

Paper E: Board and Committee membership

Key points to note

The Board is asked to nominate a new Investment Committee chair as per the committee's Terms of Reference due to ex-Cllr Andrew Thornton losing his seat for Royds Ward in Bradford Metropolitan District Council. A new scheme employer representative for the Board will also need to be sought from the LGA's political group offices to replace him in that capacity.

Cllr Chris Weaver is stepping down from the Board after this meeting and the Welsh LGA (WLGA) will be nominating another scheme employer representative to replace him when its Executive Board meets on 24 July.

There are also a number of changes in membership for the Board to approve on the committees.

A proposal on longer term changes to the Investment Committee will be brought to the next meeting. Interim proposals can be found in paper D.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have been invited to provide a verbal update on the recruitment for the new Board Chair ahead of the departure of Cllr Roger Phillips OBE in March 2027.

Recommendation

That the Board notes and approves the changes in membership. That the Board nominates a new chair of the Investment Committee. That the Board notes the verbal update from the MHCLG on the recruitment for a new Board Chair.

Membership changes

Board

Charity Main has stepped down from the Board after departing from her role as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer at Anglian Learning at the end of February 2026. The Board thanks her for her contributions to the SAB's work via the Board and the Cost Management, Benefit Design and Administration (CMBDA)

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committee. The secretariat have been formally notified that Sarah Graham, Director of Compliance, Policy and Legal and Chief Audit Executive at Oasis Community Learning has been nominated for ministerial consideration as the new scheme employer representative for the education sector by the Department for Education.

The secretariat has received notification from the Welsh LGA (WLGA) that Cllr Chris Weaver will be stepping down from the Board after being nominated as leader of Cardiff Council. The Board thanks him for his contributions over the course of his tenure and wishes him the best in his new endeavours. The secretariat is liaising with the WLGA to ascertain the new nominee which once received will be passed on to MHCLG for ministerial approval.

A new scheme employer representative will need to be sought from the LGA's political group offices to replace ex-Cllr Andrew Thornton who lost his seat as a councillor in Royds Ward in Bradford Metropolitan District Council, which is the administering authority for the West Yorkshire Pension Fund at the last local elections on 7 May 2026. MHCLG have been notified and will formally terminate his membership in line with their procedures.

Committees and Advisory Groups

Ex-Cllr Thornton was appointed as the Chair of the Investment Committee by the Board at the meeting on 25 November 2024. Due to the loss of his seat as a councillor in May 2026, a new chair will need to be appointed by the Board in line with the [committee's Terms of Reference](#) which states that the committee's chair 'shall be nominated from and agreed by the members of the Board but does not have to be a voting member of the Board.' The Board is asked to agree the new committee chair.

Fiona Miller will be retiring from her role as Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Border to Coast and will step down from the Compliance and Reporting Committee (CRC) and the Investment Committee in September 2026. As set out in paper D, the longer-term proposal for the Investment Committee's membership structure is still being worked out however the Board has been asked for approval for representatives from all six pools to attend the next committee meeting on 19 October 2026. Subject to the Board's approval, a new representative from Border to Coast will be invited to the next Investment Committee meeting.

The secretariat have considered the next steps for recruiting a replacement asset pool representative for Fiona to the CRC, which meets next on 2 November 2026. Fiona was recruited to the role given her unique breadth of experience as a senior

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pool officer, previous head of fund and pension board chair, The secretariat recommends that the committee be asked to review its membership and Terms of Reference when it next meets, having regard to the Fit for the Future changes and the need for pool representation in delivering its workplan.

Jeff Dong was agreed as the new chair of the Compliance and Reporting Committee (CRC) at the Board meeting on 24 March 2025. The nomination was also approved by CIPFA's Public Finance and Management Board (PFMB) at their next meeting on 27 March 2025. At the time of his appointment, Jeff served as the Deputy Section 151 Officer & Deputy Chief Finance Officer at Swansea Council. In May 2026, Jeff left this role to become Head of Investment Strategy & Stewardship at Wales Pension Partnership (WPP). The secretariat has considered whether this move would necessitate the appointment of a new committee chair currently serving as an LGPS fund practitioner. It is recommended that Jeff remains the chair of the committee due to his established experience as an S151 officer which is not negated or diminished by his new role. CIPFA have also been asked for their approval of Jeff continuing as committee chair. Jeff will however be stepping down as lead officer of the Good Governance working group and a new lead officer will be recruited.

Jack Bower has stepped down as an observer on the Compliance and Reporting Committee due to leaving his role at Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). It is recommended that the link with ICAEW is retained and his replacement once confirmed will be invited to join the committee. In the interim Henning Diederichs, Director for Public and Not-For-Profit Sectors at ICAEW has been invited to attend CRC meetings.

Peter Turner is stepping down from his role as the treasurers' representative on the CRC due to increasing competing commitments in his capacity as S151 officer at London Borough of Bromley and Secretary of Association of Local Authorities Treasurers Societies (ALATS). Daniel Omisore, S151 officer at London Borough of Camden has been nominated by ALATS as the new representative.

Jacqueline Jackson, Chief Sustainability Officer at London CIV has rejoined the Responsible Investment Advisory Group (RIAG) after being on maternity leave. Tim Manuel, Head of Responsible Investment at Border to Coast, has put himself forward to replace Sallie Wilson, Pool Analyst at ACCESS as an asset pool representative now that the pool is being wound down. Currently Border to Coast is the only asset pool which doesn't have either direct representation or a partner fund represented at RIAG.

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Ashley Hamilton Claxton stepped down from her role as an asset manager's representative the group in February 2026. Graham Cook also stepped from his role as a wider industry representative prior to the group meeting on 8 February 2026. An advert for the two roles was published via the Board's communications channels and a number of expressions of interest have been received. The secretariat are reviewing these at the time of writing this paper and propose to clear the recommendations for the appropriate candidates with the chair.