

**Investment Advisory Committee (IAC)**  
**Extra Meeting**

**29 April 2024**

Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Present</b>
Candia Kingston (CK)	Independent	Chair	Y
JB Beckett (JB)	Independent	Non-Exec member	Y
Ewan Smith (ES)	RLMIS	CEO Office Director	Y
Vidur Bahree (VB)	RLMIS	Group Investment Director	Y
Piers Hillier (PH)	RLAM	RLAM Chief Investment Officer	N

Others in attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
Catherine Hughes (CH)	RLMIS	Assistant Company Secretary
Ken Scott (KS)	RLMIS	Head of Investment Solutions
Euan Craig (EC)	RLMIS	Proposition Manager, Investment Solutions
Ryan Hamill (RH)	RLMIS	Investment Actuary, Investment Solutions
Trevor Greetham (TG)	RLAM	Head of Multi-Asset
Raymala Navaratnam (RN)	RLMIS	Investment Actuary

This note presents a summary of the discussion that was had at the Investment Advisory Committee in April 2024. This meeting was called mid-cycle to primarily discuss the recent SAA review for the Governed Range.

The Committee discussed:

- Governed Range SAA
- RLP Global Growth Matrix Fund

### **Governed Range SAA**

A review of the Governed Range had been carried out. The modelling suggested that the SAAs remained optimal. As a result, only minor amendments were proposed. The GRIPs analysis had not yet concluded; however, the results were expected to be similar.

The Committee discussed the trend of UK companies re-listing in the US once they had achieved scale in order to attract buyers, and how this potentially impacted on the UK's "value tilt". The UK was still considered to have some resilience to inflation, though it was suggested the evidence was less clear over more recent periods. Options to temporarily move overweight / underweight in UK equities and take advantage of market conditions that were potentially beneficial for the UK's value tilt were debated. Seeking growth tactically rather than strategically was noted to be challenging given current market conditions.

Potential policy changes for UK defined benefit (DB) pension schemes were discussed with the reflection that any increased allocation to UK equities could influence the market substantially. The alternative view that DB schemes will continue to de-risk and move away from UK equities was also discussed.

The intention was for the carbon intensity metrics to be 'at least' neutral as a result of the SAA review, but it could not be fully evaluated until the final implementation fund line up was agreed.

The Committee challenged whether the cash allocation for higher risk Governed Portfolios was too high. The Committee was reassured that the cash asset allocation was intended for flexibility, and for capital preservation purposes.

### **RLP Global Growth Matrix Fund**

The Committee received an update on the recent performance of this fund and endorsed a plan of action in the short term, pending the wider Matrix review, which would take place in due course.