

Implementation Statement – Stantec Pension Plan (UK) – Treatment Section

Year ending 31/03/22

The Trustees of the Stantec Pension Plan (UK) – Treatment Section have prepared this implementation statement in compliance with the governance standards introduced under The Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment and Disclosure) (Amendment) Regulations 2019. The statement reports on the extent to which voting, engagement and stewardship activity has been carried out in line with the policies set out in the Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) dated 01 October 2020, covering the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. NB the portfolio was substantially reorganized during the period with all growth assets liquidated by 31/8/21.

1) Stewardship Policy and Implementation:

- During the period responsibility for voting and engagement decisions and monitoring such activity by underlying fund managers was delegated to the Fiduciary Manager (Charles Stanley Fiduciary Management).
- Charles Stanley’s policy on voting and engagement on direct securities is as follows *“We believe voting is an effective method of engagement. We use the services of proxy voting service provider Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) to advise us on corporate governance issues and provide voting recommendations on our top 100 holdings of equity and fund securities. The advice of our proxy voting service provider is based on the UK Corporate Governance Code and its own set of voting principles built on a collection of industry best practice guidelines, which are designed to protect and enhance shareholders’ interests. ISS has a long-standing relationship with many of the UK-listed issuers within its coverage universe and regularly engages with the senior management teams of such issuers. With in-depth knowledge of the UK Corporate Governance Code and a long history of corporate engagement, we believe the provision of voting advice from our proxy service provider enhances our engagement with investee companies. However, we are not bound to follow the advice of ISS and retain the ultimate say on which way to vote on each item raised at general and extraordinary shareholders meetings, based on what we believe is in the best interests of our clients. Where we believe it would assist shareholder interests, we may inform the company in advance of our voting intentions. We do not engage in securities lending with client holdings.”*
- During the period voting activity was carried out by Charles Stanley on the following Investment Trusts. In all cases Charles Stanley voted with management on all resolutions.
 - International Public Partnerships Ltd
 - HICL Infrastructure PLC
 - Greencoat UK Wind PLC
 - The Renewables Infrastructure Group PLC
 - Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Group PLC
- During the period voting and engagement activity was carried out by underlying fund managers. Through its underlying fund managers the scheme is exposed to c.6,000 underlying companies. Pro-active engagement and voting activity was carried out by the scheme’s underlying fund managers as part of their routine management of funds. A record of the voting and engagement activity undertaken by these investment managers on the top 10 underlying companies has been provided to the trustees and is appended to this statement.
- Charles Stanley evaluates the engagement and reporting policies of all third-party managers and is responsible for monitoring their activity on an ongoing basis

2) Monitoring of Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) and Climate Change risks:

- Exposure to ESG (including Climate Change) risk was monitored by Charles Stanley as had been the case in the previous period up until the liquidation of growth assets in August 2021. This was the most recent ESG dashboard prior to the liquidation (2/12/20):

Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting

for the MWH UK Limited Pension and Life Assurance Plan - Biwater (Treatment) DB Section

