# Federated Pension Scheme for Treloar Trust Implementation Statement Year Ending 31 March 2022

### Glossary

Baillie Gifford	Baillie Gifford & Co Limited
ESG	Environmental, Social and Governance
Investment Adviser	First Actuarial LLP
LGIM	Legal & General Investment Management
Partners	Partners Group (Guernsey) Limited
Scheme	Federated Pension Scheme for Treloar Trust
Scheme Year	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022
SIP	Statement of Investment Principles
UNPRI	United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment

## Introduction

The Trustee has reviewed the extent to which its policy from the SIP relating to the exercise of rights (including voting rights) attaching to the investments was followed over the Scheme Year and this statement confirms the outcome of that review.

In addition, the statement summarises the voting record of the Scheme's investment managers and provides information on the significant votes made in respect of the Trustee's equity holdings. Information is also provided on the how the Scheme's investment managers make use of the services of proxy voting advisers.

#### Relevant Investments

The Scheme's assets are invested in pooled funds and some of those funds include an allocation to equities. Where equities are held, the investment manager has the entitlement to vote.

At the end of the Scheme Year, the Scheme invested in the following funds which included an allocation to equities:

- Baillie Gifford Multi-Asset Growth Fund
- LGIM Future World Fund
- LGIM Future World Fund GBP Hedged
- LGIM Future World Multi-Asset Fund
- The Partners Fund

## The Trustee's Policy Relating to the Exercise of Rights

#### Summary of the Policy

The Trustee's policy in relation to the exercise of the rights (including voting rights) attaching to the investments is set out in the SIP.

A summary of the Trustee's policy in relation to the exercise of the rights (including voting rights) attaching to the investments is as follows:

- The Trustee believes that good stewardship can help create, and preserve, value for companies and markets as a whole and the Trustee wishes to encourage best practice in terms of stewardship.
- The Trustee invests in pooled investment vehicles and therefore accepts that ongoing engagement with the underlying companies (including the exercise of voting rights) will be determined by the investment managers' own policies on such matters.
- When selecting a pooled fund, the Trustee considers, amongst other things, the
  investment manager's policy in relation to the exercise of the rights (including voting
  rights) attaching to the investments held within the pooled fund.
- When considering the ongoing suitability of an investment manager, the Trustee (in conjunction with its Investment Adviser) will take account of any particular characteristics of that manager's engagement policy that are deemed to be financially material.
- The Trustee will normally select investment managers who are signatories to the UNPRI.

 If it is identified that a fund's investment manager is not engaging with companies, the Trustee may look to replace that fund. However, in the first instance, the Trustee would normally expect its Investment Adviser to raise the Trustee's concerns with the investment manager.

#### Has the Policy Been Followed During the Scheme Year?

The Trustee's opinion is that its policy relating to the exercise of rights (including voting rights) attaching to the investments has been followed during the Scheme Year. In reaching this conclusion, the following points were taken into consideration:

- There has been no change to the Trustee's belief regarding the importance of good stewardship.
- The Scheme's invested assets remained invested in pooled funds over the period.
- The Trustee did not select any new funds during the period.
- During the Scheme Year, the Trustees considered the voting records of the investment managers over the period ending 31 March 2021.
- Since the end of the Scheme Year, an updated analysis of the voting records of the investment managers based on the period ending 31 March 2022 has been undertaken as part of the work required to prepare this Implementation Statement. A summary of the key findings from that analysis is provided below.
- The investment managers used by the Scheme are UNPRI signatories.

### The Investment Managers Voting Records

A summary of the investment managers' voting records is shown in the table below.

Investment Manager		Split of votes:			
	Number of votes	For	Against / withheld	Did not vote/ abstained	
Baillie Gifford	20,000	93% 3% 4%		4%	
LGIM	140,000	77%	21%	1%	

#### **Notes**

Split of votes may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

These voting statistics are based on each manager's full voting record over the 12 months to 31 March 2022 rather than votes related solely to the funds held by the Scheme.

## Use of Proxy Voting Advisers

Investment Manager	Who is their proxy voting adviser?	How is the proxy voting adviser used?
Baillie Gifford	No Proxy Voting Adviser	All done in-house, Manager aims to participate in all votes
LGIM	ISS and IVIS	ISS and IVIS provide research and ISS administer votes. However, all voting is determined by guidelines set by LGIM.

### The Investment Managers' Voting Behaviour

The Trustee has reviewed the voting behaviour of the investment managers by considering the following:

- broad statistics of their voting records such as the percentage of votes cast for and against the recommendations of boards of directors (i.e. "with management" or "against management");
- the votes they cast in the year to 31 March 2022 on the most contested proposals in nine categories across the UK, the US and Europe;
- the investment managers' policies and statements on the subjects of stewardship, corporate governance and voting.

The Trustee has also compared the voting behaviour of the investment managers with their peers over the same period.

The Trustee's key observations are set out below.

#### Voting in Significant Votes

Based on information provided by the Trustee's Investment Adviser, the Trustee has identified significant votes in nine separate categories. The Trustee considers votes to be more significant if they are closely contested. i.e. close to a 50:50 split for and against. A closely contested vote indicates that shareholders considered the matter to be significant enough that it should not be simply "waved through". In addition, in such a situation, the vote of an individual investment manager is likely to be more important in the context of the overall result.

The five most significant votes in each of the nine categories based on shares held by the Scheme's investment managers are listed in the Appendix. In addition, the Trustee considered each investment manager's overall voting record in significant votes (i.e. votes across all stocks not just the stocks held within the funds used by the Scheme).

#### Description of Voting Behaviour

#### Baillie Gifford

The manager has a tendency to support management proposals. Baillie Gifford's active management style provides some justification for this; it supports the management of companies it has actively chosen to invest in. However, it can also indicate overconfidence in the companies selected.

Baillie Gifford has held companies to account on climate change issues. The investment manager opposed Director proposals on climate change which were deemed to not go far enough and supported shareholder proposals in this area.

However, Baillie Gifford continues to be less supportive of shareholder proposals aimed at tackling social issues and this leaves Baillie Gifford open to criticism. The Trustee's Investment Adviser has fed this message back repeatedly to Baillie Gifford and continue to do so.

#### **LGIM**

The Trustee has no concerns regarding the voting record of LGIM.

The manager's willingness to vote against management is consistent with the broad range of policies covered within its corporate governance documentation; each policy provides a set of criteria which can be used to justify a vote against management.

The Trustee also notes that LGIM has supported shareholder proposals designed to tackle ESG issues and has held directors to account regarding their energy transition proposals (proposals setting out how CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be reduced).

### Partners Group

Whilst Partners Group are not signatories to the UK Stewardship Code, the investment manager does gain an A+ rating from UN PRI (for Strategy & Governance).

The Partners Fund typically has an allocation of about 20% to listed strategies but the Trustee has excluded this from the analysis.

The Scheme's allocation to the Partners Fund is about 13% of total assets meaning exposure to listed strategies via the fund represents approximately 2.6% of Scheme assets. The Trustee does not consider this to be significant in the context of the Scheme's overall assets and Partners has therefore been excluded from the analysis of voting behavior

## Conclusions

Based on the analysis undertaken, and as per the descriptions above, the Trustee has no material concerns regarding the voting records of LGIM and Baillie Gifford.

The Trustee will keep the voting actions of the investment managers under review.

Rosemary Kennell......Date: ...16 August 2022

Signed on behalf of the Trustee of the Federated Pension Scheme for Treloar Trust

# Significant Votes

The table below records how the Scheme's investment managers voted in the most significant votes identified by the Trustee.

Company	Meeting Date	Proposal	Votes For (%)	Votes Against (%)	LGIM	Baillie Gifford
Audit & Reporting		I .				
ACTIVISION BLIZZARD INC	21/06/2021	Ratify PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Auditors	54	43	For	Not held
INTEL CORPORATION	13/05/2021	Appoint the Auditors	38	61	Against	Not held
INVESTEC PLC	05/08/2021	Investec Limited: Reappoint KPMG Inc as Joint Auditors of the Company	71	29	Against	Not held
SIKA AG	20/04/2021		80	20	Against	Not held
SARTORIUS STEDIM BIOTECH SA	29/03/2022		20	80	Not held	For
Shareholder Capital & Rights						
ORANGE S.A	18/05/2021	Authorize Board to Increase Capital in the Event of Additional Demand Related	57	43	Against	Not held
KERING SA	22/04/2021	Authorize Capital Issuances for Use in Employee Stock Purchase Plans	32	68	For	For
KEMING SA	22/04/2021	Issue Special Voting Shares	32	08	101	101
FERRARI NV	15/04/2021		70	30	Against	Not held
FLUTTER ENTERTAINMENT PLC	29/04/2021	Issue Shares with Pre-emption Rights	70	30	Against	Not held
MONCLER SPA		Authorise Share Repurchase	70	29	For	Not held
Pay & Remuneration		I				
AT&T INC.	30/04/2021	Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation	48	50	Against	Not held
AKZO NOBEL NV	22/04/2021	Approve the Remuneration Report	50	50	Against	Not held
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION	27/04/2021	Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation	48	51	Against	Not held
NETFLIX INC	03/06/2021	Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation	51	49	Against	For
KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN	20/05/2021	Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation	52	47	Against	Not held
Constitution of Company, Board & Advisers						
GEBERIT AG	14/04/2021	Elect Werner Karlen - Non-Executive Director	50	50	For	Not held
APPLE INC		Elect Alex Gorsky - Non-Executive Director	50	50	For	Not held Not held
REGENERON PHARMACEUTICALS INC	11/06/2021	Elect George L. Sing	51	49		Not held Not held
EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION	04/05/2021	Elect Kieran T. Gallahue - Non-Executive Director	47	52	Against	Not held
INFORMA PLC		Elect Stephen Davidson - Non-Executive Director	53	47	Against Against	Not held Not held
	03/00/2021	Elect Septien Davidson - Non-Executive Director	33	47	ARGIIIZE	Not field
Merger, Acquisition, Sales & Finance						
VONOVIASE		Issue Bonds/Debt Securities	79	21	For	Against
DELIVERY HERO SE	16/06/2021	Approve Issuance of Warrants/Bonds with Warrants Attached/Convertible Bonds	84	16	Against	For
HERMES INTERNATIONAL	04/05/2021	Approve Demerger	91	9	Against	Not held
VINCI	08/04/2021	Issue Debt Securities	92	8	For	Not held
SAP SE	12/05/2021	Issue Bonds/Debt Securities	93	7	For	Not held
Climate Related Resolutions						
Royal Dutch Shell	19/05/2021	Approve the Shell Energy Transition Strategy	83	11	Against	Not held
TOTALENERGIES SE	28/05/2021	Approve the Company's Sustainable Development and Energy Transition	83	7	Against	Not held
AENA SA		Advisory Vote on Company's Climate Action Plan	96	4	For	Not held
FERROVIAL S.A.	08/04/2021	Advisory Vote, as from the 2022 AGM, on the Company's Climate Strategy	97	2	For	Not held
MOODYS CORPORATION	20/04/2021		93	1	For	Not held
Other Company Resolutions	20/04/2024	Meeting Notification-related Proposal		45	-	N I. I.I.
PEARSON PLC ORANGE S.A		Allow Board to Use Delegations under Item 23 Above in the Event of a Public	55 40	45 59	For	Not held
	18/05/2021	Approve Severance Payments Policy			Against	Not held
UNICREDIT SPA SSP GROUP PLC	15/04/2021 04/02/2022	Meeting Notification-related Proposal	73 79	27 21	For Not held	Not held For
INVESTEC PLC		Invested plc: Approve Political Donations	80	20	For	Not held
	03/08/2021	invested pic. Approve i oritical boriations	80	20	FUI	Not field
Governance & Other Shareholder Resolutions	/ /	Phonobaldra Barabalan Walston Courses				
GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY	14/06/2021	Shareholder Resolution: Written Consent	50	50	Against	Not held
APPLIED MATERIALS INC	10/03/2022	Shareholder Resolution: Right to Call Special Meetings	49	49	For	Not held
COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY	07/05/2021	Shareholder Resolution: Reduce Ownership Threshold for Shareholders to Call	51	49	For	Not held
APPLE INC	04/03/2022	Shareholder Resolution: Report on Concealment Clauses	49	49	For	Not held
THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC.	29/04/2021	Shareholder Resolution: Report on the Impacts of Using Mandatory Arbitration	49	43	For	Not held
<b>Environmental &amp; Socially Focussed Shareholder Re</b>						
CATERPILLAR INC.		Shareholder Resolution: Report on Climate Policy	47	51	For	Not held
APPLE INC	04/03/2022	Ü	53	46	For	Not held
TESLA INC	07/10/2021	Shareholder Resolution: Report on Diversity and Inclusion Efforts	55	41	For	Against
		Shareholder Resolution: Report on Annual Climate Transition				
BOOKING HOLDINGS INC.	03/06/2021		56	43	For	For
AMAZON.COM INC.	26/05/2021	Shareholder Resolution: Oversee and Report on a Civil Rights,	44	55	For	Abstain

## <u>Note</u>

Where the voting record has not been provided at the fund level, we rely on periodic information provided by investment managers to identify the stocks held. This means it is possible that that some of the votes listed above may relate to companies that were not held within the Scheme's pooled funds at the date of the vote. Equally, it is possible that there are votes not included above which relate to companies that were held within the Scheme's pooled funds at the date of the vote.