

# Innovation in Pension Fund Governance

A climate change angle Amy Sutherland, Actuarial Consultant

31 March 2021

#### The current 'climate'

#### Regulatory and legislative backdrop

- Pension schemes bill & TCFD incoming
- MHCLG consultation upcoming
- TPR's Consolidated code consultation
- FCA consultation

#### Economic considerations

- Social aspects & public engagement
  - Opportunity to engage with members
  - Reputational risks and opportunities







## TCFD governance disclosures for schemes

Describe the board's oversight of climate-related risks and opportunities.

Describe management's role in assessing and managing climate-related risks and opportunities.





## What does this mean in practice?

Trustees should have appropriate knowledge and understanding of climate change.

Investment beliefs (including climate change beliefs) are documented.

Processes and policies for consideration of climate related risks and opportunities are documented (plus frequency of review).

Clear roles and responsibilities for oversight, accountability of climate related issues are documented.

The processes and frequency consider climate issues when setting the scheme's investment strategy should be documented.

Document the extent to which climate-related issues are included in the trustees' investment consultant's strategic objectives.



### The role of data

Improvements in data coverage

Managers and mandates

What we may expect to see





## Thank you

This Powerpoint presentation contains confidential information belonging to Hymans Robertson LLP (HR). HR are the owner or the licensee of all intellectual property rights in the Powerpoint presentation. All such rights are reserved. The material and charts included herewith are provided as background information for illustration purposes only. This Powerpoint presentation is not a definitive analysis of the subjects covered and should not be regarded as a substitute for specific advice in relation to the matters addressed. It is not advice and should not be relied upon. This Powerpoint presentation should not be released or otherwise disclosed to any third party without prior consent from HR. HR accept no liability for errors or omissions or reliance upon any statement or opinion herein.