

## **Implementation Statement – Beakbane Pension Scheme**

### **Year ending 05/04/2024**

The Trustees of the Beakbane Pension Scheme have prepared this implementation statement in compliance with the governance standards introduced under The Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment and Disclosure) (Amendment) Regulations 2019. Its purpose is to demonstrate how the Scheme has followed the policy on voting, stewardship and engagement as set out in the Scheme's Statement of Investment Principles (SIP).

The policy as set out in the SIP in respect of voting, stewardship and engagement is in summary as follows:

#### **1) Stewardship Policy and Implementation:**

- During the period responsibility for voting and engagement decisions and monitoring such activity by underlying fund managers was delegated to the Fiduciary Manager (Charles Stanley Fiduciary Management).
- Charles Stanley's policy on voting and engagement is as follows *"We believe voting is an effective method of engagement. We use the services of proxy voting service provider Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) to advise us on corporate governance issues and provide voting recommendations on our top 100 holdings of equity and fund securities. The advice of our proxy voting service provider is based on the UK Corporate Governance Code and its own set of voting principles built on a collection of industry best practice guidelines, which are designed to protect and enhance shareholders' interests. ISS has a long-standing relationship with many of the UK-listed issuers within its coverage universe and regularly engages with the senior management teams of such issuers. With in-depth knowledge of the UK Corporate Governance Code and a long history of corporate engagement, we believe the provision of voting advice from our proxy service provider enhances our engagement with investee companies. However, we are not bound to follow the advice of ISS and retain the ultimate say on which way to vote on each item raised at general and extraordinary shareholders meetings, based on what we believe is in the best interests of our clients. Where we believe it would assist shareholder interests, we may inform the company in advance of our voting intentions. We do not engage in securities lending with client holdings."*
- During the period the voting activity was carried out by Charles Stanley on the following direct holdings. In all cases Charles Stanley voted with management on all resolutions.
  - International Public Partnerships Ltd
  - HICL Infrastructure PLC
  - SEGRO
  - The Renewables Infrastructure Group PLC
- During the period voting and engagement activity was carried out by underlying fund managers. Through its underlying fund managers the Scheme is exposed to c.6,000 underlying companies. Pro-active engagement and voting activity was carried out by the Scheme's underlying fund managers as part of their routine management of funds. A record of the voting and engagement activity undertaken by these investment managers on the top 10 underlying companies will be provided to the Trustees.
- Charles Stanley evaluates the engagement and reporting policies of all third-party managers and is responsible for monitoring their activity on an ongoing basis.

## 2) Monitoring of Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) and Climate Change risks:

- Exposure to ESG (including Climate Change) risk is monitored through dashboard reports provided by Charles Stanley. The latest report as at 30 April 2024 is shown below.

