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One of, if not the fundamental driver of investment returns and volatility in any investment portfolio is widely held to be asset allocation. And while pooling has seen the work of investment management for manager selection migrate to investment pools, asset allocation strategy remains firmly within the purview of administering authorities, with section 151 officers signing off on scores of unique strategies.

Room151's LGPS Asset Allocation Forum is dedicated to exploring a collaborative approach to asset allocation and investment strategy, using the best available talent within administering authorities, their pools, the advisory sector and investment management partners. Half of the delegate places are allocated free of charge to LGPS investment officers.

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head of treasury & pensions

Staffordshire County Council

Luke Webster

CEO

The Pension Superfund

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Agenda

08.00 - 09.45

ROUNDTABLE & BREAKFAST (Sponsored)

Women in LGPS Investment

Following last year's roundtable, we're delighted to welcome back a talented group of experienced LGPS practitioners for a full and frank discussion with coverage to follow on Room151.

On-the-record: How will climate change shape investment strategy and vice versa?





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09:30 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

10:00 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Aoifinn Devitt, investment adviser, Independent

STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION: POOLING & TRIENNIAL VALUATIONS

Your pool can be one of three things and it matters which one Is your pool aiming to become your in-house investment function, your investment manager or simply your procurement agent? Border to Coast's former CIO and now adviser, John Harrison,

explains why the answer matters to your asset allocation decisions.

John Harrison, adviser, Border to Coast Pensions Partnership

PANEL DISCUSSION

Setting a sustainable and affordable asset allocation strategy

What are you trying to achieve and what questions should you begin by asking yourself?

When and how should we de-risk?

Triennial valuations are prompting strategic reviews across the LGPS with many funds starting to look at options for taking risk off the table. But do long-term investors really need to look beyond growth assets?

What can the pools deliver in the current triennial review?

Can pools cater for much variation in their partner funds' asset allocation strategies and still deliver on costs savings and economies of scale?

Rachel Elwell

chief executive

Border to Coast Pensions Partnership

William Marshall

head of LGPS investment clients **Hymans Robertson**

Clare Scott

investment adviser **Independent**

MACRO OUTLOOK

Reshaping portfolios for the next ten years: risk and return drivers

From China's impact on the global economy to the rise of populism and from changing demographics to disruptive technologies, there are a raft of macro themes feeding through to asset allocation decisions the world over. Our panel of experts take your questions.

Piers Hillier

chief investment officer

Royal London Asset Management

Geraldine Sundstrom

managing director and portfolio manager **PIMCO**

Additional speaker to be confirmed

CLIMATE CHANGE & DECARBONISATION

Long-term investing in a time of climate change

Climate change and society's response are already shaping opportunities and risks for assets owners. Ian Simm will reflect on how pension funds can take a holistic approach.

Ian Smith

founder and CEO
Impax Asset Management



Climate change and asset allocation: your investment portfolio in ten years

James Bevan looks at how the world's greatest challenge will shape portfolios in years to come.

James Bevan

CIO, CCLA

The sixth industrial revolution: how decarbonisation is impacting the economy and your portfolio

Seb Beloe draws on examples of his recent engagement with companies to illustrate the challenges faced by the wider economy and asset allocators in factoring decarbonisation into their long-term planning.

Seb Beloe

head of research
WHEB Asset Management

Followed by panel discussion



QUESTION TIME: LGPS CIOS' PANEL

- > I believe in active management because ...
- > How can pools meet the needs of varied asset allocation strategies?
- > Warren Buffet thinks you should only invest in the S&P500: why is he wrong?

Delegates are invited to submit their questions for an interactive session with LGPS CIOs.

Jason Fletcher

CIO, LGPS Central

Mark Mansley

chief investment officer **Brunel Pension Partnership**

Richard J. Tomlinson

deputy chief investment officer, LPP



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THE AGE OF DISRUPTION: RETHINKING ASSET CLASSES

Why invest in Gilts when you can invest in local government?

Local government incorporates a hive of investment activity touching infrastructure, housing and commercial property and with pension funds eager to make inroads into private markets offering quasi-government risk, what do Gilts have to offer as an asset class?

Luke Webster

CIO, GLA
CEO, The Pension SuperFund

Disruption in the commercial property sector

How are technology, demographics and changing behaviours likely to feed through to investments in the commercial property sector in the coming years? Against the backdrop of increasing pension fund allocations to property, Stephanie McMahon highlights some of the macro themes impacting the sector.

Stephanie McMahon

head of research

BNP Paribas Real Estate

The income conundrum

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While appetite for income is driving strategic thinking, how will demand be met at the portfolio level? Is there simply too much demand and which asset classes should you focus on?

Speaker to be confirmed

Discussion

Late-cycle investing: positioning your portfolio at the end of a bull run

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Using consultants and advisers in a pooled environment

As pooling has taken shape and manager selection has increasingly moved away from administering authorities, the way consultants are supporting administering authorities is changing. We ask a panel of LGPS practitioners to discuss how the fund/consultant/pool dynamic is evolving.

Debbie Fielder

deputy head of Clywd pension fund Flintshire County Council

Ian Williams

group director finance and corporate resources **London Borough of Hackney**

Nick Buckland

senior investment consultant & LGPS adviser, **Mercer UK**

William Bourne

principal, Linchpin

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ESG, IMPACT & STEWARDHSIP (Sponsored)

Diversity and investment returns

Understanding the importance on your investments returns of integrating not just environmental and governance factors in investment decisions, but also social drivers.

Habib Subjally

global head of equities

RBC Global Asset Management



Global Asset Management

Effectively capturing and measuring ESG data

How do you measure the impact your ESG policy is having on your investment performance and how can you monitor how effectively your policy is being put to work? Abbie Llewellyn-Waters provides an active manager's perspective.

Abbie Llewellyn-Waters

fund manager, environment & sustainability

Jupiter Asset Management



Discussion

Grading ESG authenticity through effective engagement

PANEL

Local investments - definition, governance and risk

MHCLG draft guidance is suggesting 5% of LGPS assets be put to work locally, but do funds have the risk appetite for small scale, high-risk opportunities? And is there even consensus on what a 'local investment' is?

Paddy Dowdall

assistant executive director, pensions (local investments and property)

Greater Manchester Pension Fund

Jo Ray

head of pensions **Lincolnshire County Council**

Nick Vickers

business partner (pension fund) **Kent County Council**

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