

Approach from LGA for Editorial Board Representation re: Responsible Investment Guide A-Z

I don't know the extent to which you have been following progress of the SAB Responsible Investment guidance on the Board's web site but hopefully you will be aware of the decisions taken earlier this year to remove references to fiduciary duty pending the outcome of the Supreme Court's judgement in the Palestine Solidarity Campaign case. But notwithstanding that decision, the Board was also mindful that there are matters outside of fiduciary duty where advice and information would continue to be helpful. The Board therefore decided to restructure the proposed guidance to explain and clarify the terminology associated with responsible investment and provide investment decision makers with a range of information, case studies and tools in an A to Z format to help them meet the challenges associated with responsible investment.

More recently, the decision has been taken to reformat the A to Z document as a webpage with extensive search facilities. The Secretariat has started work on and will continue to populate the A to Z document ready for consultation in the early Summer but in the meantime we are looking to establish an editorial forum to maintain and manage content once the webpage has gone live. We see this as a live, dynamic project that will require expert knowledge of the responsible investment sector to ensure that it remains accurate, relevant and up to date.

Can I therefore please ask if you would be happy to be part of the proposed editorial forum to assist SAB in developing this key tool for investment decision makers and other stakeholders in the LGPS. If you are unable or unwilling to put your name forward can I please ask if there is somebody else in your asset pool who would be willing to join the proposed editorial forum.

Finally, although we envisage the work of the editorial forum to commence once the project has gone live, we would also hope that it would help us to develop the A to Z document prior to consultation later in the Summer.