

Reuters Supplementary Pension Scheme

Implementation Statement

Introduction

The Trustee is required to produce an annual Implementation Statement (the “Statement”) setting out how voting and engagement policies in the Statement of Investment Principles (the “SIP”) have been implemented. This document also includes a brief summary of updates to the SIP over the reporting period.

This document has been prepared by the Trustee of the Reuters Supplementary Pension Scheme, covering the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

This Statement has been produced in accordance with the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2013 the Pension Protection Fund (Pensionable Service) and Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment and Disclosure) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2018 and the Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment and Disclosure) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 as amended, and the guidance published by the Pensions Regulator.

The Statement looks to set out how the Trustee’s policy on stewardship and engagement has been implemented during the reporting period. Where relevant, the Statement describes the areas of the portfolio where stewardship and engagement are most likely to be financially material. Overall, the Trustee is comfortable that the voting and engagement policies set out in the SIP have been properly adhered to over the period.

Changes to the SIP over the period

There were no changes made to the SIP over the period. The latest SIP was agreed in April 2022 to account for the Trustee’s purchase of a bulk annuity insurance contract in September 2021 with LGAS, which covers all members of the Scheme.

Stewardship, engagement and voting behaviour

As the asset allocation of the Scheme now consists of a single bulk-annuity insurance contract with LGAS and residual cash assets, there are no longer any voting rights associated with the Scheme’s holdings, nor is there any scope for wider stewardship activities.

Stewardship and engagement (including the use of voting rights) is most likely to be financially material in the sections of the portfolio where physical equities are held. Engagement is also considered to be of importance for other (non-equity) investment managers, though data to evidence their approach is more difficult to obtain. Over the period the Scheme had no exposure to physical equity holdings or any other investment mandates other than a small residual cash holding.

The Trustee is comfortable that the voting and engagement policies have all been adequately followed over the reporting period.