

**Report for:** Pensions Committee and Board – 13 July 2023

**Item number:**

**Title:** Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Update

**Report**

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**Ward(s) affected:** N/A

**Report for Key/**

**Non Key Decision:** Non Key Decision

## **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

1.1. This paper provides an update on the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum's (LAPFF) engagement and voting activities on behalf of the Pension Fund. The Pension Fund is a member of LAPFF, and the Pensions Committee and Board has previously agreed that the Pension Fund's investment managers should cast its votes at investor meetings in line with the LAPFF voting recommendations.

## **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

2.1. Not applicable

## **3. Recommendations**

3.1. The Pensions Committee and Board is requested to note the content of this report.

## **4. Reason for Decision**

4.1. Not applicable

## **5. Other options considered**

5.1. Not applicable.

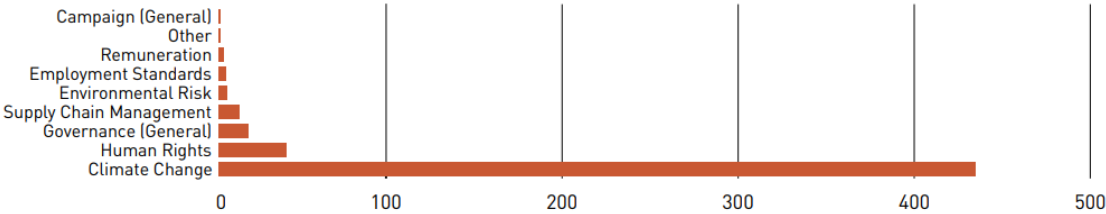
## **6. Background information**

6.1. Haringey Pension Fund is a member of the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF), a shareholder engagement group that regularly engages with companies to encourage best practice and effect positive change. LAPFF engages directly with senior management and company boards to ensure they have the right policies in place to create value responsibly.

## **Engagement Report**

- 6.2. During the quarter ending on 31 March 2023, LAPFF engaged with 397 companies domiciled across more than 20 jurisdictions. The majority of this engagement consisted of over 350 letters which were sent to the FTSE All Share constituents, requesting that a climate transition plan be presented to shareholders for approval at their upcoming Annual General Meetings (AGMs).
- 6.3. The chart below shows the breakdown of engagement topics during the quarter.

**ENGAGEMENT TOPICS**



**Voting Alerts**

- 6.4. During the quarter, LAPFF issued only one voting alert. The table below provides details on the outcome of the vote, as well as how Legal and General Investment Management (LGIM), the Pension Fund’s listed equity manager, voted.

**Table 1 – Quarterly Voting Summary**

Company	Description	LAPFF Recommendation	LGIM Vote	AGM Vote Outcome
<b>Rio Tinto</b>	Management Resolution requesting shareholder acceptance of the 2022 Annual Report.	Against	For	For (99.72%)

- 6.5. Shareholders voted overwhelmingly in support of the management resolution, with the outcome of the vote resulting in over 99% of shareholders voting in favour of accepting the 2022 Annual Report.
- 6.6. LAPFF’s voting alert expressed concerns about the significant omission of important information related to progress made towards the company’s climate transition plans. This was the reason for the recommendation to vote against the Management Resolution.

**7. Contribution to Strategic Outcomes**

7.1. Not applicable

**8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

Finance and Procurement

8.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer)



8.2. The Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) has been consulted on the content of this report. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Equalities

8.3. Not applicable.

**9. Use of Appendices**

9.1. None.

**10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

10.1. Not applicable.