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FOCUS ON INVESTMENTS

Investment Strategy Update

discussed how this improved position
 agreed to enhance the Fund's hedging
 notable volatility over the last two
 portfolio. This was achieved by replacing
 dated index linked gilts with a portfolio
 budget'. Following a period of substantial
 increases in gilt (government security)
 more closely match the Fund's liability
 characteristics. This change in strategy
 the Fund's exposure to interest rate and
 the overall funding position improved. The
 Investment Sub Committee therefore

FOCUS ON GOVERNANCE

The Chancellor's “Mansion House” proposals

The Exchequer presented a package of proposals for reforming the UK pensions market. This package is intended to increase funding for UK high-growth companies and improve outcomes for pension savers. Headlining the package is the Pensions and DB Scheme Trustee
Compact, which aims to give employers and DB scheme trustees more power to manage DB scheme liabilities and increase the overall use of superfunds in the UK. The Compact is a wider package of promises of further reform.

The Exchequer advised that the government's reform plans would be guided by three golden rules:

- Securing the best possible outcomes for pension savers.
- Ensuring that the reforms bring benefits to the pensions market.
- Strengthening the UK's position as a global centre for pensions and fund public services.

The key elements of the proposed reforms are as follows:

- **Consolidation of pension schemes:** The need for scale in order for pension schemes to take advantage of a wider range of investment opportunities. The intention is to introduce a permanent regulatory regime to assist employers and DB scheme trustees with managing DB scheme liabilities and increase the overall use of superfunds in the UK.
- **Investment options:** Encouraging investment by DB schemes into UK equities and private companies.
- **Yield focus:** Encouraging pension schemes as investors brings with it an increased focus on the capabilities of those who are able to invest in the pensions market.

FUND UPDATES

Guaranteed Minimum Pension project

- Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP)
when the Government introduced the new two-tier state pension. GMP was introduced in April 2012 at £153.12 a week.
when some pension schemes could opt out of this scheme (known as SERPS or the

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 place within the UREPFI over the year.

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