

# PARK FOOD GROUP PLC PENSION SCHEME STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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This Statement of Investment Principles (“the Statement”) has been prepared by the Trustee of the Park Food Group Plc Pension Scheme (“the Scheme”) in accordance with Section 35 of the Pensions Act 1995, as amended, and its attendant Regulations.

The Statement outlines the principles governing the investment policy of the Scheme and the activities undertaken by the Trustee to ensure the effective implementation of these principles.

In preparing the Statement, the Trustee has:

- Obtained and considered written advice from a suitably qualified individual, employed by its investment consultants, Mercer Limited (“Mercer”), whom it believes to have a degree of knowledge and experience that is appropriate for the management of its investments; and
- Consulted with the Sponsoring Employer, although it affirms that no aspect of its strategy is restricted by any requirement to obtain the consent of the Sponsoring Employer.

The advice and the consultation process considered the suitability of the Trustee’s investment policy for the Scheme.

The Trustee will review the Statement formally at least every three years to coincide with the triennial Actuarial Valuation or other actuarial advice relating to the statutory funding requirements. Furthermore, the Trustee will review the Statement without delay after any significant change in investment policy. Any changes made to the Statement will be based on written advice from a suitably qualified individual and will follow consultation with the Sponsoring Employer.

# 2 INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

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The Trustee's primary investment objective for the Scheme is to achieve an overall rate of return that is sufficient to ensure that assets are available to meet all liabilities as and when they fall due.

In doing so, the Trustee also aims to maximise returns at an acceptable level of risk taking into consideration the circumstances of the Scheme.

The Trustee has also received confirmation from the Scheme Actuary during the process of revising the investment strategy that its investment objectives and the resultant investment strategy are consistent with the actuarial valuation methodology and assumptions used in the Statutory Funding Objective.

# 3 INVESTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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## 3.1 TRUSTEE'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee is responsible for setting the investment objectives and determining the strategy to achieve the objectives. It carries out its duties and fulfil its responsibilities as a single body.

The duties and responsibilities of the Trustee includes, but is not limited to, the following tasks and activities:

- The regular approval of the content of the Statement
- The appointment and review of the Investment Adviser
- The appointment and review of the investment Platform provider
- The choice of appropriate managers/funds to implement the agreed investment strategy
- The assessment and review of the performance of each investment manager
- The assessment of the risks assumed by the Scheme at total scheme level and manager by manager
- The approval and review of the asset allocation benchmark for the Scheme
- The compliance of the investment arrangements with the principles set out in the Statement

## 3.2 INVESTMENT ADVISER'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee has appointed Mercer as the Investment Adviser to the Scheme. Mercer provides advice as and when the Trustee requires it, as well as raising any investment-related issues, of which it believes the Trustee should be aware. Matters on which Mercer expects to provide advice to the Trustee include the following:

- Participating with the Trustee in reviews of this Statement;
- Setting of investment objectives;
- Determining investment strategy and asset allocation;
- Determining an appropriate investment structure;
- Advising on funds and investment managers that are suitable to meet the Trustee's objectives when requested
- Monitoring the investment managers to ensure their continuing appropriateness to the mandates given;
- Monitoring the Platform provider to ensure its continuing appropriateness for the Scheme;
- Production of performance monitoring reports;
- Advising on cashflow management (investment and withdrawal) policies (see Appendix 2)

The Trustee may seek advice from Mercer with regard to both strategic and tactical investment decisions (see Section 4 - Investment Strategy); however, it recognises that it retains responsibility for all such decisions, including those that concern investments and disinvestments relating to cashflows (see Appendix 2). Mercer may be proactive in advising the Trustee regarding tactical investment decisions; however, there is no responsibility placed on Mercer to be proactive in all circumstances.

Mercer provides regular quarterly reporting to monitor the performance of the Scheme's investment managers against their benchmarks.

Mercer will also advise the Trustee of any significant developments of which it is aware relating to the investment managers, or funds managed by the investment managers in which the Scheme is invested, such that in its view there exists a significant concern that any of these funds will not be able to meet their long-term objectives.

Mercer makes a fund based charge in relation to the Scheme's assets invested through Mobius Life Limited ("Mobius") for the services it provides as set out in its investment agreement with the Trustee. Any additional services provided by Mercer will be remunerated primarily on a time-cost basis.

In particular, Mercer does not receive commission or any other payments in respect of the Scheme that might affect the impartiality of its advice, and as noted below, any discounts negotiated by Mercer and Mobius with the underlying managers are passed on in full to the Scheme.

The Trustee is satisfied that this is the most appropriate adviser remuneration structure for the Scheme.

Mercer is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA").

### 3.3 ARRANGEMENTS WITH INVESTMENT MANAGERS

The Trustee is a long-term investor and does not look to change the investment arrangements on a frequent basis.

The Trustee, after considering appropriate investment advice, has invested the Scheme's assets through a Trustee Investment Policy ("TIP") from Mobius whose appointment foregoes the need for a Custodian.

The Mobius TIP facilitates investment into a range of underlying funds managed by third party investment managers and the value of the Mobius TIP is directly linked to the change in value in the underlying funds. All of the investment managers used by the Scheme are authorised and regulated by the FCA. Mobius is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority ("PRA") and regulated by the FCA and the PRA.

The underlying investment managers used by the Trustee through the Mobius platform are chosen based on advice from the Investment Adviser. This is based on the Investment Adviser's view of their capabilities and, therefore, their perceived likelihood of achieving the expected return and risk characteristics required for the asset class being selected.

The Trustee will only invest in pooled investment vehicles. The Trustee therefore accepts that it cannot specify the risk profile and return targets of the managers, but the pooled funds are chosen with appropriate characteristics to align with the overall investment strategy.

The investment managers the funds are invested in are responsible for all decisions concerning the selection and de-selection of the individual securities within the portfolios they manage.

In the case of multi-asset mandates, the investment managers are responsible for all decisions concerning the allocation to individual asset classes and changes in the allocations to individual asset classes.

Mobius and the investment managers are remunerated by ad valorem charges based on the value of the assets that they manage on behalf of the Scheme. In addition, a fixed policy fee is paid to Mobius. Where possible, discounts have been negotiated by Mercer and Mobius with the underlying managers on their standard charges and the Scheme benefits directly from these discounts.

None of the investment managers in which the Scheme's assets are invested have performance based fees which could encourage the manager to make short term investment decisions to hit their profit targets.

The Trustee therefore considers that the method of remunerating fund managers is consistent with incentivising them to make decisions based on assessments of medium to long-term financial and non-financial performance of an issuer of debt or equity. By encouraging a medium to long-term view, it will in turn encourage the investment managers to engage with issuers of debt or equity in order to improve their performance in the medium to long-term.

The Trustee accepts that it cannot influence the charging structure of the pooled funds in which the Scheme is invested, but is satisfied that the ad-valorem charges for the different funds are clear and are consistent with each fund's stated characteristics. The Trustee is therefore satisfied that this is the most appropriate basis for remunerating the investment managers and is consistent with the Trustee's policies as set out in this SIP.

## 3.4 SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A summary of the responsibilities of all relevant parties, including the Scheme Actuary and the scheme administrator, so far as they relate to the Scheme's investments, is set out at Appendix 4.

# 4 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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## 4.1 SETTING INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Trustee has determined its investment strategy after considering the Scheme's liability profile and requirements of the Statutory Funding Objective, its own appetite for risk, the views of the Sponsoring Employer on investment strategy, the Sponsoring Employer's appetite for risk, the strength of the Sponsoring Employer's covenant and the Scheme's cashflow requirements. The Trustee has also received written advice from its Investment Adviser.

The basis of the Trustee's strategy is to divide the Scheme's assets between a "Growth" portfolio, comprising equities and multi-asset credit, and a "Stabilising" portfolio, comprising gilts and index-linked gilts. The Growth-Stabilising allocation is set with regard to the overall required return objective of the Scheme's assets, which is determined by the funding objective and funding level, and the desire to mitigate risk through hedging the Scheme's interest rate and inflation risks.

The Scheme's investment strategy has been set with the intention of targeting a long term expected investment return of Gilts + 1% per annum.

Any potential future change to, including derisking of, the Scheme's investment strategy will be considered as part of the next and subsequent funding valuations to ensure that the investment strategy remains appropriate with regard to both the primary and secondary funding targets.

The Trustee will consult the Company around any future proposed changes to the investment strategy.

Taking the above into consideration, the Trustee has established a benchmark allocation to each asset class within each strategic asset allocation, which is set out in Appendix 1.

The Trustee recognises the benefits of diversification across growth asset classes, as well as within them, in reducing the risk that results from investing in any one particular market. The Trustees have therefore invested in equity and multi asset credit funds, the latter of which give the investment manager the flexibility to invest across a wide range of bond investments.

In making this decision, the Trustee has been satisfied that this is consistent with their investment objectives and are supported by both the Sponsoring Employer and its covenant.

## 4.2 INVESTMENT DECISIONS

The Trustee distinguishes between three types of investment decision: strategic, tactical and stock-level.

### **Strategic Investment Decisions**

These decisions are long-term in nature and are driven by an understanding of the objectives, needs and liabilities of the Scheme.

The Trustee takes all such decisions itself. It does so after receiving written advice from its Investment Adviser and consulting with the Sponsoring Employer. Examples of such decisions and of tasks relating to the implementation of these decisions include the following:

- Setting investment objectives
- Determining the split between the Growth and the Stabilising portfolios
- Determining the allocation to asset classes within the Growth and Stabilising portfolios
- Determining the Scheme benchmark



- Reviewing the investment objectives and strategic asset allocation

### **Tactical Investment Decisions**

These decisions are short-term and based on expectations of near-term market movements. Such decisions may involve deviating temporarily from the strategic asset allocation and may require the timing of entry into, or exit from, an investment market or asset class.

These decisions are the responsibility of the Trustee. However, where such decisions are made within a pooled fund, they are the responsibility of the investment manager of the fund.

### **Stock Selection Decisions**

All such decisions are the responsibility of the investment managers of the pooled funds in which the Scheme is invested.

## **4.3 TYPES OF INVESTMENTS TO BE HELD**

The Trustee is permitted to invest across a wide range of asset classes.

All the funds in which the Scheme invests are pooled and unitised. The use of derivatives is permitted by the guidelines that apply to the pooled funds. Details relating to the pooled funds can be found in Appendix 3.

## **4.4 FINANCIALLY MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The Trustee understands that they must consider all factors that have the ability to impact the financial performance of the Scheme's investments over the appropriate time horizon. This includes, but is not limited to, environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.

The Trustee recognises that ESG factors, such as climate change, can influence the investment performance of the Scheme's portfolio and it is therefore in members' and the Scheme's best interests that these factors are taken into account within the investment process.

The Trustee further recognises that investing with a manager which approaches investments in a responsible way and takes account of ESG related risks may lead to better risk adjusted performance results as omitting these risks in investment analysis could skew the results and underestimate the level of overall risk being taken.

The Trustees are satisfied that the investment manager approaches investments in a responsible way, and further information on this, and the Trustees' approach to the stewardship of the Scheme's investments is set out in 4.6 below.

As set out in Appendix 1, 70% of the Scheme's assets are invested in pooled funds containing gilts and index-linked gilts issued by the UK Government, and ESG considerations do not readily apply to these investments.

Furthermore, the Scheme's equity assets are invested in pooled funds on a passive basis, which limits the investment manager's ability to take active decisions on whether to hold securities based on the investment manager's considerations of ESG factors, including climate change. However, by their nature, the concentration to any one particular stock or sector in passively managed funds is limited and this therefore helps to reduce the potential for negative impacts relating to ESG issues.

The Trustee is therefore satisfied that ESG factors are appropriately reflected in the overall investment approach.

## 4.5 NON-FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Trustee only considers factors that are expected to have a financial impact on the Scheme's investments. Non-financial considerations, such as ethical views, are not implemented in the current investment strategy.

## 4.6 STEWARDSHIP

The Scheme is invested solely in pooled investment funds through the Mobius TIP and the Trustee therefore has no direct voting rights.

The Trustee's policy is therefore to invest with investment managers where Responsible Investment is embedded appropriately in their approach to investment; including monitoring and engaging with investee companies, and exercising voting rights appropriately.

Information on the investment managers' approach to responsible investment, voting and engagement with the investee companies is available at the following websites:

### **LGIM**

<https://www.lgim.com/uk/en/responsible-investing/>

### **M&G**

<https://www.mandg.com/who-we-are/mandg-investments/responsible-investing-at-mandg-investments>

### **SSGA**

[https://www.ssga.com/uk/en\\_gb/institutional/capabilities/esg](https://www.ssga.com/uk/en_gb/institutional/capabilities/esg)

Mercer's quarterly reporting to the Trustee includes Mercer's ESG rating for the funds in which the Scheme is invested. The ESG rating incorporates an assessment of engagement and voting as part of the process.

Receipt of this information on a quarterly basis enables the Trustee to monitor that it remains appropriate in the context of the fund mandates.

Taking all the above into consideration, the Trustee is satisfied that stewardship and responsible investment is embedded appropriately in the investment managers' approaches to investing. If the Trustee is specifically invited to vote on a matter relating to corporate policy, it would exercise its right in accordance with what it believes to be the best interests of the majority of the Scheme's membership.

If a new investment manager is selected, the Trustee would consider Mercer's ESG rating for the new manager as part of their decision making process.

# 5 RISK

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The Trustee is aware, and seeks to take account of a number of risks in relation to the Scheme's investments.

Under the Pensions Act 2004, the Trustee is required to state its policy regarding the ways in which risks are to be measured and managed. These are set out below.

## **Solvency Risk and Mismatching Risk**

- These are measured through a qualitative and quantitative assessment of the expected development of the assets relative to the liabilities.
- These are managed by setting a scheme-specific strategic asset allocation with an appropriate level of risk.

## **Manager Risk**

- This is assessed as the expected deviation of the prospective risk and return, as set out in the managers' objectives, relative to the investment policy.
- It is measured by monitoring the actual deviation of returns relative to the objective and factors supporting the managers' investment process.
- It is managed by investing predominantly in passively managed funds, to reduce the likelihood of underperformance, and by appointing Mercer to monitor and if requested, advise on the replacement of the manager where concerns exist over its continued ability to deliver the investment mandate.
- It is also managed by using the Mobius platform, which enables quick and efficient replacement of managers if appropriate.

## **Liquidity Risk**

- This is monitored according to the level of cashflows required by the Scheme over a specified period.
- It is managed by holding an appropriate amount of readily realisable investments. The majority of the Scheme's assets are invested in pooled funds which are readily realisable.

## **Political Risk**

- This is measured by the level of concentration in any one market leading to the risk of adverse influence on investment values arising from political intervention.
- It is managed by regular reviews of the investments and through investing in funds which give a wide degree of diversification.

## **Sponsor Risk**

- This is assessed as the level of ability and degree of willingness of the sponsor to support the continuation of the Scheme and to make good any current or future deficit.
- It is managed by assessing the interaction between the Scheme and the sponsor's business, as measured by a number of factors, including the creditworthiness of the sponsor and the size of the pension liability relative to the sponsor. Regular updates on employer covenant are provided to the Trustee by senior staff of the sponsor.

## **Legislative Risk**

- This is the risk that legislative changes will require action from the Trustee so as to comply with any such changes in legislation.
- The Trustee acknowledges that this risk is unavoidable but will seek to address any required changes so as to comply with changes in legislation.

## **Credit Risk**

- This is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.
- The Scheme invests in pooled investment vehicles and is therefore directly exposed to credit risk in relation to the pooled investment vehicles and is indirectly exposed to credit risks arising on the financial instruments held by the pooled investment vehicles.
- The Scheme's holdings in pooled investment vehicles are unrated. Direct credit risk arising from pooled investment vehicles is mitigated by the underlying assets of the pooled arrangements being ring-fenced from the pooled manager, the regulatory environments in which the pooled managers operate and diversification of investments amongst a number of pooled arrangements.
- The Trustee has invested the assets via the Mobius TIP. Mobius carries out due diligence checks before making a new pooled fund available, and on an ongoing basis monitors changes to the regulatory and operating environments of the underlying fund managers.
- Indirect credit risk arises in relation to underlying bond investments held in the pooled funds. This risk is mitigated by investing in funds with diversified portfolios.

## **Market Risk**

- This is the risk the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises of the following three types of risk:

### ***Currency Risk***

- This is the risk that occurs when the price of one currency moves relative to another (reference) currency. In the context of a UK pension scheme, the scheme may be invested in overseas stocks or assets, which are either directly or indirectly linked to a currency other than Sterling. There is a risk that the price of that overseas currency will move in such a way that devalues that currency relative to Sterling, thus negatively impacting the overall investment return.
- This risk is managed within the equity portfolio by splitting the equity allocation equally between currency hedged and unhedged funds. The MAC fund held by the Scheme also has a sterling benchmark and this is its neutral position, and hence currency risk is mitigated.

### ***Interest rate risk***

- This is the risk that an investment's value will change due to a change in the level of interest rates. This affects debt instruments more directly than growth instruments.
- The Trustee recognises that the Scheme's liabilities are exposed to a significant level of interest rate risk movement. For this reason, it is desirable for the Scheme's assets to be exposed to a similar level of interest rate risk and the Trustee has invested in gilt and index-linked gilt funds to manage this risk.

### ***Other Price risk***

- This is the risk that principally arises in relation to the growth assets, which invests in equities, diversified growth funds and property.
- The Trustee has managed this risk by investing only a small portion of the assets in pooled equity funds, and also by diversifying the growth portfolio to include MAC.

## **ESG Risk**

- This is the risk that Environmental, Social or Corporate Governance concerns, including climate change, have a financially material impact on the return of the Scheme's assets.
- The Trustee manages this risk by investing in well-respected investment managers where ESG principles are appropriately included in the investment decision making process.
- It is also managed by investing in funds which are invested solely in gilts and index-linked gilts issued by the UK Government, and in passively managed pooled equity funds, where the concentration to any one particular stock or sector is limited

- The Trustee is aware that Responsible Investing is one of the core beliefs of the Investment Adviser. As a result part of the rating process of the Investment Adviser in relation to the underlying investment managers is based on their financial stewardship and how well the investment manager integrates governance and sustainability into its investment process.

# 6 MONITORING OF INVESTMENT ADVISER AND MANAGERS

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## 6.1 INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Trustee continually assesses and reviews the performance of its adviser in a qualitative way, and undertakes a formal review annually. In doing so, the Trustee considers the objectives it has set for the investment adviser, which are reviewed on an ongoing basis and at least every three years..

## 6.2 INVESTMENT MANAGERS

The Trustee receives quarterly monitoring reports on the performance of the investment managers from Mercer, which presents performance over 3 months, 1 year, and 3 years. The reports show the absolute performance, performance against the manager's stated target performance (over the relevant time period) on a net of fees basis. It also provides returns of market indices so that these can also be used to help inform the assessment of the managers' performance.

The reporting reviews the performance of the Scheme's individual funds against their benchmarks, of the Scheme's assets in aggregate against the Scheme's strategic benchmark and also of the development of the Scheme's assets relative to its liabilities.

In conjunction with advice and information from the Investment Adviser, the Trustee has the role of replacing the investment managers where appropriate. It takes a long-term view when assessing whether to replace the investment managers, and such decisions would not be made based solely on short-term performance concerns. Instead, changes would be driven by a significant downgrade of the investment manager by Mercer. This in turn would be due to a significant reduction in Mercer's confidence that the investment manager will be able to perform in line with their fund's mandate over the long term.

Changes will be made to the managers however if there is a strategic change to the overall strategy that no longer requires exposure to that asset class or manager.

## 6.3 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER COSTS

The Trustee does not currently monitor portfolio turnover costs for the funds in which the Scheme is invested, although notes that the performance monitoring which it receives is net of all charges, including such costs. Portfolio turnover costs mean the costs incurred as a result of the buying, selling, lending or borrowing of investments.

The Trustee is also aware of the requirement to define and monitor targeted portfolio turnover and turnover range.

As the Trustee predominantly invests in passive funds, portfolio turnover and therefore portfolio turnover costs are expected to be low and will be mainly incurred in relation to reinvestment of income and dealing with index changes. The Trustee therefore considers it appropriate not to have an overall portfolio turnover target for the Scheme.

# 7 ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (AVCS)

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It is the view of the Trustee that the AVC facilities available to members should include access to the following types of investment strategy.

- An asset mix which allows members to obtain access to real returns which will offset the adverse effects of inflation. This is achieved through a high exposure to equities, and is particularly appropriate for young members, whose long-term perspective allows for acceptance of volatility in relation to investment returns (e.g., changes in market values, or variations in rates of bonus declarations) over the period of investment.
- A suitably diversified asset mix to protect members from poor investment returns from any one particular asset category.
- A fund with capital guarantees, to enable members to protect their AVCs from downside volatility, for example in the years immediately prior to expected retirement.
- A fund whose value is expected to vary with the price of annuities, for members who wish to protect the annuity purchasing power of their AVCs prior to retirement.

The Trustee is of the opinion that the type and range of facilities described above are suitable to provide for the requirements of Scheme members in any of the circumstances likely to arise.

The Scheme no longer allows members to pay for Additional Voluntary Contributions ("AVCs").

# 8 CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

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The Trustee notes that in March 2024, the Pensions Regulator released the General (single) Code of Practice: <https://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/en/document-library/code-of-practice>.

The Trustee receives investment advice which ensures that the principles contained within this guidance are applied to the Scheme as far as it is relevant to the Scheme's circumstances.

The Trustee meets with its Investment Adviser on a regular basis, monitoring developments both in relation to the Scheme's circumstances and in relation to evolving guidance, and will revise the Scheme's investment approach if considered appropriate.



# 9 COMPLIANCE

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This Statement is available online and to members on request.

A copy of this Statement plus Appendices is also supplied to the Sponsoring Employer, the Scheme Auditor and the Scheme Actuary.

This Statement, taken as a whole with the Appendices, supersedes all others and was approved by the Trustee on 19 May 2025.

**Capital Cranfield Pension Trustees Limited, as Trustee of the Park Food Group Plc Pension Scheme**

# APPENDIX 1: ASSET ALLOCATION BENCHMARK

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The Scheme's current strategic asset allocation benchmark is set out below.

Asset Class	Strategic Allocation (%)
<b>Growth Assets</b>	<b>30.0</b>
Equities	15.0
Multi-Asset Credit	15.0
<b>Stabilising Assets</b>	<b>70.0</b>
Gilts	34.5
Index Linked Gilts	35.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The policy for rebalancing and investment / disinvestment of cashflows is set out in Appendix 2.

Appendix 3 provides information about the funds in which the assets are invested.

# APPENDIX 2: CASHFLOW AND REBALANCING POLICY

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Where possible, cash outflows will be met from cash balances held by the Scheme's investments in order to minimise transaction costs.

## **Rebalancing Policy**

There will be no automatic rebalancing of the portfolio.

The actual allocation relative to the strategic allocation will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and realigned if deemed necessary.

## **Cashflow Policy**

The Trustee has put in place a suitable procedure for managing the Scheme's cashflows.

# APPENDIX 3: INVESTMENT MANAGER INFORMATION

The tables below show the details of the mandate(s) with each manager.

Manager / Fund	Benchmark	Objective	Dealing Frequency	IFRS Class
<b>Equity</b>				
<b>L&amp;G</b> DB World Equity Index Fund	FTSE World Index	To track the performance of the benchmark to within 0.5% per annum for two years out of three	Daily	2
<b>L&amp;G</b> KY World Equity Index Fund – GBP Currency Hedged	FTSE World Index – GBP Hedged	To track the performance of the benchmark to within 0.5% per annum for two years out of three	Daily	2
<b>Multi Asset Credit</b>				
<b>M&amp;G</b> Total Return Credit Investment	1-Month EURIBOR	To provide a total return of the Benchmark + 3-5% (gross of fees p.a.) over any 5 year period	Daily	2
<b>Index Linked Gilts</b>				
<b>L&amp;G</b> HC Over 15 Year Index Linked Gilts	FTSE Actuaries UK I-L Gilts Over 15 Years Index	To track the benchmark within +/-0.25% p.a. for two years out of three	Daily	2
<b>SSGA</b> UK Index Linked Gilts Over 5 Years Index Fund	FTSE Actuaries UK I-L Gilts Over 5 Years Index	To track the benchmark	Daily	2
<b>Gilts</b>				
<b>L&amp;G</b> AA All Stocks Gilt Index Fund	FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index	To track the benchmark within +/-0.25% p.a. for two years out of three	Daily	2

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<b>L&amp;G</b> AF Over 15 Year Gilts	FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts Over 15 Years Index	To track the performance of the benchmark to within +/-0.25% p.a. for two years out of three	Daily	2
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The assets for the above managers are hosted on an investment platform provided by Mobius Life Limited. For avoidance of doubt, this statement will not be updated solely in response to a replacement of one of the underlying investment managers.

The Trustee also holds assets separately from the main fund with Standard Life in relation to historic additional voluntary contributions (AVCs).

# APPENDIX 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

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## TRUSTEE

The Trustee's responsibilities include the following:

- Reviewing at least triennially, and more frequently if necessary, the content of this Statement in consultation with the Investment Adviser and modifying it if deemed appropriate
- Reviewing the investment strategy following the results of each actuarial review, in consultation with the Investment Adviser and Scheme Actuary
- Appointing the investment manager(s), platform provider and custodian (if required)
- Assessing the quality of the performance and processes of the investment manager(s) by means of regular reviews of investment returns and other relevant information, in consultation with the Investment Adviser
- Consulting with the sponsoring employer regarding any proposed amendments to this Statement
- Monitoring compliance of the investment arrangements with this Statement on a continuing basis

## INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Investment Adviser's responsibilities include the following:

- Participating with the Trustee in reviews of this Statement of Investment Principles
- Production of performance monitoring reports
- Advising the Trustee, at its request, on the following matters:
  - Through consultation with the Scheme Actuary, how any changes within the Scheme's benefits, membership, and funding position may affect the manner in which the assets should be invested
  - How any significant changes in the investment managers' organisations could affect the interests of the Scheme
  - How any changes in the investment environment could present either opportunities or problems for the Scheme
- Undertaking project work, as requested, including:
  - Reviews of asset allocation policy
  - Research into and reviews of the investment managers
- Informing the Trustee of any significant changes or concerns in relation to the platform provider's suitability for the Scheme
- Advising on the selection of new managers and/or custodians
- Advising on cashflow management (investment and withdrawal) policies (see Appendix 2)

## INVESTMENT MANAGERS

The Scheme's assets are invested through the Mobius Platform and the investment managers have a responsibility to inform Mobius of any changes in the internal performance objectives and guidelines of their funds. They are not directly appointed by the Trustee and therefore do not have any direct responsibility to the Trustee.

The responsibilities of all investment managers include:

- Having regard to the need for diversification of investments, so far as appropriate for the particular mandate, and to the suitability of investments;
- Managing their funds in accordance with their stated mandates.

## PLATFORM PROVIDER

The Platform provider's responsibilities include the following:

- Ensure contributions are invested/disinvested in accordance with instructions, and that switches are processed accordingly
- Ensure instructions are in accordance with the Authorised Signatory Lists
- Informing the Trustee of any changes in the internal performance objectives and guidelines of any pooled fund used by the Scheme as and when they are informed of them

## SCHEME ACTUARY

The Scheme Actuary's responsibilities include the following:

- Liaising with the Investment Adviser regarding the suitability of the Scheme's investment strategy given the financial characteristics of the Scheme
- Assessing the funding position of the Scheme and advising on the appropriate response to any shortfall
- Performing the triennial (or more frequent, as required) valuations and advising on the appropriate contribution levels

## ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator's responsibilities include the following:

- Ensuring there is sufficient cash available to meet benefit payments as and when they fall due
- Paying benefits and making transfer payments
- Investing contributions not required to meet benefit payments with the Platform provider according to the Trustee's instructions.