

**Westminster Business Forum policy conference:
Priorities for pension funds and investments in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th July 2025

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the UK pension funds landscape**
Chris Curry, Director, Pensions Policy Institute
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **The future for pensions investment policy and regulation**
priorities for the Pension Schemes Bill | design and implementation of a small pots consolidator scheme | outcomes from the final report on the Pension Investment Review | priorities for Phase 2 on retirement focus and adequacy | establishment of Collective Defined Contribution schemes and impact on growth | next steps for governance of the LGPS scheme | legislative framework for commercial DB superfunds
Emma Douglas, Wealth Policy Director, Aviva
Christopher Brooks, Head, Policy, Age UK
David Pitt-Watson, Co-Chair, Collective Defined Contributions Pensions Forum, RSA
Clair Alcock, Head, Pensions, LGA; and Board Secretary, LGPS Scheme Advisory Board
Mark Baker, Partner, Pinsent Masons
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Key issues for consolidating DC funds to invest for economic growth**
Jerry Butcher, Workplace Savings Director, Scottish Widows
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Strategic focus for pensions regulation - stability, risk management, and preparations for incoming legislation**
Patrick Coyne, Interim Director, Policy and Public Affairs, The Pensions Regulator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **The future role of pension schemes in encouraging growth in the UK economy**
role of pension funds within the wider Industrial Strategy | assessing the role of pension capital in net zero transition | embedding social factors into SIPs and investment mandates | balancing fiduciary duty and sustainability | improving data, disclosure, and methodologies for ESG integration | encouraging pension investment through the National Wealth Fund and British Growth Partnership | governance of superfunds
Stephen Budge, Partner and Head, DC Investment Strategy, LCP
Niall Aitken, Head, Investment Strategy, Aegon
JP Crowley, Principal, Mercer
Senior representative, sustainability
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for the Pensions Investment Review and policy priorities for pension funds investment**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Business Forum