

EXEMPT - GMPF - EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

SUBJECT MATTER:	BRITISH STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (BSIF)
DECISION:	DETERMINED that as part of the 1.5% Impact Portfolio allocation approved by Panel on 19 July 2019, to approve a commitment of £20m to BSIF (Infrastructure Sidecar) and £20m to a related North West Focused Co-Investment Fund, subject to satisfactory completion of outstanding legal documentation and further satisfactory reference.
DECISION TAKER:	Sandra Stewart
DESIGNATION OF DECISION TAKER:	Director of Pensions
DATE OF DECISION:	19 August 2019
REASON FOR DECISION:	<p>An allocation of 1.5% to the Impact Portfolio was ratified by Panel 19 July 2019.</p> <p>An annual pacing strategy was agreed by Policy & Development Working Group on 20 December 2018, which outlines the pacing of commitments necessary to meet the target allocation within a reasonable and sensible time frame, whilst also prescribing appropriate diversification targets for the portfolio. The Local Investments team are responsible for selecting managers and funds consistent with the approved strategy.</p> <p>The Director of Pensions has delegated authority to sign off investments of this nature.</p>
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS REJECTED (if any):	The Local Investments team regularly review infrastructure funds and Managers on an on-going basis. Recent competitor funds have been assessed but not progressed at this stage.
CONSULTEES:	The Local Investment team has discussed the opportunity internally, have taken appropriate reference calls with relevant parties and consulted with GMPF's Investment Committee. There was a consensus on Gresham House being a credible manager and this being an appropriate investment for GMPF's local investments portfolio.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	GMPF allocated 1.5% to Impact Portfolio investments, to date £357m has been committed from this allocation. It is proposed that the investment into BSIF and the North West Co-investment Fund will come from this allocation and will be within the Impact Portfolio's target allocation for the investment themes 'Renewable Energy Infrastructure' and 'Equity Investment in Underserved Markets'.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:	A subscription Agreement and, as necessary, a side letter will be entered into to formalise the commitment to the Fund(s), subject to approval by Pension Fund Legal. The Limited Partnership Agreement is the main controlling document and is subject to review by GMPF officers and review by Pension Fund Legal.
RISK MANAGEMENT:	Associated risks with investing in infrastructure have been discussed in the due diligence paper. The associated mitigants to some of the risks have also been considered and deemed appropriate. The Fund manager is an established, regulated AIFM (FCA registration number 682776) which provides some comfort in that the Fund will be managed suitably and the Fund strategy provides diversification to the portfolio.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	None
DISPENSATION GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE ATTACHED:	N/A
ACCESS TO INFORMATION:	Not for Publication: This report contains exempt information relating to paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). On balance, under paragraph 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 12A, it would not be in the public interest to disclose this information to the public because disclosure would, or would likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Fund and/or its agents which, in turn, could impact upon the interest of the local taxpayer and/or the beneficiaries of the Fund.
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:	Any further information can be obtained by contacting: James Thelwell or Andrew Hall, Investment Managers, Local Investment and Property by phone on 0161 301 7269 or by email: james.thewel@tameside.gov.uk or andrew.hall@tameside.gov.uk

Signed

Sandra Stewart, Director of Pensions

Dated: 19 August 2019