

## LGPS DEVON FUND, CLIMATE CHANGE AND OTHER ISSUES IN INVESTMENTS

Continued investments in fossil fuels poses material financial risks to holdings in pension funds, Trustees have the fiduciary duty to consider the benefits of decarbonising as part of the investment strategies of Pension Funds.

Fossil fuel investments are financially risky as a result of both the Covid19 pandemic and the global transition to a more sustainable economic and environmental model. They are now being consistently out-performed by renewables.

Fiduciary duty is defined by the Law Commission as 'ensuring that pensions can be paid, making sure that this is undertaken at the best possible value'.

This duty also entails a wide oversight of other Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in company activity we have invested in, and requires active monitoring and participation in pursuing that objective.

Therefore:

Members of the Devon County Pension Fund expect the Trustees appointed by our Branch:

to represent them on the Pensions and Investment Committee of Devon to actively promote investments that safeguard the value of our pensions long term;

to pursue sustainable and responsible economic activity which reduces damage to the world, society, health, workers rights and organizational integrity;

to provide feedback and report on significant issues that may emerge from time to time and involve the Branch in responding.

Submitted by RM Committee