### Engagement Policy Implementation Statement ("EPIS")

# Society of Radiographers Pension and Life Assurance Scheme (the "Scheme")

#### Scheme Year End - 30 June 2025

The purpose of the EPIS is for us, the Trustees of the Society of Radiographers Pension and Life Assurance Scheme, to explain what we have done during the year ending 30 June 2025 to achieve certain policies and objectives set out in the Statement of Investment Principles ("SIP"). It includes:

- How our policies in the SIP about asset stewardship (including both voting and engagement activity) in relation to the Scheme's investments have been followed during the year; and
- 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, all of the Scheme'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 Scheme's assets to our fiduciary manager, 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.

Our standard practice is to invite Aon to attend at least one meeting per year. Based on the work we have done for the EPIS, we will continue to engage with Aon where required 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 fulfill our Responsible Investment policies as set out in the SIP.

# How voting and engagement policies have been followed

The Scheme is invested in pooled funds, and so the responsibility for voting and engagement is delegated to the Scheme'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 Scheme year and in our view, all 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 Scheme's investment managers can be found in the following sections of this report.

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

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

The Scheme's stewardship policy can be found in the SIP: <a href="https://www.sor.org/about/society-of-radiographers/statutory-documents/society-of-radiographers-life-assurance-pension-sc">https://www.sor.org/about/society-of-radiographers/statutory-documents/society-of-radiographers-life-assurance-pension-sc</a>

#### 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 Scheme's defined benefit assets to our fiduciary manager, Aon. Aon manages the Scheme'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 Scheme's investments is an important factor in deciding whether a manager remains the right choice for the Scheme.

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

### 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

### Voting statistics

The table below shows the voting statistics for each of the Scheme's material funds with voting rights for the year to 30 June 2025.

Funds	Number of resolutions eligible to vote on	% of resolutions voted	% of votes against management	% of votes abstained from
Legal and General Asset				
Management ("L&G") - Multi-	12,071	100.0%	22.2%	0.4%
Factor Equity Fund				
UBS Global Asset Management ("UBS") - Global Emerging Markets Equity Climate Transition Fund	7,949	*85.0%	8.6%	4.2%
UBS - Global Equity Climate Transition Fund	11,804	*93.0%	9.3%	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. \*We engaged with UBS to understand why the % of resolutions voted was lower than we would expect of equity managers. UBS confirmed that there are markets, including emerging markets, where it does not exercise voting rights due to the local market restrictions.

### 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 Scheme's managers use proxy voting advisers.

### 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.

Managers	Description of use of proxy voting adviser(s) (in the managers' own words)
L&G	L&G's Investment Stewardship team uses Institutional Shareholder Services' ("ISS")  'ProxyExchange' electronic voting platform to electronically vote clients' shares. All voting decisions are made by L&G 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

#### Significant voting examples

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

### Our 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 Scheme's material managers. The managers have provided information for the most recent calendar year available.

Funds	Number of engagements			
	Fund level	Firm level	Themes engaged on at a fund level	
L&G - Multi-Factor Equity Fund	682	4,399	Environment - Climate Change Social - Human and Labour Rights; Human Capital Management Governance - Remuneration Strategy, Financial & Reporting - Financial Performance; Strategy/Purpose Other - Multiple ESG Topics	
UBS - Global Emerging Markets Equity Climate Transition Fund	38	425	Environment - Climate Change; Natural Resource Use/Impac 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/Impac Social - Human and Labour Rights Governance - Remuneration; Board Effectiveness - Other; Leadership - Chair/CEO Strategy, Financial & Reporting - Capital Allocation	
Aberdeen - Climate Transition Bond Fund	104	1,868	Environment - Climate; Other Environment Related Social - Human Rights & Stakeholders; Labour Management Governance - Corporate Governance; Corporate Behaviour	
Aegon - European 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	
Robeco - Credit Income Fund	12	324	Environment - Climate Change Social - Human and Labour Rights Governance - Shareholder Rights; Board Effectiveness - Other	

Source: Managers

### **Data limitations**

This report does not include commentary on certain asset classes such as liability driven investments or cash because of the limited materiality of stewardship to these asset classes.

### Appendix – Significant Voting Examples

In the table below are some significant vote examples provided by the Scheme's managers. 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:

	Company name	Mastercard Incorporated	
Equity Fund	Date of vote	24 June 2025	
	Approximate size of fund's/mandate's holding as at the date of the vote (as % of portfolio)	0.6	
	Summary of the resolution	Oversee and Report on a Racial Equity Audit	
	How you voted?	Votes supporting resolution	
	Where you voted against management, did you communicate your intent to the company ahead of the vote?	L&G's Asset Management business 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 Diversity: A vote in favour is applied as we support such information and risk management approach to Diversity.	
	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?	L&G's Asset Management business 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?	Thematic - Diversity: L&G's Asset Management business views diversity as a financially material issue for our clients, with implications for the assets we manage on their behalf.	
UBS - Global	Company name	Pepkor Holdings Ltd.	
Emerging Markets	Date of vote	24 February 2025	
Equity Climate Transition Fund	Approximate size of fund's/mandate's holding as at the date of the vote (as % of portfolio)	Not provided	
	Summary of the resolution	Approve Implementation Report on the Remuneration Policy	
	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	Incoming CEO pay is higher than predecessor without strong justification. Excessive pay quantum.	
	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 the high levels of dissent, we shall monitor for further developments.	
	On which criteria have you assessed this vote to be most significant?	Over 33.0% of shareholders voted against the resolution.	
<b>UBS - Global Equity</b>	Company name	Amazon.com, Inc.	
Climate Transition	Date of vote	21 May 2025	
Fund	Approximate size of fund's/mandate's holding as at	Not provided	

the date of the vote (as % of portfolio)

Report on Impact of Data Centers on Climate Commitments		
Votes supporting resolution		
No		
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.		
Fail		
Given strong shareholder support, we shall monitor for further developments. We will continue to engage with the company.		
20.1% of shareholders supported this proposal.		

Source: Managers