



# Responsibly investing the Environment Agency Pension Fund

The Environment Agency Pension Fund is a global leader in responsible investment. We were recognised again in November with two awards for the work we are doing in environmental social governance and for climate related risk management. Both were awarded by Investment Pensions Europe (IPE) which recognises good practice and excellence across European pension funds. We also won Portfolio Institutional's best implementation of responsible investment in May. These awards particularly cited that achieving 25% (£0.6 billion of £2.3 billion) of the Fund in clean technology and sustainably themed investments is market leading.

## The facts are:

- We invest in c27% (c£0.7billion) UK equities
- The total EAPF investment portfolio is managed on a day to day basis by 13 different fund management organisations who select the companies in which we invest
- The Fund's assets are completely separate to the Environment Agency and ultimately belong to the members of the EAPF
- Three employers participate in the Environment Agency Pension Fund, and these are the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales and Shared Services Connected Limited. It also includes members who previously worked for these employers and predecessor organisations
- There are c23,000 members in our Active Fund
- 95% of employees choose to be members of the Pension Fund

## What does it mean to be a responsible investor?

- A responsible investor considers environmental social and governance (ESG) issues throughout all aspects of management of the Fund.
- A responsible investor engages with companies in which it invests to improve their performance.
- A responsible investor exercises its vote at the AGMs. Our specialist provider, Hermes Equity Ownership Services (HEOS), provides a comprehensive engagement and voting service on our index funds. To provide context, they vote at over 11,000 company meetings a year. They are able to exert more influence on the companies we invest in by representing the combined assets of all their clients.

We are open and transparent in how we invest and what we invest in, and there is a wealth of information available in the **Investment section** of this website along with our **Annual Report and Financial Statements**.