the Fund assets are allocated in a manner that is consistent with the objectives as detailed in this Statement.

There is no automatic rebalancing back to the target.

# Investment Strategy & Structure continued

## Liability hedging

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The hedging strategy was implemented with an expectation to achieve liability hedging against interest and inflation rate expectations changing in the future. The liability hedging solution was implemented under the L&G Enhanced Service with the objective to achieve a liability hedge of:

- 90% of the interest rate risk, as a proportion of the Fund's total liabilities, as assessed against the low dependency basis.
- 90% of the inflation risk as a proportion of the Fund's total liabilities, as assessed against the low dependency basis.

The amount of hedging achieved may vary over time for a number of reasons. One of the key variations in the hedge level will come from investments or disinvestments being made to or from the L&G ESA. The level of hedging will also be impacted if the assumptions used in the actuarial valuation are changed or not borne out in practice.

# Appendix II

## Fund benchmarks & objectives

### Legal and General (L&G)

#### Leveraged Gilts (Matching Plus fund range)

*Benchmark* Fund specific leveraged liability benchmark

*Objective* The funds aim to reduce DB pension scheme risk exposure to changes in interest rate and inflation rates.

#### Leveraged Index-Linked Gilts (Matching Plus fund range)

*Benchmark* Fund specific leveraged liability benchmark

*Objective* The funds aim to reduce DB pension scheme risk exposure to changes in interest rate and inflation rates.

#### Single Stock Gilt Funds

*Benchmark* Fund specific treasury gilts

*Objective* The funds aim to reduce DB pension scheme risk exposure to changes in interest rate and inflation rates.

#### Single Stock Index Linked Gilt Funds

*Benchmark* Fund specific treasury index linked gilts

*Objective* The funds aim to reduce DB pension scheme risk exposure to changes in interest rate and inflation rates.

#### Sterling Liquidity Fund

*Benchmark* 7 day LIBID

*Objective* The fund aims to offer access to liquidity whilst providing capital stability. The investment objective of the fund is to provide diversified exposure and a competitive return in relation to 7 Day LIBID.

#### Maturing Buy & Maintain Credit 2030-2034

*Benchmark* N/A

*Objective* Capture the return received as a result of taking credit risk through investing principally in a globally diversified portfolio of non-government bonds and avoiding investment in bonds which in

the opinion of the Investment Manager are likely to default or experience a significant deterioration in credit quality.

#### **Maturing Buy & Maintain Credit 2035-2039**

*Benchmark* N/A

*Objective* Capture the return received as a result of taking credit risk through investing principally in a globally diversified portfolio of non-government bonds and avoiding investment in bonds which in the opinion of the Investment Manager are likely to default or experience a significant deterioration in credit quality.

#### **Maturing Buy & Maintain Credit 2040-2054**

*Benchmark* N/A

*Objective* Capture the return received as a result of taking credit risk through investing principally in a globally diversified portfolio of non-government bonds and avoiding investment in bonds which in the opinion of the Investment Manager are likely to default or experience a significant deterioration in credit quality.

#### **Dynamic Diversified Fund**

*Benchmark* Bank of England Base Rate + 4.5% p.a.

*Objective* To provide long-term investment growth through dynamic exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.

#### **BlackRock**

##### **UK Strategic Alternative Income Fund ("SAIF")**

*Benchmark* N/A

*Objective* The fund seeks to generate income on Investments whilst preserving capital over the long term through investing in assets typically backed by long term cashflows.



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