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6 December - 8 December 2023 | Bournemouth Hilton Hotel

Conference programme

Wednesday
6 December
2023

- 1.00pm** **Buffet lunch available for arriving delegates**
- 2.00pm** **Chair's welcome to conference**
LAPFF Chair, Councillor Doug McMurdo
- 2.10pm** **A watershed moment: How can water companies better deliver environmental value?**
Richard Eadie, Head of Corporate Strategy, Sustainability & Transformation, Severn Trent Plc
- How can investors promote positive environmental outcomes with water companies?**
Simon Davy, Head of Real Assets, LPPI
Moderator: Councillor Doug McMurdo, LAPFF Chair
- 2.40pm Q&A**
- 2.50pm** **Responding to the climate emergency: How are LGPS Funds and Pools managing climate-related financial risk**
Sian Kunert – East Sussex Pension Fund
Jane Firth, Border to Coast Pensions Partnership
Tom Harrington, GMPF/NLGPS, LAPFF Executive
Will Lidbetter, EAPF Member Representative and Pensions Committee Member
Moderator: Marika Mansley, PIRC Limited
- 3.35pm Q&A**
- 3.50pm** **Refreshments**

- 4.10pm** **The Success of Shareholder Resolutions in 2023**
Brad Lander, New York City Comptroller
Moderator: Councillor Doug McMurdo, Chair, LAPFF
- 4.40pm** **Escalating action: LAPFF Voting on Climate**
Paul Hunter, PIRC Limited
Moderator: Councillor Mark Norris, RCT Pension Fund, LAPFF Executive
- 4.55pm** **Shareholder resolutions coming up in 2024**
Lisa Hayles, Director of International Shareholder Advocacy, Trillium Asset Management, Martin Buttle, Better Work Lead, CCLA, Emma Pullman, Head of Shareholder Engagement & ESG, BCGEU
Moderator: Tom Harrington, GMPF/NLGPS, LAPFF Executive
- 5.40pm** **Conference day close**
- 7.30pm** **Drinks reception** Sponsored by 
- 8.15pm** **Dinner** Sponsored by 





Thursday
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- 9.30am Chair's welcome back to conference**
LAPFF Chair, Councillor Doug McMurdo
- 9.35am Why Proxy Voting Choice is essential for investors in passive funds**
Rob Skelton, First Actuarial, Georgia Stewart, Founder, Tumelo, Councillor Heather Johnson, LB Camden Pension Fund, Councillor John Gray, LB Newham, LAPFF Executive
Moderator: Tom Powdrill, PIRCLimited
10.15am Q&A
- 10.40am Refreshments**
- 11.00am The ESG Backlash: What should LGPS funds and pools expect from their asset managers?**
Damon Silvers, Visiting Professor of Practice at University College London's Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, and at Newcastle University,
- 11.30am The ESG backlash: How are asset managers responding?**
John Hoepfner, Head of US Investment Stewardship, LGIM, Lisa Hayles, Director of International Shareholder Advocacy Trillium Asset Management, Juliette Vartikar, Sustainable Investing Director, UBS
Moderator: Councillor Toby Simon, Avon PF, LAPFF Executive
12.00pm Q&A
- 12.15pm Avoiding a market for lemons: Should investors be concerned by the listing rules review?**
Sir Philip Augar, independent commentator on Banks and other issues **Moderator:** Tim Bush, PIRC Limited,

1.00pm Lunch

1.30pm Lunch session on LGPS performance led by Karen Thrumble, PIRC Limited
Are LGPS Pension Investments Becoming Too Complex to Manage?'

2.20pm Welcome back from Chair
2.25pm Lead the Charge: Ensuring a clean and equitable EV Supply chain

Speakers: Mat McDerimid, CEO, The Sunrise Project, Cecilia Mattea, Transport & Environment

Moderator: John Anzani, Lothian Pension Fund, LAPFF Executive
3.00pm Q&A

3.10pm Seeing the unseen: What role can investors play in ending Modern Day Slavery

Lucy Mann, Senior Business Engagement Manager, Unseen UK **Moderator:** Rachel Brothwood, WMPF, LAPFF Executive

3.30pm Q&A

3.40pm Refreshments

4.00pm Power of nature: How can investors manage nature-related risks and tackle the biodiversity crisis.

Isobel Rosen, Investor Outreach Analyst, FAIRR Initiative, Norah Berk, Senior Programme Manager, Nature Action 100 & IIGCC

Moderator: Cllr Rob Chapman, LB Hackney Pension Fund, LAPFF Executive
4.30pm Q&A

4.45pm Getting to net zero: the role of alternatives

James Penney, Chair, Darwin Alternatives, Paddy Dowdall, GLIL, Greg McClymont, Executive Director, Public Affairs, Policy & Strategy, IFM,

Moderator: Euan Miller, WYPF, LAPFF Executive
5.15pm Q&A

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10.00pm After Dinner drinks

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11.30pm Close





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- 9.30am Chair's welcome back**
LAPFF Chair, Councillor Doug McMurdo
- 9.40am The Great Pay Divide: Is it a financial necessity? Executive pay.** In a competitive market are we attracting the best people into our companies in the UK do we need to increase executive pay to compete with other markets such as the US?
Will Hutton, President of the Academy of Social Sciences, Co-Chair, The Purposeful Company and Observer
Columnist Sebastian Bachelier, Senior Programme Manager, Living Wage Foundation
Moderator: Councillor Ged Cooney, GMPF, LAPFF Executive
- 10.45am Refreshments**
- 11.00am Levelling up: What have Local Authorities Learnt from the Debate?**
Barry Quirk, Special Advisor to the LGA on the Professional Development of Chief Executives
Moderator: Neil Sellstrom Tyne & Wear Pension Fund, LAPFF Executive
11.30am Q&A
- 11.45am Dave Fishwick, Burnley Savings and Loans (The Bank of Dave)**
Moderator: Councillor Doug McMurdo, Chair, LAPFF
12.00pm Q&A
- 1.00pm Grab and Go lunch**



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