

# THE WELLCOME TRUST PENSION PLAN

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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### TRUSTEE AND ADVISERS

#### Principal Employer

The Wellcome Trust Limited  
Wellcome Trust  
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#### Corporate Trustee

Wellcome Trust Pensions Trustee Limited

#### Trustee Directors

Vivien Cockerill (Chair – Independent Trustee)  
Elaina Elzinga (Employer Nominated)  
Richard Everett (Member Nominated)  
Sarah Fromson (Employer Nominated)  
Richard Gillingwater (Employer Nominated)  
Jill Saunders (Member Nominated) (appointed 22 June 2021)  
Sean Thistleton (Member Nominated – term expired 8 March 2021)

#### Plan Actuary

Charles Cowling FIA  
Mercer Limited

#### Plan Administrators and Consultants

Mercer Limited

#### Independent Auditor

Deloitte LLP

#### Investment Manager

Legal & General Assurance (Pensions Management) Limited

#### DC Investment Manager

Standard Life Assurance Limited

#### Annuity Providers

Standard Life Assurance Limited  
Phoenix Life Assurance Limited  
Aviva plc  
The Prudential Assurance Company

#### AVC Providers

Standard Life Assurance Limited  
AEGON

#### Bankers

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

#### Legal Advisers

CMS Cameron McKenna LLP

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### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Trustee of The Wellcome Trust Pension Plan ("the Plan") is pleased to present the Trustee's Report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared and audited in accordance with the regulations made under sections 41(1) and (6) of the Pensions Act 1995 (i.e. the Audited Accounts Regulations).

The report sets out how the Plan is run, how the assets are invested, and the financial activity of the Plan in the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **Constitution of the Plan**

The Plan was established on 1 June 1980 to provide benefits on a defined benefit basis for the employees of The Wellcome Trust Limited and any other associated employers admitted to the Plan. It also provides defined contribution benefits in respect of AVCs and some individual arrangements.

The Plan is operated in accordance with the Fourth Definitive Trust Deed and Rules dated 3 December 2019 and subsequent amending deeds.

The Plan is a Registered Pension Scheme under the Finance Act 2004.

The assets of the Plan are held by the Trustee and they are entirely separate from the Principal Employer.

#### **Changes to the Plan**

The Wellcome Trust decided to close the Plan with effect from 30 June 2022 following a formal consultation process. The consultation commenced on 2 November 2021.

An addendum to the Client Services Agreement (CSA) was made between the Trustee, The Wellcome Trust Limited and Mercer. The amendment added Mercer's Pension Decision Service, which give members more support as they approach retirement, to the services.

#### **Appointment and Removal of Trustees/Trustee Directors**

The Trustee of the Plan is Wellcome Trust Pensions Trustee Limited.

The Trustee Directors who served during the Plan year are listed on page 1, along with the changes in the year.

At least one third of the Trustee Directors are nominated by Plan members. These member nominated Trustee Directors are elected from the membership of the Plan and cease to be eligible as Trustee Directors on leaving employment/ceasing to be members of the Plan. Employer nominated Trustee Directors serve until removed by the Employer. Member nominated Trustee Directors serve a maximum term of five years, after which they must stand down and may stand for re-election.

A Guide for Pension Scheme Trustees issued by The Pensions Regulator has been made available to all Trustee Directors. Members may obtain a copy from the Trustee at the address shown for enquiries on page 1.

During the year the Trustee Directors met six times.

Trustee training took place during December 2021 covering Long Term Funding Considerations and Wellcome's Net Zero Strategy.

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### TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### Membership

Details of the membership of the Plan as at 31 December 2021 are given below:

#### ACTIVE MEMBERS

Opening balance	351
Adjustments	(5)
Retirements	(2)
Leavers with deferred benefits	(68)
<b>ACTIVE MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>276</b>

#### MEMBERS WITH DEFERRED BENEFITS

Opening balance	1,024
Adjustments	3
Leavers during the year with deferred benefits	68
Retirements	(14)
Transfers out	(1)
Deaths	(2)
<b>MEMBERS WITH DEFERRED BENEFITS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>1,078</b>

#### PENSIONERS

Opening balance	289
Adjustments	7
Pensions commencing	16
New dependants	4
Deaths	(7)
<b>PENSIONERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>309</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>1,663</b>

Pensioners include individuals receiving a pension upon the death of their spouse.

Included within pensioners are 18 (2020: 18) pensioners whose pensions are paid from annuities held in the name of the Trustee.

Adjustments are members whose status has been changed where the change relates to a previous year.

#### Financial development of the Plan

The Fund Account on page 16 shows that the net additions arising from dealings with members for the year were £472,691 (2020: £198,739). The net return on the Plan's investments for the year was a gain of £62,323,955 (2020: £38,569,056). The total net movement in the Plan's assets for the year was an increase of £62,796,646 (2020: £38,767,795), giving net assets of the Plan at the year end of £445,250,942 (2020: £382,454,296).

Further details of the financial developments of the Plan may be found in the audited financial statements on pages 16 to 28.

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### TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### **Actuarial Review**

The financial statements set out on pages 16 to 28 do not take into account the liabilities to provide pension benefits which fall due after the year end. In respect of the Plan, these liabilities are considered by the Plan Actuary who carries out an actuarial valuation of such liabilities every three years. This valuation considers the funding position of the Plan and the level of contributions payable.

The most recent triennial valuation was carried out at 31 December 2019.

The formal actuarial certificate required by statute to be included in this Annual Report from the Plan Actuary appears on page 33. In addition, as required by FRS 102, the Trustee has included the Report on Actuarial Liabilities on pages 29 and 30, which forms part of the Trustee's Report.

#### **Contributions**

Contributions have been paid to the Plan in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions in force which was certified by the Plan Actuary on 26 November 2020. A copy of the latest Schedule of Contributions is included on pages 31 to 33 of this report.

The Schedule of Contributions certified on 26 November 2020 does not require the payment of deficit funding contributions.

With effect from 1 January 2021, contributions of £420,000 per annum are payable by the Employer in respect of management and administration expenses. These contributions are payable by 31 December of the year to which they relate. In addition, the Employer pays amounts into the Plan equal to the Pension Protection Fund and the Pension Regulator levies and the insurance premiums for death in service benefits of the Plan.

A salary sacrifice arrangement has been in place since 1 October 2012. Salary sacrifice is a system whereby a member takes a reduction in pay equal to the pension contribution that would have been deducted and the Employer then makes a contribution of an equivalent amount.

The audit process identified that the contribution of £420,000 that was due as at 31 December 2021 had not been paid. The Chair of trustees was notified on 14 June 2022 and the payment was received on 21 June 2022, 172 days later than required by the Schedule of Contributions. While the contributions were outstanding they constituted an employer related investment.

#### **Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs) and other defined contribution benefits**

The Plan has AVC arrangements with Standard Life Assurance Limited ("Standard Life") and AEGON which is a brand name of Scottish Equitable plc ("AEGON Scottish Equitable").

Members are able to make additional voluntary contributions into the Plan. Further detail is given in note 12.7 to the financial statements.

From time to time, the Employer, with the agreement of the individual member, grants defined contribution benefits on severance. These benefits are regarded as money purchase benefits as defined in Section 181(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993. The DC augmentation funds are invested with Standard Life.

#### **Transfer Values**

All transfer values are calculated in accordance with the requirements of The Occupational Pension Schemes (Transfer Values) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 using assumptions determined by the Trustee on advice provided by the Plan Actuary.

No discretionary benefits or increases in benefits are included in the calculation of transfer values.

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### TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### Pension Increases

All pensions in payment are increased annually with effect from 1 April and are subject to increases in accordance with the Trust Deed and Rules, and may be further increased at the discretion of the Trustee with the consent of the Employer.

Any part of the pension which relates to Pensionable Service accrued prior to 1 April 1997 was increased by 3% (2020: 3%). Any part of the pension which relates to Pensionable Service accrued between 1 April 1997 and 31 March 2001 was increased by 3% (2020: 3%) being based on a minimum of 3% or the increase in the preceding January Retail Price Index, if higher, to a maximum of 5%. Any part of the pension which relates to Pensionable Service accrued on or after 1 April 2001 was increased by 1.4% (2020: 2.7%) being based on the preceding January Retail Price Index, to a maximum of 5%. Pensions for members of the Management Section of the Plan received an increase of 1.4% (2020: 2.7%) on all pension elements, being based on the preceding January Retail Price Index, to a maximum of 5%.

No additional discretionary increases were granted during the year ended 31 December 2021.

Deferred pension benefits in excess of the Guaranteed Minimum Pension are increased by a fixed rate of 5% per annum for benefits relating to Pensionable Service accrued prior to 1 April 2003. For Pensionable Service accrued on or after 1 April 2003 benefits are increased by the preceding September Retail Prices Index, to a maximum of 5%.

#### GMP Equalisation

On 26 October 2018, the judgment handed down in the case of Lloyds Banking Group Pension Trustees Limited v Lloyds Bank PLC and others determined that members' Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) benefits should be equalised between men and women. Following on from the original judgment, a further High Court ruling on 20 November 2021 has provided clarification on the obligations for trustees. This judgment focused on the GMP treatment of historic transfers out of members' benefits, an issue which had not been addressed in the 2018 GMP ruling. Under this ruling, trustees are required to review historic transfer values paid from May 1990 to assess if any top up payment is required to be paid to the receiving scheme, to reflect members' rights to equalised GMP benefits.

No provision has been included in the financial statements at this stage, as any increases in benefits in respect of past service are expected to be immaterial, but any additional liabilities identified on completion of the review will be included in future financial statements.

#### Investment Management

The day-to-day management of the Plan's investments has been delegated by the Trustee to the investment manager, Legal & General Assurance (Pensions Management) Limited ("Legal & General"), and their report appears on page 10.

The remuneration of Legal & General is assessed on a quarterly basis at the following rates per annum on the market value of the Plan's assets under management in each pooled investment fund at the end of every quarter.

Investment Funds	Charge per annum %
World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund	0.070
World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund – GBP Hedged	0.095
World Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	0.180

A Statement of Investment Principles has been produced as required by Section 35 of the Pensions Act 1995, and is included in Appendix 1 of the financial statements.

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### TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### **Investment Management (Continued)**

The investment strategy of the Plan, adopted and regularly reviewed in consultation with the Wellcome Trust, is to be 100% in passive equities with an approximate allocation of 70% in Developed Markets ex tobacco equities (with a current strategic apportionment of 2/3 Sterling hedged and 1/3 unhedged) and 30% Emerging Markets equities.

Upon review by the Investment Sub-Committee and in consultation with the Wellcome Trust, the Trustee has developed and implemented a framework to switch assets in the World Developed Market equities between currency hedged and unhedged share classes of the same fund.

The securities underlying the units held in the pooled investment vehicles are held and recorded by custodians appointed by the investment manager. The investments are held in designated nominee accounts. The Trustee has implemented mandates ensuring that the rights attaching to Plan investments are acted upon.

In endeavouring to invest in the best financial interests of the beneficiaries, the Trustee has elected to invest through pooled funds. As such, it cannot directly influence the social, environmental and ethical policies and practices of the companies in which the pooled funds invest. However, the Trustee also understands that it must consider all factors that have the ability to impact the financial performance of the Plan's investments over the appropriate time horizon. These include, but are not limited to, environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.

The Trustee recognises that ESG factors, such as climate change, can influence the investment performance of the Plan's investments and, therefore, it is in the members' and Plan's best interests that such factors are taken into account in the investment process. Consequently, the Trustee will work with its investment consultant to help select investment managers that have an appropriate rating for ESG factors. The Trustee will review available products and approaches to ESG factors and strive for the Plan to continue to deliver strong risk adjusted returns, incorporating responsible investment principles into the process where possible. A review of the Trustees' investment strategy and the approach to which ESG factors are taken into account is being undertaken in 2022.

The Trustee has received a copy of the investment manager's published corporate governance policy that explains the manager's approach to socially responsible investment and investment rights. The Trustee is satisfied with the policies as described in these documents.

By investing the Plan's developed market equities in a fund that excludes tobacco companies, the Trustee is pursuing a policy that is consistent with the Wellcome Trust's endowment portfolio, which does not invest directly in tobacco companies, as well as with Wellcome's mission to improve human and animal health globally.

Apart from the concerns over tobacco companies noted above, which are not expected to have a material financial impact, the Trustee only considers factors that are expected to have a financial impact on the Plan's investments. Other non-financial considerations are not implemented in the current investment strategy.

The Trustee believes that widespread adoption of good corporate governance practice will improve the quality of management and, as a consequence, is likely to increase the returns available to long term investors.

The Trustee has undertaken to apply the seven principles of the UK Stewardship Code, given their responsibilities as asset owner. A copy of the Plan's Stewardship Code statement is appended to the SIP and is hosted on the FRC's website.

The Trustee has reviewed and accepted the investment manager's Stewardship Code statement.

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### TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### **Investment Management (Continued)**

The Trustee has reviewed contracts with investment managers and third-party suppliers to ensure that they can continue to manage the Plan's assets and liabilities in the event of legal changes as a result of Brexit. As a matter of ongoing policy, the Plan assets are globally diversified, and partially currency hedged. The Trustee will continue to monitor the situation as it evolves.

The Trustee's Engagement Policy Implementation Statement, which sets out voting and engagement information undertaken by the Plan's investment managers for the year ending 31 December 2021, is included on pages 36 to 49 of the financial statements.

There were no employer-related investments held during the current or prior year.

#### **Trustee's Policies with Respect to Arrangements with Asset Managers**

The Trustee continually assess and review the performance of its adviser in a qualitative way.

The investment managers are appointed by the Trustee based on their capabilities and, therefore, their perceived likelihood of achieving the expected return and desired risk characteristics. The Trustee utilises the investment advisers' forward-looking manager research ratings in decisions around the selection, retention and realisation of manager appointments. These ratings are based on the investment advisers' assessment of the investment manager's idea generation, portfolio construction, implementation and business management.

The Trustee receives quarterly monitoring reports on the performance of the underlying investment managers from its investment adviser, which presents performance information over 3 months, 1 year and 3 years. The reports show the absolute performance and performance against the manager stated benchmark (over the relevant time period) on a net of fees basis. It also provides returns of market indices so that these can also be used to help inform the assessment of the underlying manager's performance.

The reporting reviews the performance of the Plan's individual funds against their benchmarks and of the Plan's assets in aggregate against the Plan's strategic benchmark. The Trustee focus is primarily on long term performance but short term performance is also reviewed. The Trustee may review a manager's appointment if:

There are sustained periods of underperformance or unexplained outperformance;

- There is a change in the portfolio manager;
- There is a change in the underlying objectives of the investment manager;
- There is a significant change to Mercer's rating of the manager.

Portfolio turnover costs refer to those incurred due to the buying, selling, lending or borrowing of investments. Given that the Plan invests in a range of pooled investment vehicles, the Trustee does not have an overall portfolio turnover target. The Trustee monitors the transaction costs incurred by the investment manager within the funds used.

The Trustee receives MiFID II reporting from the investment managers, which provides this information, but does not actively monitor portfolio turnover costs. This position is kept under review.

The investment manager in which the Plan's assets are invested does not have performance based fees which could encourage the manager to make short term investment decisions to hit their profit targets.

The Trustee therefore considers that the method of remunerating investment fund managers is consistent with incentivising them to make decisions governed by their respective indices for their existing passive funds. Should the Trustees invest in active funds at a future date; the investment manager's decisions should be based on assessments of medium to long-term financial and non-financial performance of an issuer of debt or equity. By encouraging a medium to

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### TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### Trustee's Policies with Respect to Arrangements with Asset Managers (Continued)

long-term view, the Trustee believes it will in turn encourage the investment managers to engage with issuers of debt or equity in order to improve their performance in the medium to long-term.

The Trustee accepts that it cannot influence the charging structure of the pooled funds in which the Plan is invested, but is satisfied that the ad-valorem charges for the different underlying funds are clear and are consistent with each pooled fund's stated characteristics. The Trustee is therefore satisfied that this the most appropriate basis for remunerating the underlying investment managers and is consistent with the Trustee policies as set out in this SIP.

#### Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) Procedure

The Trustee adopted a dispute resolution procedure, a copy of which can be requested from the Plan Administrator.

Any member with a complaint against the Scheme or a query about their pension entitlement which they consider has not been satisfactorily addressed can use the "Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure" or, alternatively, they can obtain free advice through The Money and Pensions Service (MaPS) who can be reached at Holborn Centre, 120 Holborn, London, EC1N 2TD. If a member has a complaint which MaPS is unable to resolve then they can ask for a ruling from the Pensions Ombudsman who can be reached at 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU.

#### Further Information

Members are entitled to inspect copies of documents giving information about the Plan. In some circumstances copies of documents can be provided, but a charge may be made for copies of the trust documents (Deed and Rules) and of the Actuary's report.

Any query about the Plan, including requests from individuals for information about their benefits, should be addressed to:

The Trustee of the Wellcome Trust Pension Plan  
c/o Mercer Limited  
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This report, including the Investment Report and the Members' Information, was approved by the Trustee on

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and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee Director

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Trustee Director

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### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **Trustee's Responsibilities in Respect of Financial Statements**

The financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102), are the responsibility of the Trustee. Pension scheme regulations require, and the Trustee is responsible for ensuring, that those financial statements:

- show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Plan during the Plan year and of the amount and disposition at the end of that year of its assets and liabilities, other than liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the Plan year; and
- contain the information specified in the Regulation 3A of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, including making a statement whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework applicable to occupational pension schemes.

In discharging the above responsibilities, the Trustee is responsible for selecting suitable accounting policies, to be applied consistently, making any estimates and judgments on a prudent and reasonable basis, and for the preparing of the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Plan will not be wound up.

The Trustee is also responsible for making available certain other information about the Plan in the form of an annual report.

The Trustee also has a general responsibility for ensuring that adequate accounting records are kept and for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Plan and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities, including the maintenance of an appropriate system of internal control.

#### **Trustee's Responsibilities in Respect of Contributions**

The Trustee is responsible under pensions legislation for preparing, maintaining and from time to time reviewing and if necessary revising a Schedule of Contributions showing the rates of contributions payable towards the Plan by or on behalf of the Employer and the active members of the Plan and the dates on or before which such contributions are to be paid.

The Trustee is also responsible for keeping records in respect of contributions received in respect of any active member of the Plan and for adopting risk-based processes to monitor whether contributions are made to the Plan by the Employer in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions. Where breaches of the Schedule occur, the Trustee is required by the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2004 to consider making reports to The Pensions Regulator and the members.

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### INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

#### Legal & General Assurance (Pensions Management) Limited

The assets of the Plan are invested in an insurance policy with Legal & General Assurance (Pensions Management) Limited, part of the Legal & General Group, which is one of the largest financial institutions in the United Kingdom.

The policy is designed for corporate and public sector pension schemes and takes full advantage of the tax exemptions available to an insurance policy of this type. It is a unitised policy and the value of the units fluctuates directly in relation to the value of the underlying assets. All units are redeemable at bid prices that are calculated from independent, external pricing sources. The assets underlying the units are held by independent corporate custodians which are regularly reviewed by external auditors.

Legal & General's investment objective is to maintain the Plan's distribution as close as possible to the benchmark shown below by the application of cash flows.

The value of the units held under the policy at the beginning and end of the reporting period, on a bid price basis were:

Investment Funds	Value and Distribution 31 December 2021		Value and Distribution 31 December 2020	
	£	%	£	%
World Emerging Market Equity Index Fund	115,055,335	26.3	113,435,065	30.2
World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund - GBP Hedged	216,909,527	49.5	176,137,488	46.9
World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund	105,863,395	24.2	85,801,202	22.9
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>437,828,257</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>375,373,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The unit prices for these valuations were based on market closing prices on the previous working day. The values shown include any activity that took place on the valuation days.

The time-weighted investment returns on the Plan's assets were as follows:

Investment Sector Fund	1 Year		3 Years (p.a.)		5 Years (p.a.)	
	Fund %	Index %	Fund %	Index %	Fund %	Index %
World Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	0.9	0.8	9.2	9.2	7.7	7.7
World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund - GBP Hedged <sup>1</sup>	23.7	23.7	20.5	20.6	-	-
World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund <sup>2</sup>	22.5	22.5	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Plan</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Investment Managers, Thomson Reuters Datastream, Mercer.

1. As the Plan initiated investment in this fund in November 2017 returns for 5 years are not available..

2. As the Plan initiated investment in this fund in September 2020 returns for 3 and 5 years are not available.

3. Returns are shown gross of fees.

The Plan has no direct exposure to Russian, Ukrainian or Belarusian assets.

As from 29 April 2022, the Plan has no indirect exposure (where the Plan is invested in a fund, which invests in assets connected to Russia, Ukraine or Belarus) via its investment fund holdings.

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### SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

**Trustee's Summary of Contributions payable under the Schedule of Contributions in respect of the Plan year ended 31 December 2021.**

This Summary of Contributions has been prepared by, or on behalf of, and is the responsibility of the Trustee. It sets out the Employer and member contributions payable to the Plan under the Schedule of Contributions certified by the Plan Actuary on 26 November 2020.

<b>Contributions payable under the Schedule in respect of the Plan year</b>		<b>£</b>
Employer:	Normal contributions	6,293,573
	Contributions in respect of expenses	1,017,501
Member:	Normal contributions	26,588
<b>Total contributions payable under the Schedule (as reported on by the Plan auditor)</b>		<b><u>7,337,662</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation of contributions payable under the Schedule to total contributions as reported in the financial statements</b>		<b>£</b>
Contributions payable under the Schedule		7,337,622
Contributions payable in addition to those payable under the Schedule (and not reported on by the Plan auditor)		
Employer:	Augmentation contributions	264,823
Member:	Additional Voluntary Contributions	301,534
<b>Contributions reported in the financial statements</b>		<b><u>7,904,019</u></b>

Contributions of £420,000 that were due as at 31 December 2021 were not received until 21 June 2022, 172 days later than required by the Schedule of Contributions. While the contributions were outstanding they constituted an employer related investment.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee on .....

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Trustee Director

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S STATEMENT ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE WELLCOME TRUST PENSION PLAN

We have examined the Summary of Contributions to The Wellcome Trust Pension Plan for the Plan year ended 31 December 2021 to which this statement is attached.

#### **Qualified statement about contributions payable under the Schedule of Contributions**

In our opinion, except for the effects of the departure from the Schedule of Contributions, contributions for the Plan year ended 31 December 2021 as reported in the Summary of Contributions and payable under the Schedule of Contributions have in all material respects been paid at least in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions certified by the Plan Actuary on 26 November 2020.

#### **Basis for qualified statement about contributions**

As explained on page 11, during the year contributions of £420,000 that were due as at 31 December 2021 were not received until 21 June 2022, 172 days later than required by the Schedule of Contributions.

#### **Scope of work on Statement about Contributions**

Our examination involves obtaining evidence sufficient to give reasonable assurance that contributions reported in the Summary of Contributions have in all material respects been paid at least in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions. This includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts of contributions payable to the Plan and the timing of those payments under the Schedule of Contributions.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustee and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities, the Plan's Trustee is responsible for preparing, and from time to time reviewing and if necessary revising, a Schedule of Contributions and for monitoring whether contributions are made to the Plan by the Employer in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions.

It is our responsibility to provide a statement about contributions paid under the Schedule of Contributions and to report our opinion to you.

#### **Use of our report**

This statement is made solely to the Trustee, as a body, in accordance with regulation 4 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996 made under the Pensions Act 1995. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustee those matters we are required to state to it in an auditor's statement about contributions and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustee as a body for our work, for this statement, or for the opinion we have formed.

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#### **Deloitte LLP**

Statutory Auditor  
Reading, United Kingdom

Date: ..... 2022

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE WELLCOME TRUST PENSION PLAN

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of The Wellcome Trust Pension Plan:

- show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Plan during the year ended 31 December 2021 and of the amount and disposition at that date of its assets and liabilities, other than the liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the year;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- contain the information specified in Regulation 3A of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, made under the Pensions Act 1995.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the Fund Account;
- the Statement of Net Assets; and
- the related notes 1 to 18.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Plan in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE WELLCOME TRUST PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustee is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Responsibilities of the Trustee**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities, the Trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the Plan or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the Plan's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the Plan's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, in particular in relation to benefit payments.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE WELLCOME TRUST PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (Continued)**

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Plan operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the Pension Act 1995, the Pensions Act 2004, the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996 and the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2013; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Plan's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included the Plan's regulatory requirements.

We discussed among the audit engagement team including relevant internal specialists such as industry specialists regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management and legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Plan's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996 made under the Pensions Act 1995. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Plan's Trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Plan's Trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Deloitte LLP**  
Statutory Auditor  
Reading, United Kingdom

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THE WELLCOME TRUST PENSION PLAN  
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FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS</b>			
Employer contributions	4	7,575,897	7,574,654
Member contributions	4	328,122	286,322
<b>Total contributions</b>		7,904,019	7,860,976
Other income	5	-	419,686
		7,904,019	8,280,662
Benefits paid or payable	6	(5,907,139)	(6,788,318)
Payments to and on account of leavers	7	(562,358)	(311,651)
Administrative expenses	8	(764,649)	(823,142)
Other payments	9	(197,182)	(158,812)
		(7,431,328)	(8,081,923)
<b>NET ADDITIONS FROM DEALINGS WITH MEMBERS</b>		472,691	198,739
<b>RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS</b>			
Investment income	10	-	40
Investment management expenses	11	(441,090)	(392,851)
Change in market value of investments	12.1	62,765,045	38,961,867
<b>NET RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS</b>		62,323,955	38,569,056
<b>NET INCREASE IN THE FUND DURING THE YEAR</b>		62,796,646	38,767,795
<b>NET ASSETS OF THE PLAN AT 1 JANUARY</b>		382,454,296	343,686,501
<b>NET ASSETS OF THE PLAN AT 31 DECEMBER</b>		445,250,942	382,454,296

The notes on pages 18 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS (AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS)  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>			
Pooled investment vehicles	12.4	437,828,257	375,373,755
Insurance policies – annuities	12.5	2,128,000	2,206,000
DC investments	12.6	640,001	401,138
AVC investments	12.7	3,805,082	3,381,900
Cash in transit		52,356	-
<b>TOTAL NET INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>444,453,696</b>	<b>381,362,793</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	14	1,710,082	2,415,152
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	15	(912,836)	(1,323,649)
<b>NET ASSETS OF THE PLAN AT 31 DECEMBER</b>		<b>445,250,942</b>	<b>382,454,296</b>

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the Plan and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Trustee. They do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the Plan year. The actuarial position of the Plan, which does take account of such obligations, is dealt with in the Report on Actuarial Liabilities included on pages 29 and 30, and these financial statements should be read in conjunction with that Report.

The notes on pages 18 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustee on ..... 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

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*Vivien Cockerill*  
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Trustee Director

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*Sarah Fromson*  
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Trustee Director

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council ("FRS 102") and the guidance set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Reports of Pension Schemes" (revised June 2018) ("the SORP").

#### 2 IDENTIFICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Plan is established as a trust under English law. The addresses for enquiries to the Plan are included on page 8 of the Trustee's Report.

#### 3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following principal accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

##### 3.1 Accruals concept

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis.

##### 3.2 Currency

The Plan's functional currency and presentational currency is pounds sterling (GBP).

##### 3.3 Contributions

Normal contributions, both from members and the Employer, and are accounted for as they fall due under the Schedule of Contributions in force. These contributions are deducted by the Employer and paid to the Plan on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> of the calendar month following deduction.

Employer augmentation contributions are accounted for in accordance with the agreement under which they are paid.

Additional voluntary contributions from members are accounted for in the month they are deducted from payroll.

##### 3.4 Payments to members

Pensions in payment are accounted for in the period to which they relate.

Benefits are accounted for in the period in which the member notifies the Trustee of their decision on the type or amount of benefit to be taken, or if there is no member choice, on the date of retiring or leaving.

Individual transfers in or out of the Plan are accounted for when member liability is accepted or discharged which is normally when the transfer amount is paid or received.

Where the Trustee is required to settle tax liabilities on behalf of a member (such as when lifetime or annual allowances are exceeded) with a consequent reduction in that member's benefits receivable from the Plan, this is shown separately within benefits.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

##### 3.5 Expenses

All the costs of managing and administering the Plan are borne by the Plan, except for certain administration and accounting services provided to the Plan by the Employer for which no fees are charged. The Employer pays amounts into the Plan equal to the Pension Protection Fund and the Pension Regulator levies and the insurance premiums for death in service benefits of the Plan.

##### 3.6 Investment income

Income generated by the pooled investment vehicles is not distributed, but is retained within the fund and reflected in the market value of the units.

Purchases of annuities and annuity income received in respect of annuity policies held in the name of Trustee are accounted for as purchases and sales against annuity policy investments. Those purchased in the name of the members are shown as purchase of annuities within benefits paid or payable, as the liability of the Plan is then discharged.

##### 3.7 Valuation of investments

Investments are valued at fair value.

Unitised pooled investment vehicles have been valued at the latest available bid price or single price provided by the investment manager.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the fund account for the year in which they arise.

Annuities purchased in the name of the Trustee which fully provide the pension benefits for certain members are included in these financial statements at the amount of the related obligation, determined by using the most recent Plan Funding valuation assumptions and methodology. Annuity valuations are provided by the Plan Actuary. Annuities are issued by Standard Life, Phoenix Life, Aviva and Prudential.

#### 4 CONTRIBUTIONS

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Employer's Contributions</b>		
Normal contributions	6,293,573	7,010,092
Augmentation contributions	264,823	49,712
Contributions in respect of expenses	1,017,501	514,850
	<u>7,575,897</u>	<u>7,574,654</u>
<b>Members' Contributions</b>		
Normal contributions	26,588	32,008
Additional voluntary contributions	301,534	254,314
	<u>328,122</u>	<u>286,322</u>
	<u>7,904,019</u>	<u>7,860,976</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 4 CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

The Schedule of Contributions certified on 26 November 2020 does not require the payment of deficit funding contributions.

With effect from 1 January 2021, contributions of £420,000 per annum are payable by Employer in respect of management and administration expenses. These contributions are payable by 31 December of the year to which year they relate. In addition, the Employer pays amounts into the Plan equal to the Pension Protection Fund and the Pension Regulator levies and the insurance premiums for death in service benefits of the Plan.

Augmentation contributions represent contributions in respect of certain members over and above the requirements of the Schedule of Contributions certified by the Plan Actuary on 26 November 2020.

A salary sacrifice arrangement has been in place since 1 October 2012. Contributions of £845,315 (2020: £881,668) received in respect of this arrangement are included in the Employer normal contributions. The deed of amendment dated 30 October 2013 enables members to make additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) through salary sacrifice. The value for AVCs includes salary sacrifice contributions of £283,645 (2020: 232,339).

During the year contributions of £420,000 that were due as at 31 December 2021 were not received until 21 June 2022, 172 days later than required by the Schedule of Contributions. While the contributions were outstanding they constituted an employer related investment.

#### 5 OTHER INCOME

	2021 £	2020 £
Claim on term insurance policies	-	419,686
	-	419,686

#### 6 BENEFITS PAID OR PAYABLE

	2021 £	2020 £
Pension payments	4,548,730	4,311,240
Commutations and lump sum retirement benefits	1,137,094	1,359,480
Lump sums on death	21,829	685,109
Taxation where lifetime or annual allowance exceeded	199,486	432,489
	5,907,139	6,788,318

Pension payments include £170,000 (2020: £182,000) annuity income paid directly to the annuitants by the annuity providers.

#### 7 PAYMENTS TO AND ON ACCOUNT OF LEAVERS

	2021 £	2020 £
Individual transfers out to other schemes	562,358	311,651
	562,358	311,651

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**8 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
Administration and processing	143,559	148,041
Actuarial and consultancy fees	168,583	280,879
Audit fees	24,600	16,200
Legal and other professional fees	24,274	21,575
Pension Protection Fund and Pension Regulator Levies	400,435	356,038
Sundry expenses	3,198	409
	<u>764,649</u>	<u>823,142</u>

**9 OTHER PAYMENTS**

	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
Premiums on term insurance policies	197,066	158,812
Ex-gratia payments	116	-
	<u>197,182</u>	<u>158,812</u>

**10 INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
Interest on cash deposits	-	40
	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>

**11 INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT EXPENSES**

	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
Administration, management and custody	441,090	392,851
	<u>441,090</u>	<u>392,851</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 12 INVESTMENTS

##### 12.1 RECONCILIATION OF INVESTMENTS

	Value at 1 January 2021 £	Purchases at cost £	Sales proceeds £	Change in market value £	Value at 31 December 2021 £
Pooled investment vehicles	375,373,755	1,466,000	(1,324,000)	62,312,502	437,828,257
Insurance policies – annuities	2,206,000	-	(170,000)	92,000	2,128,000
DC investments	401,138	206,779	-	32,084	640,001
AVC investments	3,381,900	244,678	(149,955)	328,459	3,805,082
	<u>381,362,793</u>	<u>1,917,457</u>	<u>(1,643,955)</u>	<u>62,765,045</u>	<u>444,401,340</u>
Cash in transit	-				52,356
	<u>381,362,793</u>				<u>444,453,696</u>

The change in market value of investments during the year comprises all increases and decreases in the market value of investments held at any time during the year, including profits and losses realised on sales of investments during the year.

##### 12.2 TRANSACTION COSTS

Indirect costs are borne by the Plan in relation to transactions in pooled investment vehicles. These are accounted for by an adjustment of the bid/offer spread of units. Direct costs are shown in Note 11 above.

##### 12.3 CONCENTRATION OF INVESTMENTS

The following investments account for more than 5% of the Plan's net assets at the year end:

	2021 £	2021 % of net assets	2020 £	2020 % of net assets
World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund - GBP Hedged	216,909,528	48.7	176,137,488	46.1
World Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	115,055,335	25.8	113,435,065	29.7
World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund	105,863,395	23.8	85,801,202	22.4

##### 12.4 POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES

	2021 £	2020 £
Equity Funds	437,828,257	375,373,755
	<u>437,828,257</u>	<u>375,373,755</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 12.5 INSURANCE POLICIES – ANNUITIES

Annuities purchased in the name of the Trustee which fully provide the pension benefits for certain members are included in these financial statements at the amount of the related obligation, determined by using the most recent Plan Funding valuation assumptions and methodology. Annuity valuations are provided by the Plan Actuary. Annuities are issued by Standard Life, Phoenix Life, Aviva and Prudential.

	2021 £	2020 £
Insurance policies – annuities	2,128,000	2,206,000
	<u>2,128,000</u>	<u>2,206,000</u>

#### 12.6 DC INVESTMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Standard Life	640,001	401,138
	<u>640,001</u>	<u>401,138</u>

The above investments which are separately invested from the main fund to secure additional benefits on a money purchase basis relate to DC augmentations granted on severance to members.

Members participating in this arrangement receive an annual statement made up to 31 December each year, confirming the amounts held to their account and movements during the year.

#### 12.7 AVC INVESTMENTS

The Trustee holds assets which are separately invested from the main fund to secure additional benefits on a money purchase basis for those members who have elected to pay additional voluntary contributions.

Members participating in this arrangement receive an annual statement made up to 31 December each year, confirming the amounts held to their account and movements during the year.

The amounts of AVC investments held at the year end are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Standard Life	3,802,446	3,379,550
AEGON	2,636	2,350
	<u>3,805,082</u>	<u>3,381,900</u>

#### 12.8 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

The fair value of financial instruments has been disclosed using the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities which the entity can access at the assessment dates.

Level 2 Inputs other than the quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly).

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 12.8 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)

A fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety on the basis of the lowest level input which is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The Plan's investment assets fall within the above hierarchy as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£	£	£	2021
				£
Pooled investment vehicles	-	437,828,257	-	437,828,257
Insurance policies	-	-	2,128,000	2,128,000
DC investments	-	640,001	-	640,001
AVC investments	-	3,369,107	435,975	3,805,082
Cash in transit	52,356	-	-	52,356
	<u>52,356</u>	<u>441,837,365</u>	<u>2,563,975</u>	<u>444,453,696</u>
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£	£	£	2020
				£
Pooled investment vehicles	-	375,373,755	-	375,373,755
Insurance policies	-	-	2,206,000	2,206,000
DC investments	-	401,138	-	401,138
AVC investments	-	2,892,988	488,912	3,381,900
	<u>-</u>	<u>378,667,881</u>	<u>2,694,912</u>	<u>381,362,793</u>

#### 12.9 INVESTMENT RISKS

FRS 102 requires the disclosure of information in relation to certain investment risks. These risks are set out by FRS 102 as follows:

Credit risk: this is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Market risk: this comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

- Currency risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.
- Interest rate risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.
- Other price risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 12.9 INVESTMENT RISKS (CONTINUED)

The Trustee determines its investment strategy after taking advice from a professional investment advisor. The Plan has exposure to these risks because of the investments it makes in following the investment strategy set out below. The Trustee manages investment risks, including credit risk and market risk, within agreed parameters which are set taking into account the Plan's strategic investment objectives.

For Plan's assets, these investment objectives are implemented through the investment management agreements in place with the Plan's investment managers and monitored by the Trustee by regular review of the investment portfolio.

The Trustee has reviewed contracts with investment managers and third-party suppliers to ensure that they can continue to manage the Plan's assets and liabilities in the event of legal changes as a result of Brexit. As a matter of ongoing policy, the Plan assets are globally diversified, and partially hedged. The Trustee will continue to monitor the situation as it evolves.

The global economy saw a return to growth over 2021, as expansive fiscal & monetary policy, alongside a relaxation of pandemic measures, gave rise to a demand driven recovery. Financial markets continued to rally over the year, with fresh highs in a number of equity indices.

The Plan invests 100% of its assets in equities, with around 25% invested in emerging markets and the rest in global developed equities (ex-tobacco). At a global level, developed markets as measured by the FTSE World (ex-tobacco) index, returned 22.5% in 2021 while the FTSE All World Emerging Markets index recorded a return of 0.8%. Despite the high volatility of 2020, equity returns were stable over most of 2021, with a few major price swings.

The Trustee has designed and implemented the Plan's investment strategy taking a long term view. The Trustee continues to monitor developments and any potential impact on the Plan investments.

Further information on the Trustee's approach to risk management and the Plan's exposure to credit and market risks are set out below. This does not include DC or AVC investments as these are not considered significant in relation to the overall investments of the Plan.

For full detail of the Plan's investment strategy, as well as information in respect of the Plan's approach to risk management, measurement, reporting and mitigation strategies, please refer to the Trustee's most recent Statement of Investment Principles dated 1 September 2021 included in Appendix 1.

#### (i) Investment Strategy

The investment objective of the Plan is to invest its assets 100% in equities. The current broad asset allocation is as follows:

- 70% in Global Developed Market Equities (ex-Tobacco); and
- 30% in Emerging Market Equities.

The Trustee has developed and implemented a framework to switch the assets in the Global Developed Market Equities between the GBP hedged and unhedged share classes of the same fund.

The Trustee sets the investment strategy for the Plan taking into account considerations such as the strength of the employer covenant, the long-term liabilities of the Plan and the funding agreed with the Employer. The investment strategy is set out in its Statement of Investment Principles ("SIP").

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 12.9 INVESTMENT RISKS (CONTINUED)

##### (ii) Credit risk

To gain exposure to certain asset classes in a cost effective way (in both monetary and governance terms), the Plan invests in pooled investment vehicles. Therefore, the Plan is directly exposed to credit risk of these pooled investment vehicles. The value of assets invested in pooled funds and therefore directly exposed to credit risk as a result of this at year end was £437,828,257 (2020: £375,373,755).

Indirect credit risk arises in relation to underlying investments held in corporate bond or LDI pooled investment vehicles. As the Plan had no exposure to corporate bond or LDI holdings, it was not exposed to any indirect credit risk in 2021 or 2020.

In respect of the Trustee approach to managing credit risk arising from the various asset classes, we note the following positions at year end:

Pooled liquidity funds will invest with a diversified range of institutions, which are at least investment grade credit rated, to mitigate credit risk.

A summary of the pooled investment vehicles by type of arrangement is shown below.

	2021 £	2020 £
Unit linked insurance contracts	437,828,257	375,373,755
	<u>437,828,257</u>	<u>375,373,755</u>

Direct credit risk arising from pooled investment vehicles is mitigated by the underlying assets of the pooled arrangements being ring-fenced from the pooled investment manager, the regulatory environments in which the pooled investment manager operates and diversification of investments amongst a number of pooled arrangements. The Trustee carries out due diligence checks on the appointment of new pooled investment managers and on an ongoing basis monitors any changes to the regulatory and operating environment of the pooled investment manager.

In addition, the Plan is exposed to direct credit risk on £2,128,000 (2020: £2,206,000) of insurance policies, in the event of the insurance companies which hold the annuities failing. These are historic contracts with various insurers which secure benefits for a few individuals and there was due diligence at the point of purchase. They are gradually expiring.

##### (iii) Currency risk

The Plan is subject to indirect currency risk because the underlying holdings of the pooled investment vehicles held may be denominated in a non-sterling currency and are not fully currency hedged by the investment manager. The value of holdings subject to this risk total £220,918,729 (2020: £199,236,267). This value includes pooled investment vehicles that have only a partial exposure to currency risk.

To limit currency risk, the Trustee has implemented a currency hedging strategy, hedging the Plan's developed market equity exposure back to Sterling when GBP falls significantly below purchasing power parity ("PPP") on a trade weighted basis and reversing that hedge if and when, in the opinion of the Trustee, GBP rises significantly above purchasing power parity ("PPP").

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 12.9 INVESTMENT RISKS (CONTINUED)

##### (iv) Interest rate risk

The Plan is exposed to direct interest rate risk on £2,128,000 (2020: £2,206,000) of insurance policies, due to the interest element in calculating the net discount rate when valuing the policies. The Trustee manages the Plan's interest rate risk by considering the net risk when taking account of how the liabilities are valued.

##### (v) Other price risk

Other price risk arises principally in relation to the Plan's non-bond assets, which includes equities held in pooled investment vehicles. The Plan manages this exposure to other price risk by investing globally across equity markets. At the year-end, the Plan's exposure to investments subject to indirect other price risk through its equity pooled investment vehicles at the year-end was £437,828,257 (2020: £375,373,755).

The Plan is exposed to direct other price risk on £2,128,000 (2020: £2,206,000) of insurance policies, due to the inflation element in calculating the net discount rate when valuing the policies. As with interest rate risk, the Trustee manages the Plan's interest rate risk by considering the net risk when taking account of how the liabilities are valued.

#### 13 TAX

The Wellcome Trust Pension Plan is a registered pension scheme for tax purposes under the Finance Act 2004. The Plan is therefore exempt from income tax and capital gains tax except for certain withholding taxes relating to overseas investment income. Tax charges are accrued on the same basis as the investment income to which they relate.

#### 14 CURRENT ASSETS

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank balance	913,845	1,855,079
Pensions prepaid	372,567	350,168
Claims on term insurance policies receivable	-	207,806
Due from Employer	420,000	-
Sundry debtors	3,670	2,099
	<u>1,710,082</u>	<u>2,415,152</u>

#### 15 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Unpaid benefits	450,481	1,030,186
Accrued expenses	460,751	293,270
Sundry creditors	1,604	193
	<u>912,836</u>	<u>1,323,649</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 16 CURRENT LIABILITIES

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	<u>912,836</u>	<u>1,323,649</u>

#### 17 EMPLOYER RELATED INVESTMENTS

Contributions of £420,000 that were due as at 31 December 2021 were not received until 21 June 2022, 172 days later than required by the Schedule of Contributions. While the contributions were outstanding they constituted an employer related investment.

There were no other employer related investments held in the current or prior year.

#### 18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS.

The Principal Employer provides the Plan with some basic administrative services, such as dealing with member queries, for which no charge is levied. The fees of the Trustees are met by the Principal Employer. The fees for the year ended 31 December 2021 were £35,000 (2020: £35,000).

The following Trustee Directors were active members of the Plan during the year: Elaina Elzinga and Richard Everett. Contributions for these Trustee Directors were made in line with the Schedule of Contributions in force. Sean Thistleton and Sarah Fromson are deferred members and retain an entitlement to a deferred pension from the Plan on reaching retirement age. Jill Saunders is a pensioner member and receives benefits on the same basis as other members of the Plan in accordance with the Trust Deed and Rules

#### 19 GMP EQUALISATION

On 26 October 2018, the judgment handed down in the case of Lloyds Banking Group Pension Trustees Limited v Lloyds Bank PLC and others determined that members' Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) benefits should be equalised between men and women. Following on from the original judgment, a further High Court ruling on 20 November 2021 has provided clarification on the obligations for trustees. This judgment focused on the GMP treatment of historic transfers out of members' benefits, an issue which had not been addressed in the 2018 GMP ruling. Under this ruling, trustees are required to review historic transfer values paid from May 1990 to assess if any top up payment is required to be paid to the receiving scheme, to reflect members' rights to equalised GMP benefits.

No provision has been included in the financial statements at this stage, as any increases in benefits in respect of past service are expected to be immaterial, but any additional liabilities identified on completion of the review will be included in future financial statements.

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### REPORT ON ACTUARIAL LIABILITIES

As required by Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102), the financial statements do not include liabilities in respect of promised retirement benefits.

Under section 222 of the Pensions Act 2004, every scheme is subject to the Statutory Funding Objective, which is to have sufficient and appropriate assets to cover its technical provisions, which represent the present value of benefits to which members are entitled based on pensionable service to the valuation date. This is assessed at least every 3 years using assumptions agreed between the Trustee and the employer and set out in the Statement of Funding Principles, a copy of which is available to Plan members on request.

The most recent triennial actuarial valuation of the Plan effective as at 31 December 2019 showed that the accumulated assets of the Plan represented 115% of the Plan's technical provisions in respect of past service benefits; this corresponds to a surplus of £45.2m at the valuation date.

	<b>£m</b>
The value of the technical provisions was:	292.7
The value of the assets at that date was:	337.9

If the Plan had been discontinued and wound up at 31 December 2019 there would have been insufficient assets to buy out the accrued benefits through the purchase of annuity policies with an insurer. The estimated discontinuance (or wind up) funding level was 50%, corresponding to a shortfall of £338.6m.

There has since been an updated approximate valuation carried out with an effective date of 31 December 2020. This showed that the accumulated assets of the Plan represented 111% of the Plan's technical provisions at this date.

The value of technical provisions is based on Pensionable Service to the valuation date and assumptions about various factors that will influence the Plan in the future, such as the levels of investment returns and pay increases, when members will retire and how long members will live. The method and significant actuarial assumptions used in the calculations are as follows:

#### **Method**

The actuarial method to be used in the calculation of the technical provisions is the Projected Unit Method.

#### **Significant Actuarial Assumptions**

**Discount interest rate:** Calculated as the annualised yield on the FTSE Actuaries' Government Securities 20 Year Fixed Interest Yield Index rounded to the nearer 0.1% per annum plus 3.0% per annum. The rate adopted at the valuation was 4.9% per annum.

**Rate of inflation - Retail Prices Index:** Calculated using the Bank of England's implied inflation spot curve at a term of 20 years, rounded to the nearer 0.1% per annum. The rate adopted at the valuation was 3.7% per annum.

**Rate of pensionable earnings increase:** Calculated in line with RPI assumption plus 0.5% per annum. The rate adopted at the valuation was 4.2% per annum.

**Revaluation of pensions in deferment:** Elements of pension in deferment which have future revaluation in line with RPI subject to a maximum of 5% per annum calculated as revaluing at the assumed rate of RPI inflation, subject to a maximum assumption of 5% per annum. The rate adopted at the valuation was 3.7% per annum.

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### REPORT ON ACTUARIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Significant Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

**Pension increases:** Elements of members' pension which increase in payment in line with RPI subject to a maximum of 5% per annum taken to increase at assumed rate of RPI growth less 0.1% per annum, subject to a minimum assumption of 0% per annum and a maximum assumption of 5% per annum. The rate adopted at the valuation was 3.6% per annum.

Pensions which increase in payment in line with RPI subject to a maximum of 5% per annum and minimum of 3% per annum taken to increase at the assumed rate of RPI growth plus 0.2% per annum, subject to a minimum assumption of 3% per annum and a maximum assumption of 5% per annum. The rate adopted at the valuation was 3.9% per annum.

**Mortality:** No allowance made for pre-retirement mortality.

Post-retirement mortality - the basis adopted for the valuation was 100% of the mortality rate in the standard tables S2PMA\_L for males and S2PFA\_L for females, projected to the valuation date in line with the approach below.

Allowance for future improvements: CMI core projected model with a 1.5% per annum long term projected rate of improvement (CMI\_2016 [1.5%]), using a year of birth approach.

The standard rates were not adjusted to take account of material geographical, occupation and/or socio economic factor expected to influence the life expectancy of the Plan membership.

#### **Next actuarial valuation**

The next triennial valuation is due to be carried out as at 31 December 2022.

## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

# Schedule of Contributions

## The Wellcome Trust Pension Plan

This schedule of contributions has been prepared by the trustees, after obtaining the advice of Charles Cowling, the Scheme Actuary. It replaces the previous schedule of contributions which was actuarially certified on 12 December 2017.

In preparing this schedule of contributions, account has been taken of contributions due in the period between 31 December 2019 and the commencement of this schedule under the previous schedule(s) of contributions, together with any further contributions paid during the same period.

### Period covered by this schedule of contributions

This schedule of contributions takes effect from the date it is certified by the Scheme Actuary. It ends five years after the date it is certified by the Scheme Actuary.

### Contributions by active members who are not Salary Sacrifice Members

5% of Contribution Salary for members electing to accrue benefits on a 60ths scale and for Management Section Members who accrue benefits on a 45ths scale (or such other rate as the employer may decide and notify to the member and the trustees).

All other members are non-contributory.

These contributions are to be deducted by the employer and paid to the scheme on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> of the calendar month following deduction. Any additional voluntary contributions payable by active members are payable in addition.

### Contributions by active members who are Salary Sacrifice Members

Nil. Any additional voluntary contributions payable by active members are payable in addition, where not provided via salary sacrifice.

### Contributions by employer in respect of future accrual of benefits

With effect from 1 January 2021, 31.6% of Contribution Salary, less the ordinary contributions payable by active members, payable monthly by the 19<sup>th</sup> of the calendar month after that to which they relate.

Prior to 1 January 2021, the contribution rate will be in line with the previous schedule of contributions.

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### SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### **Contributions by employer in respect of death in service benefits and expenses**

With effect from 1 January 2021, £420,000 per annum in respect of management and administration expenses. These contributions are payable by the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year to which they relate.

In addition, these contributions are payable by the employer to the scheme equal to the levy payments made by the scheme in respect of death in service benefits. Insurance premiums for death in service benefits are payable in addition as and when they are due.

#### **Contributions by employer in respect of the shortfall in funding**

Nil

#### **Additional employer contributions**

The employer may pay additional contributions of any amount and at any time from those set out above.

#### **Contribution salary**

As defined in the Trust Deed:

"Contribution Salary" means the total basic fixed annual salary or total basic annual wages of a Member calculated on a monthly basis. Unless an Employer in any particular case so decides, Contribution Salary shall not include any director's fees, bonuses, commissions, overtime or other fluctuating emoluments.

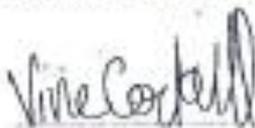
In the case of a Post 89 Member his Contribution Salary shall be subject to and shall not exceed the Earnings Cap unless the Principal Employer, with the consent of the Trustees, decides that the Earnings Cap shall not apply to any such Member.

For clarification, any reduction to basic pay which results from a member entering into a salary sacrifice agreement shall, where his employer directs, be ignored for the purposes of this definition. For these members basic salary will be the amount notified to the trustees by the employer.

### **Signatures**

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name:



Position: Trustee Director

Date: 12/10/2020

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

# Actuary's Certification of Schedule of Contributions

## The Wellcome Trust Pension Plan

### Adequacy of rates of contributions

1. I certify that, in my opinion, the rates of contributions shown in this schedule of contributions are such that the statutory funding objective could have been expected on 31 December 2019 to continue to be met for the period for which the schedule is to be in force.

### Adherence to statement of funding principles

2. I hereby certify that, in my opinion, this schedule of contributions is consistent with the statement of funding principles dated (i.e. signed on behalf of the trustees on) 12 October 2020.

The certification of the adequacy of the rates of contributions for the purpose of securing that the statutory funding objective can be expected to be met is not a certification of their adequacy for the purpose of securing the scheme's liabilities by the purchase of annuities, if the scheme were to be wound up.

Signature:



Date:

26 November 2020

Name:

Charles Cowling

Qualification:

Fellow of the Institute  
and Faculty of  
Actuaries

Address:

Belvedere  
12 Booth Street  
Manchester M2 4AW

Name of employer:

Mercer Limited

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### MEMBERS' INFORMATION

#### INTRODUCTION

The Plan is a defined benefit scheme and is administered by Mercer Limited in accordance with the establishing document and rules, solely for the benefit of its members and other beneficiaries.

The registration number in the Register of Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes is 10102261.

#### Other information

- (i) The Pensions Ombudsman (TPO) deals with complaints and disputes which concern the administration and/or management of occupational and personal pension schemes. Members have the right to refer a complaint to TPO free of charge.

Contact with TPO about a complaint needs to be made within three years of when the event(s) being complained about happened, or if later, within three years of when a member first knew about it (or ought to have known about it). There is discretion for those time limits to be extended.

TPO now operates an Early Resolution Service (ERS) in addition to its normal Adjudication Service that aims to provide a quick, informal and streamlined process. Any member that elects to use the ERS does not need to follow the Trustee's Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure (IDRP). However should any complaint that has gone through the ERS remain unresolved, TPO expects the IDRP to be followed prior to the complaint being passed to its Adjudication Service.

Enquiries should be addressed to:

The Pensions Ombudsman		0800 917 4487
10 South Colonnade		enquiries@pensions-ombudsman.org.uk
Canary Wharf		www.pensions-ombudsman.org.uk
London		
E14 4PU		

- (ii) The Money and Pensions Service ("MaPS") brings together three respected providers of financial guidance; Pensions Wise, the Money Advice Service and the Pensions Advisory Service. MaPS is committed to ensuring that people throughout the UK have guidance and access to the information that they need to make effective financial decisions over their lifetime. The contact details are:

Holborn Centre		0800 011 3797
120 Holborn		www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk
London		
EC1N 2TD		

- (iii) The Pensions Regulator (TPR) can intervene if it considers that a scheme's Trustees, advisers or the employer are not carrying out their duties correctly. The address for TPR is:

Napier House		0345 600 1011
Trafalgar Place		www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk
Brighton		
East Sussex		
BN1 4DW		

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### MEMBERS' INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

#### Other information (Continued)

- (iv) The Pension Protection Fund (PPF) was established under the Pensions Act 2004 to pay compensation to members of eligible defined benefit pension schemes, when the sponsoring employer has suffered a qualifying insolvency event, and where the scheme is assessed as having insufficient assets to cover PPF levels of compensation.

The PPF is funded by a retrospective levy on occupational pension schemes.

- (v) The Trust Deed and Rules, the Plan details, and a copy of the Schedule of Contributions and Statement of Investment Principles are available for inspection free of charge by contacting the Trustee at the address shown for enquiries in this report. Any information relating to the members' own pension position, including estimates of transfer values should also be requested from the administrators of the Plan, Mercer Limited, at the address detailed in this report.

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### ENGAGEMENT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT

1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

#### **Introduction**

This statement sets out how, and the extent to which, the Statement of Investment Principles (“SIP”) produced by the Trustee of the Wellcome Trust Pension Plan (the “Trustee”, the “Plan”) has been followed during the year to 31 December 2021. This Implementation Statement has been produced in accordance with The Pension Protection Fund (Pensionable Service) and Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment and Disclosure) (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2018, and the guidance published by the Pensions Regulator.

This Implementation Statement covers both the Defined Benefit (“DB”) and Defined Contribution (“DC”) Sections of the Plan. The two tables later in the document sets out how, and the extent to which, the policies in the DB and DC Sections of the SIP have been followed.

#### **Investment Objectives of the Plan**

##### ***DB Section***

The Trustee’s primary investment objective for the Plan is to achieve an overall rate of return that is sufficient to ensure that assets are available to meet all liabilities as and when they fall due.

In doing so, the Trustee also aims to maximise returns at an acceptable level of risk taking into consideration the circumstances of the Plan.

The Trustee has also received confirmation from the Plan Actuary during the process of revising the investment strategy that their investment objectives and the resultant investment strategy are consistent with the actuarial valuation methodology and assumptions used in the Statutory Funding Objective.

##### ***DC Section***

From time to time, at the request of the employer with the agreement of the individual member, the Plan grants money purchase benefits (“DC augmentations”) on severance, which are invested with Standard Life, facilitated via the AVC arrangement. Members of the Plan with such DC augmentations and who do not make an explicit choice regarding the investment of their funds are invested in the default strategy.

As set out in the SIP, the DC Section’s default strategy has the following objectives:

- To have a flexible approach aiming for “stay invested” approach;
- To be appropriate for members who are undecided on how to use their savings or who want to take a flexible income;
- To achieve moderate growth in a fund with relatively low volatility until such a time as the member is ready to make decisions on how to use their savings.

The Trustee is mindful of its responsibility to provide members with an appropriate range of investment funds and a suitable default strategy.

The policies set out in the SIP are intended to help meet the overall investment objectives of the Plan.

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### ENGAGEMENT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### **Review of the SIP**

- There were no changes to the Plan's SIP over the year to 31 December 2021. The current SIP in place (as of September 2020) adheres to the Occupational Pension Scheme Regulations 2019.

#### **Assessment of how the policies in the SIP have been followed for the year to 31 December 2021**

The information provided in the following sections highlights the work undertaken by the Trustee during the year, and longer term where relevant, and sets out how this work followed the Trustee's policies in the SIP, relating to the DB Section and DC Section of the Plan respectively. In the opinion of the Trustee, the SIP has been followed during the year.

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ENGAGEMENT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
1	Securing compliance with the legal requirements about choosing investments.	<i>The Trustee obtains advice from its investment advisor, who can provide expert advice enabling the Trustee to choose investment vehicles that can fulfil the Plan's investment objectives. In the Trustee's opinion this is consistent with the requirements of Section 35 of the Pensions Act 1995.</i>	The Trustee confirms that advice was received from its investment advisor where required. There were no changes in the investment strategy during the year.
2	Kinds of investments to be held and balance between different kinds of risks.	<i>The strategic asset allocation is set to achieve the expected return required within an acceptable level of risk.</i>	The Trustee aims to review the Plan's investment strategy following any significant changes in investment policy. The Trustee has chosen (based on a number of factors set out in the SIP) an investment strategy comprised of equities, split between Global Developed Markets (70%) and Emerging Market (30%) equities.
3	Risks, including the ways in which risks are to be measured and managed.	<i>The Trustee recognises risk (both investment and operational) from a number of perspectives in relation to the DB section of the Plan. Should there be a material change in the Plan's circumstances, the Trustee will review whether and to what extent the investment arrangements should be altered, in particular whether the current risk profile remains appropriate.</i>	As detailed in Section 8 and Annex A of the SIP, the Trustee considers both quantitative and qualitative measures for these risks when deciding investment policies, strategic asset allocation, the choice of investment fund managers / funds / asset classes.  On a quarterly basis, the Trustee reviews the Plan's asset allocation compared with target and may make rebalancing decisions to ensure that the overall level of risk and return is maintained.

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ENGAGEMENT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
4	Expected return on investments.	<i>The Plan's assets are expected to provide an investment return commensurate with the level of risk being taken.</i>	The investment performance report is reviewed by the Trustee on a quarterly basis. The investment performance report includes how each investment fund manager is delivering against their specific mandates. The manager appointment will be reviewed if there is a significant downgrade of the manager by Mercer's Manager Research Team. This in turn would be due to a significant reduction in Mercer's confidence that the manager will be able to perform in line with their fund's mandate over the long term. Over the 1 year period to 31 December 2021, the Plan has returned 16.6% p.a. relative to a benchmark of 16.2% p.a.
5	Realisation of investments.	<i>The Trustee's policy is to invest in pooled vehicles, which in turn invest in securities traded on recognised exchanges. The Trustee considers the liquidity of the investment in the context of the likely needs of members.</i>	The Plan's assets are pooled investment vehicles. The Trustee's administrators will realise assets following member requests on retirement or earlier where required. The disinvestment policy for meeting benefit payments consists of disinvesting on a structured approach to rebalance the actual allocation with the strategic allocation as far as possible.
6	Financially material considerations over the appropriate time horizon of the investments, including how those considerations are taken into account in the selection, retention and realisation of investments.	<i>The Trustee considers financially material considerations in the selection, retention and realisation of investments. Within the funds consideration of such factors, including environmental, social and governance factors, is delegated to the investment fund manager.</i>  <i>Investment fund managers are expected to evaluate these factors, including climate change considerations, and exercise voting rights and stewardship obligations attached to the investments in line with their own corporate governance policies and current best practice.</i>	The investment performance report is reviewed by the Trustee on an annual basis. Sections 11 and 12 of the Plan's SIP includes the Trustee's policy on ESG factors, stewardship and Climate Change, while Appendix 1 sets out in detail how the Trustee has applied the 7 principles of the UK Stewardship Code.  This policy sets out the Trustee's beliefs on ESG and climate change and the processes followed by the Trustee in relation to voting rights and stewardship. The Trustee keeps its policies under regular review, with the SIP subject to review at least triennially.  Where investment fund managers may not be highly rated from an ESG perspective, the Trustee continues to monitor the situation. When implementing a new manager they would consider the ESG rating of the manager and balance against the prospects of the fund achieving its objective.  The investment performance report includes how each investment fund manager is delivering against their specific mandates.

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ENGAGEMENT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
7	The extent (if at all) to which non-financial matters are taken into account in the selection, retention and realisation of investments.	<i>Member views and non-financially material issues are not currently explicitly taken into account in the selection, retention and realisation of investments.</i>	Whilst members' views and non-financial issues are not currently explicitly factored in, the Trustee will continue to review its position on this policy.
8	The exercise of the rights (including voting rights) attaching to the investments.	<i>Investment fund managers are expected to evaluate these factors, including climate change considerations, and exercise voting rights and stewardship obligations attached to the investments in line with their own corporate governance policies and current best practice.</i>	<p>The Trustee has delegated voting rights to the investment fund managers.</p> <p>Investment fund managers are expected to provide voting summary reporting on a regular basis, at least annually. The reports are reviewed by the Trustee to ensure managers' actions align with the Trustee's policy.</p> <p>The Trustee does not use the direct services of a proxy voter.</p> <p>Over the year, the key voting activity on behalf of the Trustee is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGIM – equity mandates</li> </ul> <p>The voting policy of the manager has been considered by the Trustee and the Trustee deems it to be consistent with their investment beliefs.</p> <p>LGIM uses ISS (Institutional Shareholder Services) as a proxy advisor but have implemented their own custom policies.</p> <p>Over the year covered by this statement, LGIM carried out the following voting for the following funds used by the Plan:</p> <p>World Emerging Markets Equity Index fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended 3,627 meetings</li> <li>- Vote on 99.8% of the 31,303 eligible resolutions</li> <li>- Of the resolutions on which LGIM voted, 16.3% were against management and 1.9% were abstentions</li> </ul> <p>FTSE World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended 1,812 meetings</li> <li>- Vote on 99.9% of the 23,615 eligible resolutions</li> </ul>

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ENGAGEMENT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
8			<p>– Of the resolutions on which LGIM voted, 19.6% were against management and 0.2% were abstentions</p> <p>FTSE World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund - GBP Currency Hedged</p> <p>Attended 1,812 meetings</p> <p>Vote on 99.9% of the 23,615 eligible resolutions</p> <p>Of the resolutions on which LGIM voted, 19.6% were against management and 0.2% were abstentions</p> <p>The priority of the voting policies is to cover key issues which are essential for the protection of companies, shareholders and stakeholders; these include board structure and composition, remuneration and protection of shareholder rights.</p> <p>Over the prior 12 months, the Trustee has not actively challenged the managers on its voting activity. Going forwards, the Trustee will be more active in reviewing and challenging voting activity, particularly in respect of its beliefs on climate change.</p>
9	Undertaking engagement activities in respect of the investments (including the methods by which, and the circumstances under which, the Trustee would monitor and engage with relevant persons about relevant matters).	<p><i>Investment fund managers are expected to evaluate these factors, including climate change considerations, and exercise voting rights and stewardship obligations attached to the investments in line with their own corporate governance policies and current best practice.</i></p> <p><i>Outside of those exercised by investment fund managers on behalf of the Trustee, no other engagement activities are undertaken.</i></p>	<p>As the Plan invests completely in pooled funds, the Trustee requires investment fund managers to engage with the investee companies on its behalf.</p> <p>At present, the investment advisor's ESG ratings help the Trustee to understand which managers are engaging and integrating ESG issues into their investment decision making and these are reviewed on at least quarterly basis.</p> <p>The following reflects the work undertaken by managers during the year relating to the Trustee's policy on ESG factors, stewardship and climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGIM</li> </ul> <p>LGIM confirmed that they are signatories of the current 2020 UK Stewardship Code.</p> <p>c. 3,000 companies' ESG scores are available on LGIM's website which represent c. 85% of global market cap – (i.e. MSCI ACWI universe). Over 16,000 companies are scored internally.</p>

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ENGAGEMENT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
			LGIM tackles inter-connected ESG issues that materially impact the value of clients' assets. Regular monitoring of companies assists them in identifying change. In the case of unsuccessful engagements the team will assess where problems arose and what new approach can be employed.

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ENGAGEMENT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

DC Section

	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
1	Securing compliance with the legal requirements about choosing investments.	<i>The Trustee obtains advice from their investment advisor, who can provide expert advice enabling the Trustee to choose investment vehicles that can fulfil the Plan's investment objectives. In the Trustee's opinion this is consistent with the requirements of Section 36 of the Pensions Act 1995.</i>	The Trustee confirms that advice was received from its investment advisor where required. There were no changes in the investment strategy during the year.
2	Kinds of investments to be held and the balance between different kinds of investments.	<i>The Plan may invest in any class of asset in such proportions as the Trustee, guided by its investment advisors, considers appropriate from time to time.</i>  <i>The Trustee recognises the advantages of diversification, but also recognises that members may have different views and wish to invest their DC assets accordingly.</i>	<p>The default investment option was last subject to its formal triennial review on October 2021. This confirmed that the strategic asset allocation was appropriate to meet the stated aims and objectives of the default. No changes to the type of investments used in the default have implemented since this review and the strategy remains consistent with this policy in the SIP.</p> <p>The default arrangement is solely the Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund which invests in actively managed underlying funds. This fund is a multi-asset fund, designed to produce moderate growth with lower volatility than equity markets and is therefore consistent with the Trustee's stated objectives for the default arrangement.</p> <p>The Trustee offers a range of self-select funds alongside the default investment strategy. The range of investment options cover multiple asset classes and provide appropriate strategic choices for members' different savings objectives, risk profiles and time horizons. Members are able to self-select their own investments from the range offered by Standard Life, giving members the ability to choose the balance between different kinds of investments themselves.</p> <p>The Trustee will review the investment approach from time to time, and make changes as and when it is considered appropriate. The fund range and default investment strategy are reviewed on at least a triennial basis. The Trustee have undertaken a formal review in 2021, and are currently in discussions over the light touch review.</p>

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**DC Section**

	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
3	Risks, including the ways in which risks are to be measured and managed.	<p><i>The Trustee recognises risk (both investment and operational) from a number of perspectives in relation to the DC Section of the Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Should there be a material change in the Plan's circumstances, the Trustee will review whether and to what extent the investment arrangements should be altered, in particular whether the current risk profile remains appropriate.</i></p>	<p>As detailed in Annex A and Section 5 of the DC Section of the SIP, the Trustee considers both quantitative and qualitative measures for investment risks when deciding investment policies, strategic asset allocation, the choice of investment fund managers / funds / asset classes.</p> <p>While recognising that DC members assume investment risk themselves, the Trustee provides a risk managed default arrangement consistent with its stated default investment objectives. The Trustee also provides a range of self-select funds covering a wide range of expected risk and return, giving members the ability to choose to take on different levels of investment risk should they so choose.</p> <p>The Plan also maintains a risk register of the key risks, including the investment risks. This rates the impact and likelihood of the risks and summarise existing mitigations and additional actions.</p>
4	Expected return on investments.	<p><i>The investment fund managers are appointed based on their capabilities and, therefore, their perceived likelihood of achieving the expected return and risk characteristics required for the asset classes being selected.</i></p> <p><i>As the Plan invests in pooled investment vehicles, they accept that they have no ability to specify the risk profile and return targets of the manager, but believe appropriate mandates can be selected to align with the overall investment strategy.</i></p>	<p>The investment performance is reviewed by the Trustee on a quarterly basis – this includes the risk and return characteristics of the default and additional investment fund choices.</p> <p>Funds are specifically monitored against their respective aims and objectives as well as being compared to peer group risk and return metrics.</p>

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	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
5	Realisation of investments.	<p><i>The Trustee's policy is to invest in pooled vehicles, which in turn invest in securities traded on recognised exchanges.</i></p> <p><i>The Trustee considers the liquidity of the investment in the context of the likely needs of members.</i></p>	<p>The Trustee's administrators will realise assets following member requests on retirement or earlier where required. The Trustee receives administration reports on a quarterly basis to ensure that core financial transactions are processed within SLAs and regulatory timelines.</p> <p>No investment changes were made over the year covered by this statement; all investments continue to be held in daily dealt pooled investment vehicles with a high degree of liquidity.</p>
6	Financially material considerations over the appropriate time horizon of the investments, including how those considerations are taken into account in the selection, retention and realisation of investments.	<p><i>The Trustee considers financially material considerations in the selection, retention and realisation of investments. Within the funds consideration of such factors, including environmental, social and governance factors, is delegated to the investment fund managers.</i></p> <p><i>Investment fund managers are expected to evaluate these factors, including climate change considerations, and exercise voting rights and stewardship obligations attached to the investments in line with their own corporate governance policies and current best practice.</i></p>	<p>The investment performance report is reviewed by the Trustee on an annual basis.</p> <p>Sections 11 and 12 of the Plan's SIP includes the Trustee's policy on ESG factors, stewardship and Climate Change, while Appendix 1 sets out in detail how the Trustee has applied the 12 principles of the UK Stewardship Code.</p> <p>This policy sets out the Trustee's beliefs on ESG and climate change and the processes followed by the Trustee in relation to voting rights and stewardship. The Trustee keeps its policies under regular review, with the SIP subject to review at least triennially.</p> <p>Where investment fund managers may not be highly rated from an ESG perspective, the Trustee continues to monitor the situation. When implementing a new manager they would consider the ESG rating of the manager and balance against the prospects of the fund achieving its objective.</p> <p>The investment performance report includes how each manager is delivering against their specific mandates.</p>
7	The extent (if at all) to which non-financial matters are taken into account in the selection, retention and realisation of investments.	<p><i>Member views and non-financially material issues are not currently explicitly taken into account in the selection, retention and realisation of investments.</i></p>	<p>Whilst members' views and non-financial issues are not currently explicitly factored in, the Trustee will continue to review its position on this policy.</p>

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	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021										
8	The exercise of the rights (including voting rights) attaching to the investments.	<i>Investment fund managers are expected to evaluate these factors, including climate change considerations, and exercise voting rights and stewardship obligations attached to the investments in line with their own corporate governance policies and current best practice.</i>	<p>The Trustee has delegated the exercise of voting rights to the underlying investment fund managers, on the basis that voting power will be exercised by them with the objective of preserving and enhancing long term shareholder value. Accordingly, the Trustee expects the managers to have produced written guidelines of their process and practice in this regard.</p> <p>Over the last 12 months, the voting activity on behalf of the Trustee for the default fund was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund</b> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>How many meetings were you eligible to vote at?</b></td> <td>662</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>How many resolutions were you eligible to vote on?</b></td> <td>10455</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>What % of resolutions did you vote on for which you were eligible?</b></td> <td>94.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Of the resolutions on which you voted, what % did you vote with management?</b></td> <td>92.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Of the resolutions on which you voted, what % did you vote against management?</b></td> <td>5.4%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard Life (SL) employ ISS to provide custom voting recommendations and process voting instructions for all of their global holdings. In addition, for UK company general meetings SL also use research provided by the Institutional Voting Information Service (IVIS) which uses the guidelines of the Investment Association (IA) as the basis of their research.</li> <li>ISS provides voting recommendations based on SL's own customised bespoke voting policy, which reflects SL's guidelines and expectations. Standard Life were not able to provide data on significant votes for the Fund.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>How many meetings were you eligible to vote at?</b>	662	<b>How many resolutions were you eligible to vote on?</b>	10455	<b>What % of resolutions did you vote on for which you were eligible?</b>	94.7%	<b>Of the resolutions on which you voted, what % did you vote with management?</b>	92.4%	<b>Of the resolutions on which you voted, what % did you vote against management?</b>	5.4%
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	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
9	Undertaking engagement activities in respect of the investments (including the methods by which, and the circumstances under which, the Trustee would monitor and engage with relevant persons about relevant matters).	<p><i>The Trustee believes that widespread adoption of good corporate governance practice will improve the quality of management and, as a consequence, is likely to increase the returns available to long term investors.</i></p> <p><i>The Trustee has given the appointed investment fund managers full discretion when undertaking engagement activities in accordance with their own corporate governance policies and current best practice, including the UK Corporate Governance Code and UK Stewardship Code. The Trustee will review the investment fund managers' policies and engagement activities (where applicable) on an annual basis.</i></p>	<p>As the Plan invests entirely in pooled funds, the Trustee requires its investment fund managers to engage with the investee companies on its behalf.</p> <p>The Trustee wishes to encourage best practice in terms of corporate activism. It therefore encourages its investment fund managers to discharge their responsibilities in respect of investee companies in accordance with relevant legislation and codes.</p> <p>The Trustee has undertaken to apply the seven principles of the UK Stewardship Code, given their responsibilities as an asset owner. A copy of the Plan's Stewardship Code statement is appended to the SIP.</p> <p>The Trustee has reviewed and accepted the investment fund managers' Stewardship Code statement.</p>
10	How the arrangement with the investment fund managers incentivises the managers to align their investment strategy and decisions with the Trustee's policies.	<p><i>The investment fund managers are appointed based on their capabilities and, therefore, their perceived likelihood of achieving the expected return and risk characteristics required for the asset classes being selected.</i></p>	<p>In the year to 31 December 2021, the Trustee has discussed their selected continued appointment of the managers and are happy that the contractual arrangements in place continue to incentivise the managers to make decisions based on medium to long-term financial and non-financial performance.</p>

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	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
11	How the arrangement incentivises the investment fund managers to make decisions based on assessments about medium to long-term financial and non-financial performance of an issuer of debt or equity and to engage with issuers of debt or equity in order to improve their performance in the medium to long-term.	<i>The Trustee is a long-term investor and is not looking to change investment arrangements on a frequent basis.</i>	<p>All the funds are open-ended with no minimum or maximum investment period for the arrangement. The self-select fund range and default option are reviewed on at least a triennial basis.</p> <p>The Trustee monitors the performance of the Plan's investments throughout the year and receives regular performance reports from its investment fund managers.</p> <p>The Trustee may review a manager's appointment if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are sustained periods of underperformance;</li> <li>• There is a change in the portfolio manager;</li> <li>• There is a change in the underlying objectives of the investment fund manager;</li> </ul> <p>There is a significant change to Mercer's rating of the manager.</p>
12	How the method (and time horizon) of the evaluation of the investment fund managers' performance and the remuneration for asset management services are in line with the Trustee's policies.	<p><i>The Trustee is a long term investor. The investment fund managers' decisions should therefore be based on assessments of medium to long-term financial and non-financial performance of an issuer of debt or equity. By encouraging a medium to long-term view, the Trustee believes it will in turn encourage the investment fund managers to engage with issuers of debt or equity in order to improve their performance in the medium to long-term.</i></p> <p><i>The investment fund manager in which the Plan's assets are invested does not have performance based fees which could encourage the manager to make short term investment decisions to hit their profit targets.</i></p>	<p>The Trustee considers that the method of remunerating investment fund managers is consistent with incentivising them to make decisions governed by their respective mandates. Investment fund managers are remunerated as a percentage of assets managed, with no performance fees or minimum/maximum holding periods. As a result, the fund managers may be replaced without financial penalty (although transition costs may apply) should the Trustee believe this is appropriate.</p> <p>When considering investment performance, the Trustee focuses on long-term performance.</p> <p>The Trustee is satisfied that the investment fund managers' short term performance will not impact long-term goals. In particular, none of the funds have performance fees in place, which could encourage managers to make short term investment decisions to hit their short term profit targets at the expense of longer term performance.</p>

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	Requirement	Summary of Policy	In the year to 31 December 2021
13	How the Trustee monitors portfolio turnover costs incurred by the investment fund manager, and how they define and monitor targeted portfolio turnover or turnover range.	<p><i>The Trustee considers portfolio turnover costs as part of the annual Value for Members assessment and in the Chair Statement.</i></p> <p><i>The Trustee is also aware of the requirement to define and monitor targeted portfolio turnover and turnover range.</i></p>	<p>Over the year covered by this statement, the Trustee considered the levels of transaction costs as part of their annual Value for Members assessment and by publishing this information as part of the costs and charges disclosures mandated by regulations governing the Chair's Statement.</p> <p>The Trustee found that the transaction costs reported were reasonable. However, at present, the Trustee notes a number of challenges in assessing these costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No industry-wide benchmarks for transaction costs exist</li> <li>• Explicit elements of the overall transaction costs are already taken into account when investment returns are reported, so any assessment must also be mindful of the return side of the costs.</li> </ul> <p>Given that the Plan invests in a range of pooled funds, many of which invest across a wide range of asset classes, the Trustee does not have an overall portfolio turnover target for the Plan.</p>
14	The duration of the arrangement with the investment fund manager.	<p><i>The Trustee is a long-term investor and is not looking to change investment arrangements on a frequent basis.</i></p>	<p>All the funds are open-ended with no set end date for the arrangement. The Fund Range and Default Strategy are reviewed on at least a triennial basis. An investment fund manager's appointment may be terminated if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are sustained periods of underperformance;</li> <li>• There is a change in the portfolio manager;</li> <li>• There is a change in the underlying objectives of the investment fund manager;</li> <li>• There is a significant change to Mercer's rating of the manager.</li> </ul> <p>The investment performance of all funds is reviewed by the Trustee on a quarterly basis; this includes how each investment fund manager is delivering against their specific targets. The Trustee may terminate manager appointments if it is dissatisfied with a manager's ongoing ability to deliver specific targets.</p> <p>There were no changes to manager appointments over the year to 31 December 2021. The investment strategy was last reviewed in October 2018 and will be reviewed on a triennial basis.</p>

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### CHAIR'S ANNUAL STATEMENT REGARDING DC GOVERNANCE: 1 JANUARY 2021 - 31 DECEMBER 2021

This statement is produced pursuant to Regulation 23 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Administration) Regulations 1996, as amended by subsequent legislation. It explains how the Wellcome Trust Pension Plan ("the Plan") is meeting the governance standards that apply to occupational pension schemes that provide money purchase benefits (i.e. Defined Contribution (DC) schemes).

The Plan is a defined benefit plan which provides additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) on a money purchase basis and from time to time, at the request of the employer with the agreement of the individual member, it grants money purchase benefits on severance which are facilitated via the AVC arrangement, currently with Standard Life. Whilst these money purchase benefits ("DC augmentations") are invested and treated as AVCs, these benefits are technically regarded as money purchase benefits as defined in Section 181(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993.

The DC augmentations derive from contributions relating to 26 members as at 31 December 2021. These money purchase benefits are invested in the AVC arrangement of the Plan. The DC augmentation funds are invested with Standard Life. The arrangement has been segregated by Standard Life as a stand-alone DC section for ease of reporting and to reflect that the contributions are not AVCs.

#### **Default arrangement**

Members of the Plan who have money purchase benefits which derive from individual benefit augmentations and who do not make an explicit choice regarding the investment of their funds will be invested in the default strategy arrangement chosen by the Trustee with the advice of their Investment Consultant.

The default arrangement is the Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund which invests in actively managed underlying funds, which hold a range of different asset classes including equity, bonds, property and cash. The default strategy has the following objectives;

- To have a flexible approach aiming for "stay invested" approach
- To be appropriate for members who are undecided on how to use their savings or who want to take a flexible income
- To achieve moderate growth in a fund with relatively low volatility until such a time as the member is ready to make decisions on how to use their savings

During the period covered by this statement there have been no significant changes to the Plan's investment strategy as the Trustee believes the arrangement remains suitable for the Plan's membership. The Trustee last reviewed the default investment strategy in June 2021. The investment strategy will be reviewed a minimum of every three years or following any significant change to the demographic profile of the Plan's membership.

The default arrangement is described in further detail in the Plan's Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) which was last reviewed by the Trustee on 1 September 2021 and a copy of which is submitted alongside this Chair's statement. The SIP will be reviewed a minimum of every three years (i.e. by 1 September 2023) or as soon as any significant developments in investment policy or member demographics take place.

The Trustee continually monitors the performance of the Plan's investments throughout the year and receives regular performance reports from their investment manager. The Trustee is satisfied with the investment performance over the period covered by this statement and believes the Plan's investment strategy remains on track to meet its aims and objectives.

The Trustee has set up processes to publish relevant information on the default arrangement online at the following URL: <https://wellcome.org/> and will notify members about this in their annual benefit statements.

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#### Core Financial transactions

The Trustee has a specific duty to ensure that core financial transactions relating to the Plan are processed promptly and accurately. These include transfer of member assets into and out of the Plan, investment of contributions to the Plan, switches between different investments within the Plan and payments to and in respect of members.

These transactions are undertaken on the Trustee's behalf by the Plan administrator, Mercer, and its investment manager, Standard Life Investments. The Trustee periodically reviews the processes and controls implemented by those organisations, and consider them to be suitably designed to achieve these objectives. The Trustee has a service level agreement (SLA) in place with the Plan administrator which covers the accuracy and timeliness of all core transactions and receives regular reports to monitor the performance against those service levels. The processes adopted by the Plan administrator to help meet the SLA include dynamics checklists, a central financial control team separate to the administration team, daily monitoring of bank accounts and "four eyes" checking of investment and banking transactions. During the period covered by this statement, 91% of work was completed within the agreed service levels. There were no significant issues relating to the processing of Plan transactions. The Trustee continues to monitor performance against the SLA on quarterly basis and receive an annual Assurance Report on Internal Controls (AAF 01/06) from Mercer.

In light of the above, the Trustee considers that the requirements for processing core financial transactions specified in the Administration Regulations (The Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Administration) Regulations 1996) have been met.

#### Charges and transaction costs – default arrangement and additional funds

The law requires the Trustee to disclose the charges and transactions costs borne by DC scheme members and to assess the extent to which those charges and costs represent good value for money for members. These transaction costs are not limited to the ongoing charges on member funds, but should also include trading costs incurred within such funds. We have taken account of statutory guidance when preparing this section of the report.

Transaction costs have been provided by the Plan's investment manager and they are calculated using the "slippage" methodology. That is, the transaction costs represent the difference between the expected trading price of a security within a fund and the price at which the trade is actually executed at (as typically a trade is executed a few working days after an order is placed). Therefore, in a buy order, for example, if the execution price is less than the expected price, a transaction cost may be negative.

Details of the Total Expense Ratios (TERs) payable as well as the transaction costs are as follows:

Default Strategy	TER (% p.a.)*	Transaction Cost (% p.a.)
Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund	0.64	0.175

Source: Standard Life. Total Expense Ratios and Transaction Costs are for the 12 months to 31 December 2021.

The TER is lower than the maximum allowed of 0.75% for default arrangements. It is not a requirement to assess transaction costs against this cap.

#### Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)

The Trustee also makes available a range of funds that may be chosen by members as an alternative to the default arrangement and/or as additional contributions (AVCs) to boost Defined Benefit section benefits. The AVC arrangements are reviewed at the same time as the main Plan benefits. The facilities are provided mainly via Standard Life and one fund is provided by Aegon.

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These funds allow members to take a more tailored approach to managing their own pension investments and attract annual charges and transaction costs as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>TER (% p.a.)</b>	<b>Transaction Cost (% p.a.)</b>
SL ASI MyFolio Managed II Pension Fund	0.95	0.185
SL ASI MyFolio Market II Pension Fund	0.61	0.033
SL Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Pension Fund	0.82	0.044
SL Vanguard FTSE Developed World ex UK Pension Fund	0.62	0.326
SL iShares North American Equity Index Pension Fund	0.61	0.031
Standard Life Annuity Targeting Pension Fund	0.61	0.077
Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund	0.64	0.175
Standard Life Deposit and Treasury Pension Fund	0.61	0.033
Standard Life Far East Equity Pension Fund	0.68	0.194
Standard Life International Equity Pension Fund	0.62	0.083
Standard Life Managed Pension Fund	0.62	0.122
Standard Life Multi Asset Managed (20-60% Shares) Pension Fund	0.62	0.199
Standard Life Overseas Equity Pension Fund	0.61	0.274
Standard Life Passive Plus II Pension Fund	0.63	0.160
Standard Life Pre Retirement (MyFolio Managed Universal) Pension Fund	0.93	0.185
Standard Life Passive Plus III Pension Fund	0.62	0.162
SL ASI Global Smaller Companies Pension Fund	1.41	0.095
SL Baillie Gifford Managed Pension Fund	0.91	0.148
Standard Life At Retirement (Active Plus Universal) Pension Fund	0.69	0.145
Standard Life At Retirement (Passive Core Universal) Pension Fund	0.57	0.131
Standard Life At Retirement (Passive Plus Universal) Pension Fund	0.62	0.116
SL JP Morgan Natural Resources Pension Fund	1.33	0.388
SL Vanguard US Equity Pension Fund	0.62	0.125
SL Schroder Life Intermediated Diversified Growth Pension Fund	1.31	0.355
SL Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Pension Fund	0.62	0.314
SL iShares Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Pension Fund	0.63	0.208
SL Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index Pension Fund	0.62	0.209

Source: Standard Life. Total Expense Ratios and Transaction Costs are for the 12 months to t 31 December 2021.

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Fund	TER (% p.a.)	Transaction Cost (% p.a.)
Aegon Socially Responsible Equity Fund	1.13	0.04

Source: AEGON.

The 0.75% fee cap on the TER only applies to the default arrangement (if used as a default for auto-enrolment purposes), hence some of the self-select funds above exceed this amount.

We are comfortable that the costs for the default arrangement and self-select funds are reasonable both in terms of the outcomes the funds are targeting and the fees in the wider market applicable to similar investment strategies.

**Cumulative effect of charges**

Using the charges and transaction cost data provided by Standard Life and Aegon, and in accordance with regulation 23(1)(ca) of the Administration Regulations, the Trustee has prepared illustrations detailing the impact of the costs and charges typically paid by a member of the Plan on their retirement savings pot. The statutory guidance has been considered when providing these examples.

In order to represent the range of funds available to members, we are required to show the effect on a member's savings of investment in the following (with the DC section's relevant funds/strategies listed in brackets):

- The default investment strategy (*Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund*)
- The most expensive fund (*Aegon Socially Responsible Equity Fund*)
- The least expensive fund (*SL iShares North American Equity Index Pension Fund*)

We have taken account of statutory guidance when preparing this section of the report.

The compounding effect of charges on a member's fund can be illustrated as follows:

<b>"Average" member illustrations</b>						
	<b>Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund</b> <i>(the default option)</i>		<b>Aegon Socially Responsible Equity Fund</b> <i>(the most expensive fund)</i>		<b>SL iShares North American Equity Index Pension Fund</b> <i>(least expensive fund)</i>	
<b>Years from now</b>	<b>Before Charges</b>	<b>After Charges and costs deducted</b>	<b>Before Charges</b>	<b>After Charges and costs deducted</b>	<b>Before Charges</b>	<b>After Charges and costs deducted</b>
1	£23,863	£23,675	£24,104	£23,673	£23,948	£23,798
2	£24,376	£23,994	£24,872	£23,991	£24,550	£24,244
3	£24,901	£24,317	£25,665	£24,313	£25,168	£24,699
4	£25,437	£24,644	£26,483	£24,639	£25,801	£25,162
5	£25,985	£24,977	£27,326	£24,970	£26,450	£25,633
6 (retirement)	£26,544	£25,313	£28,197	£25,305	£27,116	£26,114

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<b>“Young” member illustrations</b>						
Years from now	Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund <i>(the default option)</i>		Aegon Socially Responsible Equity Fund <i>(the most expensive fund)</i>		SL iShares North American Equity Index Pension Fund <i>(least expensive fund)</i>	
	Before Charges	After Charges and costs deducted	Before Charges	After Charges and costs deducted	Before Charges	After Charges and costs deducted
1	£18,878	£18,729	£19,069	£18,728	£18,945	£18,826
5	£20,556	£19,759	£21,618	£19,753	£20,925	£20,278
10	£22,866	£21,126	£25,288	£21,115	£23,693	£22,252
15	£25,435	£22,588	£29,582	£22,570	£26,828	£24,417
20	£28,293	£24,151	£34,605	£24,125	£30,377	£26,794
25	£31,471	£25,822	£40,480	£25,788	£34,396	£29,401
27 (retirement)	£32,841	£26,523	£43,101	£26,484	£36,148	£30,514

**Assumptions**

The above illustrations have been produced for an “average” member of the Plan based on the Plan’s membership data. Illustrations have also been done for a “young” member of the Plan using different assumptions. Each individual fund illustrations assume 100% of the member’s assets are invested in that fund up to Plan retirement age. The results are presented in real terms, i.e. in today’s money, to help members have a better understanding of what their pension pot could buy in today’s terms, should they invest in the funds above as shown.

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Average” member</li> <li>• “Young” member</li> </ul>	59 <i>(the median age of the Plan’s membership)</i> 38 <i>(the youngest member)</i>
Plan Retirement Age		65
Starting Pot Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Average” member</li> <li>• “Young” member</li> </ul>	£23,360 <i>(the median pot size of the Plan’s membership)</i> £18,480 <i>(the median pot size of the youngest 10% of Plan members)</i>
Inflation		2.5% p.a.
Expected future nominal returns on investment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund</li> <li>• Aegon Socially Responsible Equity Fund</li> <li>• SL iShares North American Equity Index Pension Fund</li> </ul>	2.0% above inflation 2.5% above inflation 2.5% above inflation

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### CHAIR'S ANNUAL STATEMENT REGARDING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION GOVERNANCE – YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### Net return on Investments

From 1 October 2021, the Trustee is required to calculate and state the return on investments from their default and self-select funds, net of transaction costs and charges. This information must be recorded in the annual chair's statement and published on a publicly accessible website.

The tables below show performance, net of all charges and transaction costs, of all funds available to members during the Plan year.

Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund	Annualised net returns to 31 of December 2021 (%)			
	1 year	5 years	10 years	15 years
Age of member				
25	4.8	3.5	4.1	5.5
45	4.8	3.5	4.1	5.5
55	4.8	3.5	4.1	-

Source: Standard Life.

Performance shown net of all charges and transaction costs. Performance has been calculated based on a fixed weighted average of underlying fund performance in the lifestyle, with the weightings as at the ages shown.

Members are invested in the growth phase of the lifestyle until 9 years from retirement. Therefore, the return is expected to be consistent over the ages shown. The growth phase is the same for all of the Plan's lifestyle strategies.

Self-select fund	Annualised net returns to 31 of December 2021 (%)				
	1 year	5 years	10 years	15 years	20 years
SL ASI MyFolio Managed II Pension Fund	5.9	4.0	5.5	*	*
SL ASI MyFolio Market II Pension Fund	5.8	4.5	5.9	*	*
SL Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Pension Fund	-3.1	6.7	6.0	*	*
SL Vanguard FTSE Developed World ex UK Pension Fund	22.8	13.0	14.5	*	*
SL iShares North American Equity Index Pension Fund	28.5	15.2	*	*	*
Standard Life Annuity Targeting Pension Fund	-6.7	2.2	3.4	5.1	*
Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund	4.8	3.5	4.1	5.5	*
Standard Life Deposit and Treasury Pension Fund	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	*	*
Standard Life Far East Equity Pension Fund	-0.9	9.0	9.9	7.8	*
Standard Life International Equity Pension Fund	17.2	10.8	12.6	9.1	8.3
Standard Life Managed Pension Fund	9.7	6.7	8.2	6.1	6.6
Standard Life Multi Asset Managed (20-60% Shares) Pension Fund	4.9	4.5	6.1	5.4	*

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Standard Life Overseas Equity Pension Fund	18.2	10.0	12.9	9.5	*
Standard Life Passive Plus II Pension Fund	4.9	4.0	*	*	*
Standard Life Pre Retirement (MyFolio Managed Universal) Pension Fund	5.9	4.0	*	*	*
Standard Life Passive Plus III Pension Fund	8.2	5.1	*	*	*
SL ASI Global Smaller Companies Pension Fund	19.0	17.0	*	*	*
SL Baillie Gifford Managed Pension Fund	3.8	13.1	12.5	9.7	*
Standard Life At Retirement (Active Plus Universal) Pension Fund	3.5	3.1	*	*	*
Standard Life At Retirement (Passive Core Universal) Pension Fund	7.0	*	*	*	*
Standard Life At Retirement (Passive Plus Universal) Pension Fund	3.5	3.0	*	*	*
SL JP Morgan Natural Resources Pension Fund	22.3	6.1	-0.7	*	*
SL Vanguard US Equity Pension Fund	30.1	15.5	*	*	*
SL Schroder Life Intermediated Diversified Growth Pension Fund	6.9	4.7	5.1	*	*
SL Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Pension Fund	16.3	9.5	11.1	*	*
SL iShares Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Pension Fund	8.3	9.6	*	*	*
SL Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index Pension Fund	17.6	4.7	7.0	*	*

Source: Standard Life

\*Performance data not available for these time periods due to inception date of funds.

Additional Volunteer Contributions (AVCs)	Annualised net returns to 31 of December 2021 (%)		
	1 year	5 years	10 years
AEGON Socially Responsible Equity Fund	11.7	11.0	11.8

Source: AEGON. 15 year performance for this fund has not been provided

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### CHAIR'S ANNUAL STATEMENT REGARDING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION GOVERNANCE – YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### **Value for members**

The Trustee monitors value for members on an ongoing basis and has a good understanding of the membership demographics of the Plan and what good member outcomes should look like for the Plan's members in aggregate.

The Trustee carried out a formal value for members assessment for the 12-month period covered by this statement. The Trustee analysis is split between the Plan's investment governance (price, performance and productivity) and additional features for members, namely Plan governance and management, administration, and communications, as outlined in the DC Code of Practice.

The statutory requirements focus only on charges and costs borne by members. For the Plan, this covers investment management costs which are the most prominent part of our analysis. The administration and governance costs are met by the Company.

From an investment governance perspective charges are relatively expensive compared to the peer group (with a few exceptions). Investment manager fees and performance are challenged by the Trustee where necessary. Most funds have delivered reasonable performance. Any manager performance issues are and continue to be given due attention by the Trustee.

The Trustee believes that value is about more than fees and charges, and therefore has also assessed whether the wider features of the Plan deliver good value. We believe the Plan provides overall good value when assessed against governance, management and communications criteria, and also against the DC Code of Practice. Online access and Member tools have been assessed as good.

Our conclusion is that the Plan currently provides reasonable value for members. The Trustee will continue to assess value for members on an annual basis.

The Trustee has set up processes to publish relevant information on the costs and charges of the default arrangement and self-select funds online and notifies members about this in their annual benefit statements.

#### **Trustee's knowledge and understanding**

We take the Trustee Knowledge and Understanding requirements set out in sections 247 and 248 of the Pensions Act 2004 seriously. The sections of the Pensions Act set out the requirement for Trustee to have appropriate knowledge and understanding of the law relating to pensions and trusts, the funding of occupational pension schemes, investment of Plan assets and other matters to enable them to exercise their functions as trustees properly. This requirement is underpinned by guidance in the Pension Regulator's Codes of Practice 07 and 13 which the Trustee adheres to and is described below.

The Trustee has put in place arrangements for ensuring that each Trustee Director takes personal responsibility for keeping themselves up-to-date with relevant developments. In addition, at each quarterly trustee meeting current issues are noted with an opportunity to discuss key developments. Furthermore, specific items that may need a decision are drawn out.

The Trustee Directors' training needs are considered at every quarterly trustee meeting. Training is made available to individual Trustee Directors or to the Trustee body as appropriate. Mercer provides regular trustee training, with a detailed training log kept to support the Trustee Directors in complying with the standards set out by the Regulator. Trustee Directors also receive and attend training provided by external parties. In addition, the Trustee conducts an annual review of its effectiveness which includes a review of training and development needs.

New Trustee Directors are required to complete the Pensions Regulator's online training modules within 6 months of being appointed. All new Trustee Directors have induction training with the Plan pension consultant.

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### CHAIR'S ANNUAL STATEMENT REGARDING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION GOVERNANCE – YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021 (CONTINUED)

During the year, the members of the Trustee board undertook various training in pension related matters, including the following:

- Pension Scams Trustee Toolkit Module – April 2021
- Financial Crime Risk Management – May 2021
- Sustainability and ESG – June 2021
- Cyber Risk – November 2021
- Numerous investment briefings – Throughout 2021
- Long Term Funding Considerations – December 2021

The Trustee also considers legislative updates at each trustee meeting.

The Trustee considers updates to the Plan's Trust Deed and Rules as required. During 2021, legal advice identified that it was possible to take AVC benefits separately from the main Plan benefits without amendment to the Rules. Legal advice was also received in connection with the proposal to close the Plan to future accrual. All Rule updates are considered in conjunction with the Trustee's legal adviser.

Further, a number of policies adopted by the Trustee relating to the administration of the Plan generally are reviewed at regular intervals and therefore the Trustee is familiar with these.

The Trustee Board is conversant with the Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) and have a good knowledge and understanding of the principles relating to the investment of Plan assets. The SIP was reviewed by the Investment Subcommittee and updated by the Trustee on 1 September 2021.

Taking account of actions taken individually and as a Trustee body, and the professional advice available to us, as well as the support of the Employer, the Trustee considers that it is enabled properly to exercise its functions as Trustee of the Plan.

In particular:

- at least three of the Trustee Directors have the relevant financial knowledge and experience to enable the Trustee to comply with its duties in relation to investment of the Plan's assets and one of the Independent Trustee Directors was formerly the Head of Investment Risk at Wellcome Trust;
- one of the Independent Trustees has extensive experience of pensions law and practice due to their background within pensions law;
- the remaining Trustee Directors have backgrounds enabling them to understand the demographics and the needs of the Plan members.

Given the extent of the above, I am therefore satisfied that the Trustee has demonstrated a working knowledge of the Plan's Trust Deed and Rules, Statement of Investment Principles and all other documents setting out the Trustee's current policies. The Trustee is supported on technical matters by professional advisers where required and this includes attendance of professional advisers at relevant Trustee meetings. Further, the relevant skills and experience of those advisors is a key criterion when evaluating advisor performance or selecting new advisors.

This statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 23 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Administration) Regulations 1996 as amended by the Occupational Pension Schemes (Charges and Governance) 2015. The Chair's statement regarding DC governance was approved by the Trustee and signed on their behalf by:

Ms V Cockerill  
Chair of the Trustee Board

Date:

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**Appendix – Statement of Investment Principles**

# The Wellcome Trust Pension Plan

Written Statement of Investment Principles

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

## 1. Background

- 1.1. The purpose of this Statement of Investment Principles (“SIP”) is to set out the policy of the Directors of the Wellcome Trust Pensions Trustee Limited (“the Trustee”) in capacity as Trustee for the Wellcome Trust Pension Plan (“the Plan”) on various matters in connection with the investment of the assets of the Plan. This SIP is designed to meet the requirements of Section 35 of the Pensions Act 1995, and the 1999 Amending Regulations to the Pensions Act.
- 1.2. This SIP has been formulated after obtaining written professional advice from Mercer Limited (“Mercer”) as Investment Advisers to the Plan.
- 1.3. The Employer, the Wellcome Trust, has been consulted on the SIP.
- 1.4. The appointed investment manager is required to exercise their powers of investment with a view to giving effect to the principles contained in this SIP, so far as reasonably practicable. The appointed investment manager will be provided with a copy of this SIP and kept informed of any changes.
- 1.5. The Trustee notes that in March 2017 the Pensions Regulator released ‘Investment Guidance for Pension Schemes’. The Trustee is satisfied that the investment approach adopted by the Plan is consistent with the guidance, so far as it is appropriate to the Plan’s circumstances. The Trustee meets with its investment adviser periodically and monitors developments both in relation to the Plan’s circumstances and evolving guidance, and will revise the Plan’s investment approach if considered appropriate.

## 2. Investment strategy

- 2.1. After consultation between the Trustee, the Investment Sub-Committee and the Wellcome Trust, it has been agreed that the Plan will invest 100% in equities.
- 2.2. Given this investment strategy, the Wellcome Trust has offered a firm commitment to the Trustee to support the Plan financially, which has been evidenced in writing.
- 2.3. The current broad split of the Plan’s assets is as follows:
  - 70% in Global Developed Market equities; and
  - 30% in Emerging Market equities.

However, after a review by the Investment Sub-Committee with the assistance of their advisers and after consultation with the Wellcome Trust, the Trustee has developed and implemented a framework to switch the assets in the Global Developed Market equities between currency hedged and unhedged share classes of the same fund.

Furthermore, after a further review and consultation with the Wellcome Trust, the Trustee agreed to switch exposure from the Legal & General FTSE World Developed

Equity Index Fund – GBP Hedged to the Legal & General FTSE World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund– GBP Hedged / Unhedged.

- 2.4. The ex-tobacco fund aims to track the performance of a customised index; comprising the FTSE World Developed Equity Index excluding companies classified as ‘Tobacco’ under the industry classification benchmark classifications. The objective of the Fund is to hold a portfolio of securities designed to match the return of the index within a specified tolerance.
- 2.5. As mentioned above, the Trustee has implemented a currency hedging strategy, hedging the Plan’s developed market equity exposure back to Sterling when GBP fell significantly below purchasing power parity (“PPP”) on a trade weighted basis and will reverse that hedge if and when in the opinion of the Trustee GBP rises significantly above purchasing power parity (“PPP”).

### 3. Implementation

- 3.1. The Trustee considered the use of both passive and active investment management when reviewing the Plan's strategy. The resultant allocation to passive management only was formed following consideration of the efficiency, liquidity and level of transaction costs likely to prevail within each market as well as the impact of the investment manager fees on future expected returns.
- 3.2. The Trustee has appointed Legal & General Assurance (Pensions Management) Limited (“L&G”) as the investment manager of the Plan. The Plan invests in pooled funds with the following benchmarks:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>SORP/IFRS Class</b>
FTSE World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund	FTSE Developed	2
World Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	FTSE Emerging	2
FTSE World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund – GBP Currency Hedged <sup>1</sup>	FTSE Developed	2

<sup>1</sup> This is the fund to be used in the implementation of the Plan’s currency hedging strategy.

- 3.3. All new contributions / realisations are invested / disinvested so as to move the distribution of the portfolio back towards the prevailing benchmark asset allocation and split between the World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund – GBP Currency Hedged / World Developed (ex Tobacco) Equity Index Fund and the World Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund.
- 3.4. No other rebalancing is carried out by the investment manager without specific instructions from the Trustee. Rebalancing will be considered when the allocation moves more than 10% from the starting allocation.

- 3.5. The Trustee decided that the currency hedging strategy would be implemented as and when the GBP fell approximately two standard deviations below PPP on a trade weighted basis. The hedged position will be held until, in the opinion of the Trustee, Sterling moves considerably above its fair value point, at which point the hedges will be removed and the process will be repeated on a range basis. Implementation is likely to be undertaken on a tranching basis, with trigger points agreed in advance by the Trustee. The estimated fair value point and range will be reviewed periodically and the triggers revised, if necessary.

## 4. Policy for choosing investments

- 4.1. In choosing investments, the Trustee has taken into account the following factors:
- the size, credit status and commitment to the Plan of the Wellcome Trust;
  - the desire to ensure that the Plan's assets and future contributions are invested in such a manner that the benefits due to members and their beneficiaries can be paid from the Plan as they arise;
  - the circumstances of the Plan (including the relative immaturity of the Plan, the positive cash flow position, and the benefits provided);
  - the degree to which the liabilities of the Plan are covered by the assets of the Plan;
  - the investment characteristics of the available asset classes (including the expected return, the variability of return, and the correlation of asset classes with each other and with the liabilities);
  - the belief that, in the long term, equities will outperform other available asset classes and that this time horizon is consistent with that of the Plan and the Employer; and
  - the levels of investment risk.
- 4.2. The Trustee is a long term investor and does not look to change the investment arrangements on a frequent basis.
- 4.3. The investment managers are appointed based on their capabilities and, therefore, their perceived likelihood of achieving the expected return and risk characteristics required for the asset classes being selected.
- 4.4. The Trustee look to their investment adviser for their forward looking assessment of an investment manager's ability to deliver upon its stated objectives over a full market cycle. This view will be based on the adviser assessment of the investment manager's idea generation, portfolio construction, implementation and business management, in relation to the particular investment that the Plan invests in. The investment adviser's manager research ratings assist with due diligence and questioning managers during

presentations to the Trustee. These ratings are used in decisions around selection, retention and removal of manager appointments.

## **5. Kinds of investments to be held**

- 5.1. The Plan may invest in any class of asset in such proportions as the Trustee, guided by its investment advisors, consider appropriate from time to time. The Trustee has decided to invest the Plan's assets in equities through a diversified portfolio of marketable securities.
- 5.2. If the investment objective for a particular investment manager changes, the Trustee will review the Plan's appointment to ensure it remains appropriate and consistent with the Trustee's wider investment objectives. As the Plan invests in pooled investment vehicles, they accept that they have no ability to specify the risk profile and return targets of the manager, but believe appropriate mandates can be selected to align with the overall investment strategy.
- 5.3. The investment manager in which the Plan's assets is invested does not have performance based fees which could encourage the manager to make short term investment decisions to hit their profit targets.
- 5.4. The Trustee therefore considers that the method of remunerating investment fund managers is consistent with incentivising them to make decisions governed by their respective indices for their existing passive funds. Should the Trustee invest in active funds at a future date; the investment manager's decisions should be based on assessments of medium to long-term financial and non-financial performance of an issuer of debt or equity. By encouraging a medium to long-term view, the Trustee believes it will in turn encourage the investment managers to engage with issuers of debt or equity in order to improve their performance in the medium to long-term.
- 5.5. The Trustee accepts that they cannot influence the charging structure of the pooled funds in which the Plan is invested, but is satisfied that the ad-valorem charges for the different underlying funds are clear and are consistent with each pooled fund's stated characteristics. The Trustee is therefore satisfied that this the most appropriate basis for remunerating the underlying investment managers and is consistent with the Trustee policies as set out in this SIP.
- 5.6. Members wishing to make Additional Voluntary Contributions ("AVCs") to the Plan may currently do so via funds made available through Standard Life and Aegon. The Trustee will review this facility annually.
- 5.7. In addition, the Trustee may hold insurance policies or other assets that are earmarked for the benefit of certain members.

## **6. The balance between different kinds of investments**

- 6.1. The Trustee recognises the advantages of diversification between global equity markets in terms of reducing the risk that results from investment in any one particular market.

## **7. Expected return on investments**

- 7.1. The Trustee is aware of the long-term performance characteristics of the asset classes considered in terms of their expected returns and the variability of those returns. Short-term volatility of returns can be tolerated.
- 7.2. Broadly speaking, the Trustee expects equities to deliver a long run real return (over price inflation) of circa 3%pa in the base case, with lower real returns expected from fixed interest, index-linked gilts and cash. This is reviewed annually.

## **8. Risk**

- 8.1. In assessing investment risk, the Trustee has been mindful of the Plan's:
  - covenant from the Wellcome Trust;
  - funding level on an On-going basis; and
  - solvency level on a Discontinuance Basis.
- 8.2. In arriving at their benchmark, the Trustee is satisfied that they are not assuming undue risk.
- 8.3. Other risks that the Trustee monitors and manages are set out in Annex A.

## **9. Monitoring of investment adviser and managers**

- 9.1. The Trustee continually assess and review the performance of its adviser in a qualitative way.
- 9.2. The investment managers are appointed by the Trustee based on their capabilities and, therefore, their perceived likelihood of achieving the expected return and desired risk characteristics. The Trustee utilises the investment advisers' forward-looking manager research ratings in decisions around the selection, retention and realisation of manager appointments. These ratings are based on the investment advisers' assessment of the investment manager's idea generation, portfolio construction, implementation and business management.
- 9.3. The Trustee receives quarterly monitoring reports on the performance of the underlying investment managers from their investment adviser, which presents performance information over 3 months, 1 year and 3 years. The reports show the absolute performance and performance against the manager stated benchmark (over the relevant time period) on a net of fees basis. It also provides returns of market indices so that these can also be used to help inform the assessment of the underlying manager' performance.
- 9.4. The reporting reviews the performance of the Plan's individual funds against their benchmarks and of the Plan's assets in aggregate against the Plan's strategic benchmark. The Trustee focus is primarily on long term performance but short term performance is also reviewed. The Trustee may review a manager's appointment if:

- There are sustained periods of underperformance or unexplained outperformance;
  - There is a change in the portfolio manager;
  - There is a change in the underlying objectives of the investment manager;
  - There is a significant change to mercer’s rating of the manager.
- 9.5. Portfolio turnover costs refer to those incurred due to the buying, selling, lending or borrowing of investments. Given that the Plan invests in a range of pooled investment vehicles, the Trustee does not have an overall portfolio turnover target. The Trustee monitors the transaction costs incurred by the investment manager within the funds used.
- 9.6. The Trustee receives MiFID II reporting from the investment managers, which provides this information, but does not actively monitor portfolio turnover costs. This position is kept under review.

## **10. Realisation of investments**

- 10.1. The Plan’s assets are invested in pooled vehicles, which in turn invest in securities traded on recognised exchanges. The Trustee concludes that the Plan’s investments can be realised if necessary.

## **11. Socially responsible investment and investment rights**

- 11.1. In endeavouring to invest in the best financial interests of the beneficiaries, the Trustee has elected to invest through pooled funds. As such, it cannot directly influence the social, environmental and ethical policies and practices of the companies in which the pooled funds invest. The Trustee will therefore rely on the policies and judgement of its investment manager. The Trustee will periodically review the policies of its investment manager.
- 11.2. However, the Trustee also understands that it must consider all factors that have the ability to impact the financial performance of the Plan’s investments over the appropriate time horizon. These include, but are not limited to, environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.

The Trustee recognises that ESG factors, such as climate change, can influence the investment performance of the Plan’s investments and, therefore, it is in the members’ and Plan’s best interests that such factors are taken into account in the investment process. Consequently, the Trustee will also consider the investment advisers assessment of how each investment manager embeds ESG into its investment process and how the manager’s responsible investment philosophy aligns with the Trustee’s responsible investment policy. This includes the investment managers’ policy on voting and engagement. The Trustee will use this assessment in decisions around selection, retention and realisation of manager appointments.

- 11.3. The Trustee will review available products and approaches to ESG factors and strive for the Plan to continue to deliver strong risk adjusted returns, incorporating responsible investment principles into the process where possible.
- 11.4. The Trustee has received a copy of the investment manager's published corporate governance policy that explains the manager's approach to socially responsible investment and investment rights. The Trustee is satisfied with the policies as described in these documents.
- 11.5. The Trustee had concerns over the fact that tobacco companies currently make up approximately 1.4% of the FTSE Developed Markets Fund. By investing the Plan's developed market equities in a fund that excludes tobacco companies, the Trustee is pursuing a policy that is consistent with the Wellcome Trust's endowment portfolio, which does not invest directly in tobacco companies, as well as Wellcome's mission to improve human and animal health globally.
- 11.6. Apart from the concerns over tobacco companies noted above, which are not expected to have a material financial impact, the Trustee only considers factors that are expected to have a financial impact on the Plan's investments. Other non-financial considerations are not implemented in the current investment strategy.

## **12. Stewardship**

- 12.1. The Trustee believes that widespread adoption of good corporate governance practice will improve the quality of management and, as a consequence, is likely to increase the returns available to long term investors.
- 12.2. The Trustee has given the appointed investment manager full discretion when undertaking engagement activities in accordance with their own corporate governance policies and current best practice, including the UK Corporate Governance Code and UK Stewardship Code. The Trustee will review the investment manager's policies and engagement activities (where applicable) on an annual basis'.
- 12.3. The Trustee has undertaken to apply the seven principles of the UK Stewardship Code, given their responsibilities as an asset owner. A copy of the Plan's Stewardship Code statement is appended to this document and is hosted on the FRC's website
- 12.4. The Trustee has reviewed and accepted the investment manager's Stewardship Code statement.

## **13. Decision-making structure**

- 13.1. The Plan's assets are held in trust by the Trustee, whose powers of investment are set out in the trust documentation of the Plan.
- 13.2. The Trustee uses sub-committees when appropriate so that decisions can be taken after appropriate consideration and with due focus. Sub-committees may have

delegated power, confirmed in a terms of reference, from the Trustee to take decisions.

- 13.3. The investment manager appointed by the Trustee is responsible for the day to-day investment management of the Plan's assets and is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to carry out such activities.

## 14. Fees, charges and other costs

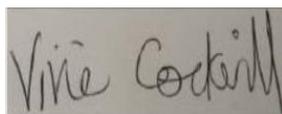
- 14.1. The Trustee recognises that the provision of investment management, dealing and advisory services to the Plan results in a range of charges to be met, directly or indirectly, by deduction from the Plan's assets.
- 14.2. The Trustee has agreed Terms of Business with Mercer, the Plan's investment adviser, actuaries and administrators, under which charges are calculated on a time-cost basis or fixed fee basis as agreed by the Trustee.
- 14.3. The investment manager receives fees calculated by reference to the market value of the Plan's assets under management in each pooled fund. The Trustee considers that this is the most appropriate fee structure for index tracking pooled fund investment.
- 14.4. Other services are or will be paid for on a time cost or fixed fee basis as agreed with by the Trustee.

## 15. Review of the SIP

- 15.1. The Trustee will, from time to time, review the appropriateness of this SIP and will amend it as appropriate in response to any material changes to any aspects of the investment arrangements detailed above.
- 15.2. This SIP supersedes the SIP prepared and signed by the Trustee in June 2019.

### Signed for and on behalf of

Wellcome Trust Pensions Trustee Limited in capacity as Trustee for the Wellcome Trust Pension Plan



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## **Annex A – Investment risk measurement methods and management processes**

The Trustee is aware of, and seeks to take account of a number of risks in relation to the Plan's investments, including the following:

Under the Pensions Act 2004, the Trustee is required to state their policy regarding the ways in which risks are to be measured and managed. These are set out below. However, given that the Plan is currently invested 100% in equities, it will not necessarily be exposed to all of these risks at present.

### **Solvency Risk and Mismatching Risk**

- These are measured through a qualitative and quantitative assessment of the expected development of the assets relative to the liabilities.
- These are managed by setting a scheme-specific strategic asset allocation with an appropriate level of risk.

### **Manager Risk**

- This is assessed as the expected deviation of the prospective risk and return, as set out in the managers' objectives, relative to the investment policy.
- It is measured by monitoring the actual deviation of returns relative to the objective and factors supporting the managers' investment process.

### **Liquidity Risk**

- This is monitored according to the level of cashflows required by the Scheme over a specified period.
- It is managed by holding an appropriate amount of readily realisable investments. The Plan's assets are invested in pooled funds which are readily realisable.

### **Political Risk**

- This is measured by the level of concentration in any one market leading to the risk of adverse influence on investment values arising from political intervention.
- It is managed by regular reviews of the investments and through investing in funds which give a wide degree of diversification.

### **Environmental, Social and Governance Risk**

- This is the risk that Environmental, Social or Corporate Governance concerns, including climate change, have a financially material impact on the return of the Plan's assets.
- The Trustee manages this risk by investing with well-respected investment managers where ESG principles are appropriately included in the investment decision-making process.
- The Trustee is aware that Responsible Investing is one of the core beliefs of the investment managers and the investment adviser. As a result, part of the rating process of the investment adviser and decision making process of the investment managers in relation to the underlying securities held is based on its financial stewardship and how well the investment managers integrate governance and sustainability into its investment process.

- The Trustee delegates the exercise of voting rights to the managers, who exercise this right in accordance with their published corporate governance policies. Summaries of these policies are provided to the Trustee from time to time and take into account the financial interests of the shareholders, which should ultimately be to the Plan's advantage.

#### **Sponsor Risk**

- This is assessed as the level of ability and degree of willingness of the sponsor to support the continuation of the Scheme and to make good any current or future deficit.
- It is managed by assessing the interaction between the Scheme and the sponsor's business, as measured by a number of factors, including the creditworthiness of the sponsor and the size of the pension liability relative to the sponsor. Regular updates on employer covenant are provided to the Trustee by senior staff of the Sponsoring Employer.

#### **Legislative Risk**

- This is the risk that legislative changes will require action from the Trustee so as to comply with any such changes in legislation.
- The Trustee acknowledges that this risk is unavoidable but will seek to address any required changes so as to comply with changes in legislation.

#### **Credit Risk**

- This is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.
- The Trustee acknowledges that the assessment of credit risk on individual debt instruments is delegated to the investment manager. The Trustee will however ensure that they are comfortable with the amount of risk that the Plan's investment manager takes.

#### **Market Risk**

- This is the risk the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises of the following three types of risk

### **Currency Risk**

- This is the risk that occurs when the price of one currency moves relative to another (reference) currency. In the context of a UK pension scheme, the scheme may be invested in overseas stocks or assets, which are either directly or indirectly linked to a currency other than Sterling. There is a risk that the price of that overseas currency will move in such a way that devalues that currency relative to Sterling, thus negatively impacting the overall investment return.
- In order to address this issue, the Trustee has implemented a currency hedging strategy, as outlined in section 3 of this report.

### **Interest rate and Inflation risk**

- This is the risk that an investment's value will change due to a change in the level of interest rates or market implied inflation. This affects debt instruments more directly than growth instruments.
- The Trustee acknowledge that the interest rate and inflation risks related to individual debt instruments, and particularly liability driven instruments (LDI), is managed by the underlying investment managers through a combination of strategies, such as diversification, duration and yield curve management, and hedging via swaps, particularly where LDI is involved.

### **Other Price risk**

- This is the risk that principally arises in relation to the return seeking portfolio, which could invest in assets such as equities, equities in pooled funds, equity futures, hedge funds, private equity and property.
- The Trustee acknowledges that a scheme can manage its exposure to price risk by investing in a diverse portfolio across various markets.

## **Appendix 1 – Stewardship Code statement The Wellcome Trust Pension Plan**

### **UK Stewardship Code Policy Statement**

This document describes how the Trustee of the Wellcome Trust Pension Plan has undertaken to apply the seven principles of the UK Stewardship Code, given their responsibilities as an asset owner.

The Trustee is satisfied that the investment Manager of the Plan's assets is also a signatory to the Stewardship Code. The Manager endorses the principles and is fully committed to them as they enhance long term value for shareholders and protect the integrity of their clients' assets.

#### **1. Institutional investors should publicly disclose their policy on how they will discharge their stewardship responsibilities**

The Trustee believes that widespread adoption of good corporate governance practice will improve the quality of management and, as a consequence, is likely to increase the returns available to long term investors.

The Trustee records their policy on responsible investment in the Plan's Statement of Investment Principles. The Plan's Stewardship Code statement – ie this document – will be appended to the Statement of Investment Principles and hosted on the FRC's website.

#### **2. Institutional investors should have a robust policy on managing conflicts of interest in relation to stewardship and this policy should be publicly disclosed**

The Trustee has clear policies which address the identification, management and disclosure of conflicts of interests with the Plan, though these do not currently relate to stewardship issues, given the nature of the investment arrangements.

#### **3. Institutional investors should monitor their investee companies**

The Plan only uses pooled funds, and as a result stewardship and voting responsibilities are delegated to the investment Manager. The Trustee regularly monitors the performance of its Manager and engages with them as part of the regular meeting cycle. The Trustee has reviewed and accepted the appointed Manager's corporate governance policy and Stewardship statement.

#### **4. Institutional investors should establish clear guidelines on when and how they will escalate their activities as a method of protecting and enhancing shareholder value**

As the Plan invests only in pooled funds, the investment Manager alone determines the activities they use to protect and enhance shareholder value in the underlying companies. The Trustee is satisfied that the investment Manager actively engages with investee companies, monitors this through quarterly reporting, and accepts that the way in which engagement is undertaken is dependent on the circumstances and the issues to be discussed.

#### **5. Institutional investors should be willing to act collectively with other investors where appropriate**

As the Plan invests only in pooled funds, the investment Manager alone determines whether collective engagement is appropriate. The Trustee is satisfied that the Manager's membership of the Association of British Insurers (ABI) and Corporate Governance Forum (CGF), and networks such as the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and the UK Sustainable

Investment and Finance (UKSIF) means that they are well positioned to collaborate with other investors on a number of issues.

#### **6. Institutional investors should have a clear policy on voting and disclosure of voting activity**

The Trustee expects the investment Manager to exercise voting rights in the best interests of the fund, or should a conflict exist, in the best interests of shareholders generally.

The Trustee relies on voting disclosures made by the investment Manager in its quarterly reports and on its website.

#### **7. Institutional investors should report periodically on their stewardship and voting activities**

The Trustee does not additionally disclose voting information to the Plan's membership.

This statement, along with underlying policies, will be reviewed on an annual basis and updated where necessary to reflect changes in actual practice.

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## Appendix 2 – DC Section

Some contributions are made on a money purchase basis and from time to time, at the request of the employer with the agreement of the individual member, it grants money purchase benefits on severance which are facilitated via the AVC arrangement, currently with Standard Life. Whilst these money purchase benefits (“DC augmentations”) are invested and treated as AVCs, these benefits are technically regarded as money purchase benefit as defined in Section 181(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993. The DC augmentation funds are invested with Standard Life.

### 1. The default investment option

Members of the Plan who have money purchase benefits which derive from individual benefit augmentations and who do not make an explicit choice regarding the investment of their funds will be invested in the default strategy arrangement chosen by the Trustee with the advice of their Investment Consultant.

The default arrangement is solely the Standard Life At Retirement (Multi Asset Universal) Pension Fund which invests in actively managed underlying funds, which hold a range of different asset classes including equity, bonds, property and cash. The default strategy has the following objectives;

- To have a flexible approach aiming for “stay invested” approach
- To be appropriate for members who are undecided on how to use their savings or who want to take a flexible income
- To achieve moderate growth in a fund with relatively low volatility until such a time as the member is ready to make decisions on how to use their savings

In determining the investment strategy for the default, the Trustee has received formal written investment advice from their investment managers. The Trustee has explicitly considered the trade-off between risk and expected returns when establishing the balance between different kinds of investments.

Assets in the default investment option are invested in the best interests of members and beneficiaries. Taking into account the demographics of the Plan’s membership and the Trustee’s views of how the membership will behave at retirement, the Trustee believes that the current default strategy is appropriate. However, the Trustee will continue to review this over time, at least triennially, or after significant changes to the Scheme’s demographic or membership behaviour.

### 2. Fund choices

To balance the investment needs of members, the Trustee offers a range of self-select funds alongside the default investment strategy. Members can opt out of the default strategy as they have the option to invest in self-select funds from the full range offered by Standard Life. The range of investment options cover multiple asset classes and provide appropriate strategic choices for members’ different savings objectives, risk profiles and time horizons.

### **3. Policy for choosing investments**

- 3.1 The Trustee is a long term investor and does not look to change the investment arrangements on a frequent basis.
- 3.2. The investment managers are appointed based on their capabilities and, therefore, their perceived likelihood of achieving the expected return and risk characteristics required for the asset classes being selected.
- 3.3. The Trustee look to their investment adviser for their forward looking assessment of an investment manager's ability to deliver upon its stated objectives over a full market cycle. This view will be based on the adviser assessment of the investment manager's idea generation, portfolio construction, implementation and business management, in relation to the particular investment that the Plan invests in. The investment adviser's manager research ratings assist with due diligence and questioning managers during presentations to the Trustee. These ratings are used in decisions around selection, retention and removal of manager appointments.

### **4. Kinds of investments to be held**

- 4.1. The Plan may invest in any class of asset in such proportions as the Trustee, guided by its investment advisors, consider appropriate from time to time.
- 4.2. If the investment objective for a particular investment manager changes, the Trustee will review the Plan's appointment to ensure it remains appropriate and consistent with the Trustee's wider investment objectives. As the Plan invests in pooled investment vehicles, they accept that they have no ability to specify the risk profile and return targets of the manager, but believe appropriate mandates can be selected to align with the overall investment strategy.
- 4.3. The investment manager in which the Plan's assets is invested does not has performance based fees which could encourage the manager to make short term investment decisions to hit their profit targets.
- 4.4. The Trustee therefore consider that the method of remunerating investment fund managers is consistent with incentivising them to make decisions governed by their respective indices for their existing passive funds. Should the Trustee invest in active funds at a future date; the investment manager's decisions should be based on assessments of medium to long-term financial and non-financial performance of an issuer of debt or equity. By encouraging a medium to long-term view, the Trustee believes it will in turn encourage the investment managers to engage with issuers of debt or equity in order to improve their performance in the medium to long-term.
- 4.5. The Trustee accepts that they cannot influence the charging structure of the pooled funds in which the Plan is invested, but is satisfied that the ad-valorem charges for the different underlying funds are clear and are consistent with each pooled fund's stated characteristics. The Trustee is therefore satisfied that this the most appropriate basis for remunerating the underlying investment managers and is consistent with the Trustee policies as set out in this SIP.

## 5. Risks

The Trustee recognise that in a defined contribution arrangement, members assume the investment risks themselves. The main types of investment risk are and how they are monitored and managed are noted below:

Type of Risk	Risk	Description	How is the risk monitored and managed?
Market Risk	Inflation Risk	The risk that a member's investments will not grow quickly enough to sufficiently outpace inflation (the cost of living).	Members are able to set their own investment allocations, in line with their risk tolerances.
	Currency Risk	This is the risk that occurs when the price of one currency moves relative to another (reference) currency. In the context of a UK pension scheme, the scheme may be invested in overseas stocks or assets, which are either directly or indirectly linked to a currency other than Sterling. There is a risk that the price of that overseas currency will move in such a way that devalues that currency relative to Sterling, thus negatively impacting the overall investment return.	The default strategy is designed with the intention of diversifying these risks to reach a level of risk deemed appropriate given the objectives. This is set with the advice from the investment adviser.  The Trustee acknowledges that the assessment of credit risk on individual debt instruments is the responsibility of the investment manager. The Trustee will however ensure that they are comfortable with the amount of risk that the Plan's investment managers take.
	Credit Risk	This is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.	
	Other Price Risk	This is the risk that principally arises in relation to the return seeking assets such as equities.	
Environmental and social and governance ("ESG") risks		This is the risk that ESG factors, including climate change, have a financially material impact on the return of the Plan's assets. These risk factors can have a significant effect on the long-term performance of the assets the Plan holds.	Where applicable these factors will be considered in the investment process but is considered the responsibility of the investment manager.
Pension Risk	Conversion	This is the risk that member is invested in a strategy that does not reflect the way in which they intend to take their benefits at retirement.	The Trustee makes available a wide range of funds which enable members to manage this risk.  The Trustee will review the default strategy at least

		triennially to assess whether the targeted destination remains appropriate.
Manager risk	This is assessed as the expected deviation of the prospective risk and return, as set out in the managers' objectives, relative to the investment policy.	It is measured by monitoring the actual deviation of returns relative to the objective and factors supporting the managers' investment process, and by appointing Mercer to monitor and replace (following Trustee consent) any managers where concerns exist over their continued ability to deliver the investment mandate.
Liquidity risk	The risk that the Plan's assets cannot be realised at short notice in line with member or Trustees' demand.	As far as is practicable and necessary, the Trustee invests in liquid assets that can be quickly realised as required. It is managed by investing only in readily realisable pooled funds that can be bought and sold on a daily basis.

## 6. Monitoring of investment adviser and managers

- 6.1. The Trustee continually assess and review the performance of its adviser in a qualitative way.
- 6.2. The Trustee monitors the performance of the Plan's investments throughout the year and receives regular performance reports from their investment manager.
- 6.3. The Trustee may review a manager's appointment if:
  - There are sustained periods of underperformance;
  - There is a change in the portfolio manager;
  - There is a change in the underlying objectives of the investment manager;
  - There is a significant change to mercer's rating of the manager.

## **7. Portfolio turnover**

The Trustee considers portfolio turnover costs as part of the annual value for members assessment and in the Chair Statement.

The Trustee is also aware of the requirement to define and monitor targeted portfolio turnover and turnover range. Given that the Plan invests in a range of pooled funds, many of which invest across a wide range of asset classes, the Trustee does not have an overall portfolio turnover target for the Plan.

The Trustee is working with Mercer to determine the most appropriate way to obtain and monitor the information required in relation to the pooled funds in which the Plan is invested and will include further information about this when next updating the SIP.

## **8. Investment manager turnover**

The Trustee is a long-term investor and is not looking to change investment arrangements on a frequent basis. All the funds are open-ended with no set end date for the arrangement. The self-select fund range and default option are reviewed on at least a triennial basis. A manager's appointment may be terminated if it is no longer considered to be optimal nor have a place in the default strategy or self-select fund range.

## **9. Socially responsible investment and investment rights**

9.1. In endeavouring to invest in the best financial interests of the beneficiaries, the Trustee has elected to invest through pooled funds. As such, it cannot directly influence the social, environmental and ethical policies and practices of the companies in which the pooled funds invest. The Trustee will therefore rely on the policies and judgement of its investment manager. The Trustee will periodically review the policies of its investment manager.

9.2. However, the Trustee also understands that it must consider all factors that have the ability to impact the financial performance of the Plan's investments over the appropriate time horizon. These include, but are not limited to, environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.

The Trustee recognises that ESG factors, such as climate change, can influence the investment performance of the Plan's investments and, therefore, it is in the members' and Plan's best interests that such factors are taken into account in the investment process. Consequently, the Trustee will also consider the investment advisers assessment of how each investment manager embeds ESG into its investment process and how the manager's responsible investment philosophy aligns with the Trustee's responsible investment policy. This includes the investment managers' policy on voting and engagement. The Trustee will use this assessment in decisions around selection, retention and realisation of manager appointments.

9.3. The Trustee will review available products and approaches to ESG factors and strive for the Plan to continue to deliver strong risk adjusted returns, incorporating responsible investment principles into the process where possible.

9.4. The Trustee has received a copy of the investment manager's published corporate governance policy that explains the manager's approach to socially responsible

investment and investment rights. The Trustee is satisfied with the policies as described in these documents.

- 9.5. The Trustee only considers factors that are expected to have a financial impact on the Plan's investments. Other non-financial considerations are not implemented in the current investment strategy.
- 9.6. The Trustee currently does not actively solicit member views with respect to the selection, retention and realisation of investments.

## **10. Stewardship**

- 10.1. The Trustee believes that widespread adoption of good corporate governance practice will improve the quality of management and, as a consequence, is likely to increase the returns available to long term investors.
- 10.2. The Trustee has given the appointed investment manager full discretion when undertaking engagement activities in accordance with their own corporate governance policies and current best practice, including the UK Corporate Governance Code and UK Stewardship Code. The Trustee will review the investment manager's policies and engagement activities (where applicable) on an annual basis.
- 10.3. The Trustee has undertaken to apply the seven principles of the UK Stewardship Code, given their responsibilities as an asset owner. A copy of the Plan's Stewardship Code statement is appended to this document and is hosted on the FRC's website
- 10.4. The Trustee has reviewed and accepted the investment manager's Stewardship Code statement.

## Appendix 3 – Summary of Updates

This section includes a summary of updates for each iteration of the Statement of Investment principles.

Date	Reason/Update
September 2020	Baseline
September 2021	Updated to include wording to cover that the trustees monitor LGIM's transactions costs within the funds invested. This can be found in Section 9.