

Environment Agency  
Pension Fund

# Our award winning pension fund



## 2015

### **EAPF scoops prestigious LGC Responsible Investment and collaboration award**

The Fund has won a Local Government Chronicle award for Responsible Investment and also contributed to the team award for the LGPS National Frameworks.

The National LGPS Frameworks, which is collaboration between 11 Local Government Pension Funds, including the Environment Agency Pension Fund was named as winner of this award. The framework is designed to save money on procurement.

The winners were announced on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, recognising exceptional performance in managing local authority pension schemes, and this follows other recent successes this year that are listed on the Latest news section of our website.

### **EAPF wins Institutional Investor Europe award for Best Environment and Social Governance Programme**

Emma Howard Boyd, Chair of the Environment Agency Pension Fund investment committee collects the award and explains our sustainable investment and ESG philosophy:

*"Our fiduciary duty is to act in the best long-term interest of our members and to do so, requires us to recognise that environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues can adversely impact on the Fund's financial performance and should be taken into account in the funding and investment strategies and throughout the funding and investment decision-making process".*

Institutional Investor Europe (IIE) awards are voted by other Institutional Investors and we feel privileged to be recognized by our peers.

### **EAPF wins the LAPF award for Responsible Investment**

These awards acknowledge the hard work and dedication of everyone working in the local authority pensions sector. There were an excellent number of entries received and nearly 200 attended the evening to celebrate outstanding achievement in the LGPS.

EAPF is pleased to receive this recognition.

### **Professional Pensions Communications award for 2015 - Winner**

Professional Pensions magazine announced the Environment Agency Pension Fund as winners of its award for Best Communications for the Public Sector 2015. The Team has been recognised for the successful implementation of a Communication program that was initiated two years ago and has culminated in this award.

### **Best ESG Programme at the Institutional Investors awards 2015 – Winner**

EAPF won the Best ESG Programme at the Institutional Investors Awards 2015 at the UK and Ireland Pension Fund Roundtable in June. These prestigious awards are designed to honour outstanding achievement, innovation and industry service amongst institutional asset owners. Nominees are selected and voted for by their industry peers.

## 2014

### **November – IPE Environmental Social Governance**

### **November – IPE Inaugural Climate Related Risk Management**

We are particularly pleased to have won the inaugural climate risk award in recognition of our work. The ESG award was jointly won with PFZW.

### **May - Portfolio Institutional - Best implementation of responsible investment – Winner**

Our success is in recognition of the EAPF's contribution to the wider development of Responsible Investment.

## 2013

### **The Asset Owners Disclosure Project - Ranked number one**

We were very pleased to receive the number one ranking for the work we are doing in reducing the risks posed by climate change, and whilst this is not a specific award, it is a recognised publication.

### **November - IPE Smart Beta Awards – Winner**

We won the award recognising our work in managing portfolio value and controlling risk.

### **June - Responsible Investor Reporting Awards Small/medium fund (below \$25 billion) – Winner**

We won the award for our Responsible Investment Review, published September 2012. The review was recognised in the inaugural Responsible Investor Reporting Awards, winning its category for excellence in responsible investment reporting. Reports from over 1,000 of the world's largest pension funds from Europe, North America, Australasia, Latin America and Africa were included in the analysis.

### **May - aiCIO European Innovation Awards Public Pension Scheme (Below €15 billion) - Winner**

We won this award which was open to all pension funds globally. We are delighted to be recognised by this well respected professional publication. The judging panel were particularly impressed by our commitment to sustainable investment.

These awards recognise the EAPF's ongoing commitment in delivering a sustainable pension fund that is effective and provides value for money for both employers and members.

### **May - Portfolio Institutional Awards**

#### **Best Implementation of Responsible Investment - Highly Commended**

We were highly commended for our implementation of responsible investment. The focus of the award was on evidence of RI practice in investment management.

## 2012

### **July - Engaged Investor Trustee Awards - Best Scheme Governance (Public Sector) - Winner**

The EAPF won this award which was open to all public sector funds. In the last six years we have won this award three times and been highly commended once. We are delighted to be recognised once again by this prestigious publication.

## 2011

### **December - LGC Finance Awards Corporate Governance Award - Winner**

This was the fourth time we had won this prestigious award (previously won in 2010, 2007 and 2005). The judges said "The winner this year continues to have excellent returns as evidenced by a high funding level and a relatively low employer contribution rate while giving particular attention to Governance issues. They are renowned for their achievements on sustainability issues as well as ensuring full representation for all membership types on their committees. They have worked closely with other funds to jointly procure a number of investment advisory services leading to substantial economies and are once again reviewing their basic procedures on administration issues to maintain the quality of their service."

### **November - European Public Sector Investor of the Year – Special commendation**

This was the second time we had entered these awards and we received our second special commendation award for our commitment to sustainable investment. The award was won by Universities Superannuation Scheme.

### **June - Financial Times/International Finance Sustainable Finance Awards - Sustainable Asset Owner of the Year – Special commendation**

The Sustainable Finance Awards highlight groundbreaking achievement in sustainable investment and recognise innovation and leadership in creating environmental, social and financial value. The award recognises all forms of social and environmental investment, and is

open to all types of asset owners and not just pension funds. This was the first time we had entered these prestigious worldwide awards which, overall, had 187 entries from 61 countries and we were delighted to receive a special commendation particularly as we were the smallest fund that entered by a long way.