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The Local Government Pension Scheme (England and Wales): Next steps on investments - government response was published on 22 November 2023 as part of the Chancellor's [Autumn Statement](#).

- The deadline for funds in England and Wales (E&W) to transfer assets to the pools is intended to be 31 March 2025 and that in the future there would be fewer pools, each with a value of at least £50 billion.
- Funds will be required to set plans to invest up to 5% of assets in projects that supported the UK Government's Levelling Up ambitions.
- Revise ISS guidance to be revised to require funds to consider investments to meet the government's ambition of a 10% allocation to private equity.
- To implement a requirement in guidance for administering authorities to set a training policy for pensions committee members and to report against the policy.

I would be grateful if you would provide comment upon the E & W proposals. It would be helpful if you would also investigate and provide a report on how much, if any, each of the funds currently invests in Scottish infrastructure projects and Scottish Equities.

I have asked officials to engage with the Scottish National Investment Bank to discuss potential opportunities for LGPS investments in the future. Scottish Ministers will not direct how funds choose invest, which remains the fiduciary responsibility of pensions committees, but ask that they identify and highlight potential investment opportunities for funds in Scotland to achieve this aim and further boost the Scottish economy.

I look forward to hearing from the SAB in due course, and in the meantime wish to express my gratitude for the constructive engagement you continue to offer to the Scottish Government.

TOM ARTHUR