

The Premier Farnell UK Pension Scheme Implementation Statement – 5 April 2025

Why have we produced this Statement?

The Trustee of The Premier Farnell UK Pension Scheme have prepared this statement to comply with the requirements of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment and Disclosure) (Amendment) Regulations 2019.

This statement sets out how the Trustee has complied with the voting and engagement policies detailed in the Scheme's Statement of Investment Principles (SIP).

What is the Statement of Investment Principles (SIP)?

The SIP sets out key investment policies including the Trustee's investment objectives and investment strategy.

It also explains how and why the Trustee delegates certain responsibilities to third parties and the risks the Scheme faces and the mitigated responses.

The Trustee last reviewed the SIP in March 2025, to be effective from the start of April 2025 (in line

with the full buy-in transaction undertaken at the same time).

What is the purpose of this Statement?

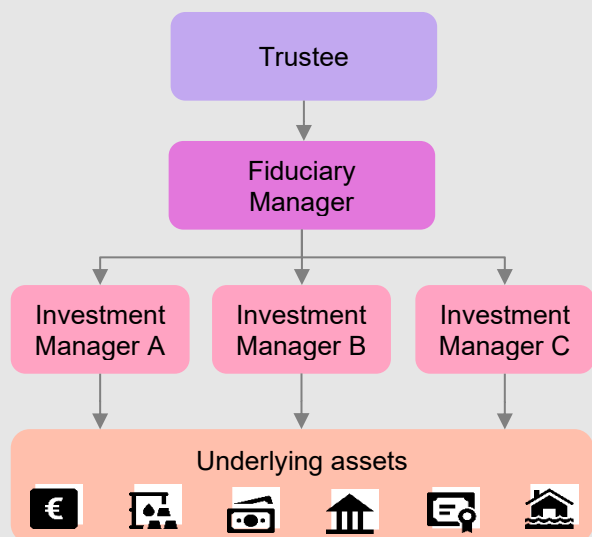
1. To explain how the Trustee's engagement policy has been applied over the year.
2. To describe the voting rights attached the Scheme's assets have been exercised over the year.

What changes have we made to the SIP?

The Trustee have made the following changes to the SIP over the year:

- In April 2025, the Scheme entered a buy-in contract with Pension Insurance Corporation, insuring all liabilities and dues will be paid to all of its members.
- The investment strategy shifted to primarily holding the annuity contract and minimal liquid assets.
- Target returns were removed following the buy-in for a risk-mitigated approach.

How are the Scheme's investments managed?



Trustee - The Trustee's key objective is to ensure sufficient assets to pay members' benefits as they fall due. The Trustee retain overall responsibility for the Scheme's investment strategy but delegates some responsibilities to ensure they are undertaken by somebody with the appropriate skills, knowledge and resources.

Fiduciary Manager (WTW) – The Trustee employs a Fiduciary Manager to implement the Trustee's investment strategy. The Fiduciary Manager allocates the Scheme's assets between asset class and investment managers.

Investment managers – The Fiduciary Manager appoints underlying investment managers either using a pooled vehicle or a segregated mandate where these assets are held directly in the Scheme's name. The Fiduciary Manager will look for best in class specialist managers for each asset class.

Underlying assets – The investment managers pick the underlying investments for their specialist mandate e.g. shares in a company or government bonds.

Why does the Trustee believe voting and engagement is important?

Given the full buy-in executed in April 2025, there is limited scope to apply voting and engagement policies due to the limited remaining assets of the Scheme, however the Trustee retains the following beliefs and policies.

The Trustee's view is that Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors can have a potential impact on investment returns, particularly over the long-term and therefore contribute to the security of members' benefits. The Trustee further believes that voting and engagement are important tools to influence these issues.

The Trustee has appointed a Fiduciary Manager who shares this view and considers and integrates ESG factors, voting and engagement in its processes.

The Trustee incorporates an assessment of the Fiduciary Manager's performance in this area as part of its overall assessment of the Fiduciary Manager's performance.

What is the Trustee's voting and engagement policy?

When considering its policy in relation to stewardship including engagement and voting, the Trustee expects investment managers to address broad ESG considerations, but has identified climate change as key area of focus for the Trustee.

The day-to-day integration of ESG considerations, voting and engagement are delegated to the investment managers. The Trustee expects investment managers to sign up to local Stewardship Codes and to act as responsible stewards of capital.

Where ESG factors are considered to be particularly influential to outcomes, the Trustee expects the Fiduciary Manager to engage with investment managers to improve their processes.

In October 2024, the Scheme sold its remaining return-seeking asset as part of the journey toward settlement of the Scheme's liabilities. ESG considerations were taken into account when selecting the insurer with which the buy-in was transacted.

What are the Fiduciary Manager's policies?

Climate change and net zero goal

The Trustee believes Climate Change is a current priority when engaging with public policy, investment managers and corporates.

The Fiduciary Manager has a goal to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions across 'In Scope Solutions' by 2050. They believe the trajectory is important, so are also aiming to approximately halve emissions per amount invested by 2030.

Public policy and corporate engagement

The Fiduciary Manager employs an external stewardship service provider, whose services include public policy engagement, and corporate voting and engagement on behalf of its clients (including the Trustee).

Some highlights from 2024 include:

- 994 companies engaged across regions on 4,267 issues and objectives
- 62 companies in their core programme featured engagements with the CEO or chair
- Making voting recommendations on 143,075 resolutions at 14,701 meetings, including recommended votes against 25,070 resolutions
- Participation in a range of global stewardship initiatives.

Industry initiatives

The Fiduciary Manager participated in a range of industry initiatives over the year to seek to exercise good stewardship practices. Please refer to their latest UK Stewardship Code for more information: <https://www.wtwco.com/en-gb/solutions/services/sustainable-investment>.

How does the Fiduciary Manager assess the investment managers?

Investment manager appointment - The Fiduciary Manager considers the investment managers' policies and activities in relation to ESG factors and stewardship (which includes voting and engagement) at the appointment of a new manager. In 2024 the Fiduciary manager conducted engagements with over 70 managers across asset classes. They also engaged over 100 products on sustainability and stewardship. In addition, over 150 sustainability-theme strategies were researched.

Investment manager monitoring - The Fiduciary Manager produces detailed reports on the investment managers' ESG integration and stewardship capabilities on an annual basis. These reports form part of the Trustee's portfolio monitoring where appropriate.

Investment manager termination - The Fiduciary Manager engages with investment managers to improve their practices and increases the bar by which they are assessed as best practice evolves. The Fiduciary Manager may terminate an investment manager's appointment if they fail to demonstrate an acceptable level of practice in these areas. However, no investment managers were terminated on these grounds during the year.

What are the voting statistics we provide?

The Scheme is invested across a range of asset classes which carry different ownership rights. The majority of which are bond investments and liability driven investments which do not have voting rights attached. As at 5 April 2025, the Scheme did not hold any listed equity investments, so this statement does not include any voting information.

In conclusion...

The Trustee is satisfied that over the year, all SIP policies and principles were adhered to.