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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 Burness Paull Pension Trustees Limited (the “Trustee”), in its capacity as the Trustee of the Samsung Electronics Manufacturing (UK) Limited Pension and Life Assurance 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 their investment adviser, Mercer, whom they believe has a degree of knowledge and experience that is appropriate for the management of their investments; and
- Consulted with the Sponsoring Employer, although it affirms that no aspect of the 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 within Mercer's solvency basis.

# 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 and carry out its duties and fulfil its responsibilities as a single body.

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

- The regular approval of the content of the Statement
- The appointment and review of the investment manager and investment adviser
- The assessment and review of the performance of each underlying investment manager
- The setting and review of the investment parameters within which the investment manager can operate
- 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 and section 36 of the Pensions Act 1995

## 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 includes the following:

- Participating with the Trustee in reviews of this Statement
- Setting of investment objectives
- Advising on investment strategy and asset allocation
- Recommending an appropriate investment structure
- Liaising with Mercer to determine funds and investment managers that are suitable to meet the Trustee's objectives
- Monitoring the underlying investment managers to ensure their continuing appropriateness to the mandates given
- 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, the Trustee 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.

The Trustee monitors the performance of the Scheme's underlying investment managers against their benchmarks. Mercer will provide performance monitoring reports to aid the Trustee in this process.

Mercer makes a fund based charge 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 their 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 Life Limited (“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 underlying investment managers used by the Fund are authorised and regulated by the FCA. Mobius Life Limited 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 advisor. This is based on the investment advisor’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 through the Mobius platform. 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 underlying 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 underlying investment managers are responsible for all decisions concerning the allocation to individual asset classes and changes in the allocations to individual asset classes.

Both Mobius and the underlying investment managers are remunerated by ad valorem charges based on the value of the assets that they manage on behalf of the Scheme. 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 underlying 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 underlying funds are clear and are consistent with each fund’s stated characteristics. The Trustee is therefore satisfied that this the most appropriate basis for remunerating the underlying 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 administrators, so far as they relate to the Scheme's investments, is set out in Appendix 4.

# 4 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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## 4.1 SETTING INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Trustee has determined an investment strategy after considering the Scheme's liability profile and the actuarial valuation methodology and assumptions used within Mercer's solvency basis, its own appetite for risk, the views of the Sponsoring Employer on investment strategy, the Sponsoring Employer's appetite for risk, and the strength of the Sponsoring Employer's covenant. 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 low risk growth portfolio, comprising assets such as diversified growth ("DGF") and multi-asset credit ("MAC") and a hedging portfolio comprising assets such as corporate bonds, liability driven investment ("LDI") and fixed/index-linked gilts. In addition, cash may be held from time-to-time. The growth-hedging allocation is set with regard to the overall required return objective of the Scheme's assets, which is determined by the funding objective and current funding level, and the desire to mitigate risk through hedging of the Scheme's interest rate and expected inflation risks, taking consideration of the instruments being used to hedge these risks.

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. Where it considers it advisable to do so, the Trustee has appointed an investment manager to select and manage the allocations across growth asset classes, in particular, where it would not be practical (or appropriate) for the Trustee to commit the resources necessary to make these decisions itself.

Taking all of these factors into consideration, the Trustee has determined that the benchmark asset allocation, as set out in Appendix 1, is suitable for the Scheme.

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

In respect of the investment of contributions and any disinvestments to meet member benefit payments, the Trustee has decided on a structured approach to rebalance the assets in accordance with the overall strategy. This approach is set out in Appendix 2.

## 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. 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 hedging portfolios
- Determining the allocation to asset classes within the growth and hedging 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 as permitted by the guidelines that apply to the pooled funds.

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 Trustee has therefore decided to invest in Diversified Growth Funds (DGFs), which are actively managed multi-asset funds. The managers of the DGFs invest in a wide range of assets and investment contracts in order to implement their market views.

Similarly, the Trustee has invested in pooled Multi Asset Credit (“MAC”) mandates, where the manager selects and manages allocations across a diversified spectrum of bond assets.

The Trustee notes that the actuarial value of the Scheme’s future benefits payments to members is sensitive to changes in long term interest rates and long term inflation expectations. The Trustee has decided to invest in Liability Driven Investment (“LDI”) funds which aim to respond in a similar way to changes in these factors and reduce the volatility of the Scheme’s funding position. This is referred to as hedging.

## **4.4 SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ETHICAL POLICY**

The Trustee understands that it 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 who approaches investments in a responsible way and takes account of ESG related risks will 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 Trustee notes that ESG considerations are not paramount to the first level decision making process within the funds which provide actively managed diversification. However, in the actively managed Diversified Growth Funds in which the Scheme invests, whilst the managers typically do not put ESG considerations at the heart of the asset allocation decision, they will embed ESG considerations into the management of the underlying asset classes where it is appropriate to do so.

The Trustee receives ESG scores provided by the investment adviser in relation to the funds in which the Scheme is invested and will monitor how these develop over time.

The Trustee is therefore satisfied that ESG factors are appropriately reflected in the overall investment approach. The Trustee, will take ESG considerations into account in the selection, retention and realisation of investments.

## 4.5 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND VOTING POLICY

The Scheme is invested solely in pooled investment funds. The Trustee's policy is to delegate responsibility for engaging with, monitoring investee companies and exercising voting rights to the pooled fund investment managers and expects the investment managers to use their discretion to act in the long term financial interests of investors.

The Trustee notes that the investment managers' corporate governance policies are available on request and on their respective websites.

If the Trustee is specifically invited to vote on a matter relating to corporate policy, the Trustee would exercise its right in accordance with what it believes to be the best interests of the majority of the Scheme's membership.

Where managers are responsible for investing in new issuance, the Trustee expects the underlying manager to engage with the issuer about the terms on which capital is issued and the potential impact on the rights of new and existing investors.

The Trustee considers and responds appropriately to any conflicts of interest arising in the management of the Scheme and its investments of which the Trustee is made aware.

## 4.6 STEWARDSHIP

The Trustee will monitor the performance, strategy, risks, ESG policies and corporate governance of the investment managers. Mercer will assist the Trustee in such tasks as monitoring the performance, ESG policies and corporate governance of the underlying managers. If the Trustee has any concerns, it will raise them with the respective managers.

# 5 RISK

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Under the Pensions Act 2004, the Trustee is required to state their 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 through the diversification of the Scheme's assets across a range of funds with different investment styles, by monitoring and advice from the investment adviser where there have been significant changes to the managers' capabilities, and 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 cash flows required by the Scheme over a specified period.
- It is managed by holding an appropriate amount of readily realisable investments. 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.

## **Corporate Governance Risk**

- This is assessed by reviewing the Scheme's investment managers' policies regarding corporate governance.
- It is managed by delegating the exercise of voting rights to the managers, who exercise this right in accordance with their published corporate governance policies. Summaries of these policies are available to the Trustee and take into account the financial interests of the shareholders, which should ultimately be to the Scheme's advantage.

## **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 is associated with the inability of a borrower to repay, in full or part the monies which it owes to a creditor.
- The Scheme invests in pooled investment vehicles and is therefore directly exposed to credit risk in relation to the instruments it holds in 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.
- Indirect credit risk arises in relation to underlying bond investments held in the pooled funds. This risk is mitigated by investing in MAC funds with diversified portfolios and by investing in LDI funds with sound collateralisation and risk management procedures.
- The Trustee acknowledges that the assessment of credit risk on individual debt instruments is delegated to the investment manager. The Trustee will however ensure that they are comfortable with the amount of risk that the Scheme's investment manager takes.

## **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, interest rate risk and other price 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, it 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 by investing in DGFs. Within the DGFs the management of currency risk related to overseas investments is delegated to the underlying investment managers. However, the DGFs have a Sterling benchmark and by investing in a diversified investment portfolio, the impact of 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 and for this reason it is desirable for the Scheme's assets to be exposed to a similar level of interest rate risk. The Trustee manages the Scheme's interest rate risk by considering the net risk when taking account of how the liabilities are valued.
- The Trustee acknowledges that the interest rate risk related to individual debt instruments, and particularly liability driven instruments ("LDI"), is managed by the underlying investment managers through a combination of strategies, such as diversification, duration and yield curve management, and hedging via swaps, particularly where LDI is involved.

## **Other Price risk**

- This is the risk of volatility that principally arises in relation to the return seeking assets.
- The Trustee acknowledges that a scheme can manage its exposure to price risk by investing in a diverse portfolio across various markets and has therefore invested the Scheme's return seeking assets in DGFs in order to achieve a diversified exposure to different investment markets and manage this risk.

## **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.
- The Trustee is aware that Responsible Investing is one of the core beliefs of the investment manager and the investment adviser. As a result, part of the rating process of the investment adviser and decision-making process of the investment manager in relation to the underlying investment managers is based on its 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 assesses and reviews the performance of its adviser in a qualitative way.

## 6.2 INVESTMENT MANAGERS

The Trustee receives quarterly monitoring reports on the performance of the underlying investment managers from Mercer, which present performance information 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. They also provide returns of market indices so that these can be used to help inform the assessment of the underlying managers' performance.

The reporting reviews the performance of the Scheme's assets in aggregate against the Scheme's strategic benchmark.

In conjunction with advice and information from their investment adviser, the Trustee has the role of replacing the underlying investment managers where appropriate. It takes a long-term view when assessing whether to replace the underlying 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's Manager Research Team. 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 also be made to the underlying managers if there is a strategic change to the overall strategy and therefore the Scheme 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 reports which it receives is net of all charges, including such costs. Portfolio turnover costs means 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.

Given that the Scheme invests in a range of pooled funds, many of which invest across a wide range of asset classes, the Trustee does not have an overall portfolio turnover target for the Scheme.

The Trustee is working with Mercer to determine the most appropriate way to obtain and monitor the information required in relation to the pooled funds in which the Scheme is invested and will include further information about this when next updating the SIP.

# 7 CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

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The Trustee notes that in March 2017, the Pensions Regulator released 'Investment Guidance for Defined Benefit Pension Schemes'.

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.

# 8 COMPLIANCE

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This Statement is available to members online.

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

This Statement supersedes all others and was approved by the Trustee:

**Signed:** .....

**Name:** .....

**Date:** .....



# APPENDIX 1: ASSET ALLOCATION BENCHMARK

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

Asset Class	Strategic Allocation (%)
<b>Low Risk Growth Assets</b>	<b>31</b>
Diversified Growth	5
Multi Asset Credit	26
<b>Hedging Assets</b>	<b>69</b>
Corporate Bonds	10
LDI - Nominal	9
LDI - Real	28
Fixed Interest Gilts	11
Index-Linked Gilts	11
<b>Cash</b>	<b>0</b>
Cash*	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Appendix 3 provides information about the selection of investment managers.

NB:

There are no guideline ranges as the actual asset allocation percentages will change as investment market conditions change. The Trustee, along with their advisor, will assess the allocations on an ongoing basis and make adjustments as, and when, they see fit based on the strategic allocations set out above and the magnitude of any deviations from above.

The hedging assets are designed to hedge the valued placed on the liabilities. Hence, like the liabilities, their values will float as interest and expected inflation rates change. Alterations to the actual percentage allocation may take place from time to time which will be driven by the actual interest and inflation hedge ratios relative to their targets (rather than simply the percentage held).

\*From time to time, there may also be an allocation to cash.

# APPENDIX 2: CASHFLOW AND REBALANCING POLICY

## **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**

Investments and disinvestments will take place as set out in the Scheme's cashflow policy document.

## **LDI Recapitalisation**

The Trustee notes that the LDI manager may require additional cash (or may release cash) from time to time in order to support the operation of the LDI funds.

Investments and disinvestments will take place as set out in the Scheme's LDI cashflow policy document.

# APPENDIX 3: INVESTMENT MANAGER INFORMATION

The Trustee invests with a variety of investment managers whose key responsibility is to appoint suitable managers to each of the mandates within their agreed investment strategy as set out in Appendix 1.

If one of the underlying managers/funds is significantly downgraded by Mercer's Manager Research Team, the Trustee will replace that manager/fund with a suitable alternative as soon as is practicable.

For avoidance of doubt, this Statement will not be updated solely in response to a replacement of one of the underlying investment managers, although it will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis.

The Trustee monitors the underlying managers appointed from time to time, and is informed by Mercer of any changes to those managers.

# APPENDIX 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

## 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
- The appointment and review of the investment adviser
- Appointing the investment manager(s) and custodian (if required)
- The assessment and review of the performance of each investment manager
- 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
- The assessment of the risks assumed by the Scheme at total scheme level and underlying manager by manager
- The approval and review of the asset allocation benchmark for the Scheme
- Consulting with the sponsoring employer regarding any proposed amendments to this Statement
- Monitoring compliance of the investment arrangements with this Statement and section 36 of the Pensions Act 1995 on a continuing basis

## INVESTMENT ADVISER

The investment adviser's responsibilities include the following:

- Participating with the Trustee in reviews of this Statement
- 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' organisation, or that of the underlying investment managers, 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 investment managers
- Advising on the selection of new managers and/or custodians
- Advising on cashflow management (investment and withdrawal) policies (see Appendix 2)

## 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 investment manager according to the Trustee's instructions.