

MEETING:	PENSIONS COMMITTEE
DATE:	18 January 2023
TITLE:	REVIEW OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR THE FUND'S INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS
PURPOSE:	To report progress against current objectives and to review future objectives
RECOMMENDATION:	NOTE PROGRESS AND APPROVE FUTURE OBJECTIVES
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1. INTRODUCTION

At the end of 2018, following a review of the investment consulting and fiduciary management markets, the Competition and Markets Authority (“CMA”) stipulated that Pension Scheme Trustees should set objectives for their investment consultants. These objectives are set and reviewed each year.

2. ESTABLISHING OBJECTIVES FOR INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS

The CMA states that objectives for consultants should include a clear definition of the outcome expected, and should be:

- ‘closely linked’ to the pension scheme’s strategic objectives
- reviewed at least every three years, and after a significant change to the investment strategy or objectives

Establishing long term objectives is part of a well organised governance approach. The extension to set objectives for investment consultants could be regarded as a natural progression towards all stakeholders being aligned towards a common goal.

3. GWYNEDD PENSION FUND OBJECTIVES FOR INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS

The objectives for Gwynedd Pension Fund can be found in Appendix 1, with the progress reported against them during 2022.

A compliance statement is to be signed by the Pensions Committee Chairman.

4. FUTURE OBJECTIVES

The ten current objectives remain for the next period, with two additional new objectives (11 and 12 in Appendix 1) suggested for the Committee’s consideration.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to note the progress report and approve the Investment Consultants’ objectives for the upcoming year.