

Engagement Policy Implementation Statement (“EPIS”)

Landis Grinding Systems Pension Fund

year end – 5 April 2025

The purpose of the EPIS is for us, the Trustees of the Landis Grinding Systems Pension Fund (the “Fund”), to explain what we have done during the year ending 5 April 2025 to achieve certain policies and objectives set out in the Statement of Investment Principles (“SIP”). It includes:

1. How our policies in the SIP about asset stewardship (including both voting and engagement activity) in relation to the Fund’s investments have been followed during the year; and
2. How we have exercised our voting rights or how these rights have been exercised on our behalf, including the use of any proxy voting advisory services, and the ‘most significant’ votes cast over the reporting year.

Our conclusion

Based on the activity we have undertaken during the year, we believe that the policies set out in the SIP have been implemented effectively.

In our view, most of the Fund’s material investment managers were able to disclose good evidence of voting and/or engagement activity, and the activities completed by our managers align with our stewardship expectations.

We delegate the management of the Fund’s assets to our fiduciary manager, Aon Investments Limited (“Aon”). We believe the activities completed by our fiduciary manager to review the underlying managers’ voting and engagement policies, and activities align with our stewardship expectations. We believe our voting rights have been implemented effectively on our behalf.

There are some residual assets that remain invested with the Fund’s previous fiduciary manager, Schroders Solutions (“Schroders”). However, the residual funds are not considered to be material and therefore no details on these assets are included in this report.

How voting and engagement policies have been followed

The Fund is invested in pooled funds, and so the responsibility for voting and engagement is delegated to the Fund's investment managers, which is in line with the policies set out in our SIP. We reviewed the stewardship activity of the material investment managers carried out over the Fund year and in our view, most of the investment managers were able to disclose good evidence of voting and/or engagement activity. More information on the stewardship activity carried out by the Fund's investment managers can be found in the following sections of this report.

Over the reporting year, we monitored the performance of the Fund's investments on a quarterly basis and received updates on important issues from our investment adviser, Aon Investments Limited ("Aon"). In particular, we received quarterly ESG ratings from Aon for the funds the Fund is invested in where available.

Each year, we review the voting and engagement policies of the Fund's investment managers to ensure they align with our own policies for the Fund and help us to achieve them.

The Fund's stewardship policy can be found in the SIP: <https://www.landis.yourisio.com/infosheets/#statement-of-investment-principles>

Our Engagement Action Plan

Based on the work we have done for the EPIS, we have decided to take the following steps over the next 12 months:

1. Whilst Legal and General Investment Management ("LGIM") provided all information required, there were some issues with the way in which this was reported in comparison to industry peers. Our fiduciary manager, Aon, will engage with the manager to encourage better transparency and reporting practices going forwards.
2. We will invite our fiduciary manager to a meeting to get a better understanding of how it is monitoring voting practices and engaging with underlying managers on our behalf, and how these help us fulfil our Responsible Investment policies.
3. We will undertake more regular meetings with our fiduciary manager if required, to ensure our fiduciary manager is using its resources to effectively influence positive outcomes in our relevant funds.

What is stewardship?

Stewardship is investors using their influence over current or potential investees/issuers, policy makers, service providers and other stakeholders to create long-term value for clients and beneficiaries leading to sustainable benefits for the economy, the environment and society.

This includes prioritising which Environmental Social Governance ("ESG") issues to focus on, engaging with investees/issuers, and exercising voting rights.

Differing ownership structures means stewardship practices often differ between asset classes.

Source: UN PRI

Our fiduciary manager's engagement activity

We delegate the management of the Fund's defined benefit assets to our fiduciary manager, Aon. Aon manages the Fund's assets in a range of funds which can include multi-asset, multi-manager and liability matching funds. Aon selects the underlying investment managers on our behalf.

We delegate monitoring of ESG integration and stewardship of the underlying managers to Aon. We have reviewed Aon's latest annual Stewardship Report and we believe it shows that Aon is using its resources to effectively influence positive outcomes in the funds in which it invests.

Over the year, Aon held several engagement meetings with many of the underlying managers in its strategies. Aon discussed ESG integration, stewardship, climate, biodiversity and modern slavery with the investment managers. Aon provided feedback to the managers after these meetings with the aim of improving the standard of ESG integration across its portfolios.

Over the year, Aon engaged with the industry through white papers, working groups, webinars and network events, as well as responding to multiple consultations.

Aon has a net zero commitment to deliver UK delegated investment portfolios and default strategies which have a net zero carbon emissions profile by 2050.

Aon also successfully renewed its signatory status to the 2020 UK Stewardship Code, which is a voluntary code established by the Financial Reporting Council that sets high standards on stewardship for asset owners, investment managers and service providers.

What is fiduciary management?

Fiduciary management is the delegation of some, or all, of the day-to-day investment decisions and implementation to a fiduciary manager. But the trustees still retain responsibility for setting the high-level investment strategy.

In fiduciary management arrangements, the trustees will often delegate monitoring ESG integration and asset stewardship to its fiduciary manager.

Our managers' voting activity

Good asset stewardship means being aware and active on voting issues, corporate actions and other responsibilities tied to owning a company's stock. We believe that good stewardship is in the members' best interests to promote best practice and encourage investee companies to access opportunities, manage risk appropriately, and protect shareholders' interests. Understanding and monitoring the stewardship that investment managers practice in relation to the Fund's investments is an important factor in deciding whether a manager remains the right choice for the Fund.

Voting rights are attached to listed equity shares, including equities held in multi-asset funds. We expect the Fund's equity-owning investment managers to responsibly exercise their voting rights.

Voting statistics

The table below shows the voting statistics for each of the Fund's material funds with voting rights. Managers collate voting information on a quarterly basis. The voting information provided is for the year to 31 March 2025 which broadly matches the Fund year.

Funds	Number of resolutions eligible to vote on	% of resolutions voted	% of votes against management	% of votes abstained from
LGIM - Multi-Factor Equity Fund (Hedged)	11,446	99.8%	20.8%	0.4%
UBS - Global EM Equity Climate Transition Fund	7,747	85.0%	6.6%	4.3%
UBS - Global Equity Climate Transition Fund	12,234	93.0%	8.1%	0.1%

Source: Managers. Please note that the 'abstain' votes noted above are a specific category of vote that has been cast, and are distinct from a non-vote.

Use of proxy voting advisers

Many investment managers use proxy voting advisers to help them fulfil their stewardship duties. Proxy voting advisers provide recommendations to institutional investors on how to vote at shareholder meetings on issues such as climate change, executive pay and board composition. They can also provide voting execution, research, record keeping and other services.

Responsible investors will dedicate time and resources towards making their own informed decisions, rather than solely relying on their adviser's recommendations.

The table below describes how the Fund's equity fund managers use proxy voting advisers.

Managers	Description of use of proxy voting adviser(s) (in the managers' own words)
LGIM	LGIM's Investment Stewardship team uses Institutional Shareholder Services' ("ISS") 'ProxyExchange' electronic voting platform to electronically vote clients' shares. All voting decisions are made by LGIM and we do not outsource any part of the strategic decisions. To ensure our proxy provider votes in accordance with our position on ESG, we have put in place a custom voting policy with specific voting instructions.
UBS	UBS AM retains the services of ISS for the physical exercise of voting rights and for supporting voting research. UBS retains full discretion when determining how to vote at shareholder meetings.

Source: Managers

Why is voting important?

Voting is an essential tool for listed equity investors to communicate their views to a company and input into key business decisions. Resolutions proposed by shareholders increasingly relate to social and environmental issues.

Source: UN PRI

Why use a proxy voting adviser?

Outsourcing voting activities to proxy advisers enables managers that invest in thousands of companies to participate in many more votes than they would without their support.

Significant voting examples

To illustrate the voting activity being carried out on our behalf, we asked the Fund's material equity investment managers to provide a selection of what they consider to be the most significant votes in relation to the Fund's funds. A sample of these significant votes can be found in the appendix.

The underlying managers' engagement activity

Engagement is when an investor communicates with current (or potential) investee companies (or issuers) to improve their ESG practices, sustainability outcomes or public disclosure. Good engagement identifies relevant ESG issues, sets objectives, tracks results, maps escalation strategies and incorporates findings into investment decision-making.

The table below shows some of the engagement activity carried out by the Fund's material managers. The managers have provided information for the most recent calendar year available.

Funds	Number of engagements		Themes engaged on at a fund level
	Fund level	Firm level	
Aberdeen - Climate Transition Bond Fund	104	1,868	Environment - Climate; Other Environment Related Social - Human Rights & Stakeholders; Labour Management Governance - Corporate Governance; Corporate Behaviour
LGIM - Diversified Credit Fund	326	4,399	Environment - Climate Impact Pledge; Climate Change Social - Human Rights Governance - Capital Management; Remuneration Other - Corporate Strategy
M&G - Sustainable Total Return Credit Investment Fund	12	406	Environment - Net Zero/Decarbonisation; CA 100+ Engagements; Climate Change; Nature & Biodiversity Social - Diversity & Inclusion
Aegon - European Asset Backed Securities (ABS) Fund	115	422	Environment - Climate Change Social - Human and Labour Rights; Public Health Governance - Financial and Reporting - Reporting (e.g. audit, accounting, sustainability reporting) Other - General Disclosure
Ardea - Global Alpha Fund	40	40	Environment - Climate Change Other - Market Development of Green Government Bonds
LGIM - Multi-Factor Equity Fund (Hedged)	682	4,399	Environment - Climate Impact Pledge; Climate Change Social - Human Rights; Gender Diversity Governance - Capital Management; Remuneration Other - Corporate Strategy
UBS - Global EM Equity Climate Transition Fund	38	425	Environment - Climate Change; Natural Resource Use/Impact Social - Human and Labour Rights Governance - Remuneration; Board Effectiveness - Other Strategy, Financial and Reporting - Capital Allocation
UBS - Global Equity Climate Transition Fund	174	425	Environment - Climate Change; Natural Resource Use/Impact Social - Human and Labour Rights Governance - Remuneration; Board Effectiveness - Other; Leadership - Chair/CEO Strategy, Financial & Reporting - Capital Allocation

Source: Managers

Data limitations

At the time of writing, LGIM has provided a complete list of engagements for the invested funds, however, did not include as much detail as recommended in the best practice industry standard Investment Consultants Sustainability Working Group (“ICSWG”) reporting guide. In addition, whilst LGIM has provided firm level info, the reporting methodology for the number of engagements is out of line with what we view as industry best practice and as compared to peers.

This report also does not include commentary on the residual assets held with Schroders as they are considered to be immaterial.

Appendix – Significant Voting Examples

In the table below is an example of a significant vote as provided by the Fund's material equity manager. We consider a significant vote to be one which the manager considers significant. Managers use a wide variety of criteria to determine what they consider a significant vote, some of which are outlined in the examples below:

LGIM - Multi-Factor Equity Fund (Hedged)	Company name	Wells Fargo & Company
	Date of vote	30 April 2024
	Approximate size of fund's/mandate's holding as at the date of the vote (as % of portfolio)	0.5
	Summary of the resolution	Resolution 7: Commission Third Party Assessment on Company's Commitment to Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining Rights
	How you voted?	Votes supporting resolution
	Where you voted against management, did you communicate your intent to the company ahead of the vote?	LGIM publicly communicates its vote instructions on its website with the rationale for all votes against management. It is our policy not to engage with our investee companies in the three weeks prior to an Annual General Meeting ("AGM") as our engagement is not limited to shareholder meeting topics.
	Rationale for the voting decision	Shareholder Resolution - Labour rights: A vote in favour is applied as LGIM supports proposals that are set to improve human rights standards and employee policies because we consider this issue to be a material risk to companies.
	Outcome of the vote	Fail
	Implications of the outcome eg were there any lessons learned and what likely future steps will you take in response to the outcome?	LGIM will continue to engage with our investee companies, publicly advocate our position on this issue and monitor company and market-level progress.
	On which criteria have you assessed this vote to be most significant?	High Profile meeting: This shareholder resolution is considered significant due to the relatively high level of support received.
UBS - Global EM Equity Climate Transition Fund	Company name	Zai Lab Limited
	Date of vote	18 June 2024
	Approximate size of fund's/mandate's holding as at the date of the vote (as % of portfolio)	<i>Not provided</i>
	Summary of the resolution	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers' Compensation
	How you voted?	Votes against resolution
	Where you voted against management, did you communicate your intent to the company ahead of the vote?	No
	Rationale for the voting decision	Executive pay is not aligned with performance. Majority of awards vest without reference to performance conditions. Lack of a clawback provision.
	Outcome of the vote	Pass
	Implications of the outcome eg were there any lessons learned and what likely future steps will you take in response to the outcome?	Given strong shareholder opposition, we shall monitor further developments.

	On which criteria have you assessed this vote to be most significant?	Over 32% of shareholders voted against the resolution.
UBS - Global Equity Climate Transition Fund	Company name	Bank of America Corporation
	Date of vote	24 April 2024
	Approximate size of fund's/mandate's holding as at the date of the vote (as % of portfolio)	<i>Not provided</i>
	Summary of the resolution	Report on Clean Energy Supply Financing Ratio
	How you voted?	Votes supporting resolution
	Where you voted against management, did you communicate your intent to the company ahead of the vote?	No
	Rationale for the voting decision	We will support proposals that seek to promote greater disclosure and transparency in corporate environmental policies as long as: a) the issues are not already effectively dealt with through legislation or regulation; b) the company has not already responded in a sufficient manner; and c) the proposal is not unduly burdensome or overly prescriptive.
	Outcome of the vote	Fail
	Implications of the outcome eg were there any lessons learned and what likely future steps will you take in response to the outcome?	Given strong shareholder support, we shall monitor further developments.
		On which criteria have you assessed this vote to be most significant?

Source: Managers