

**MINUTES OF THE PRIVATE CHARITABLE FUNDS  
INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE**

**VELINDRE UNIVERSITY NHS TRUST – MICROSOFT TEAMS  
TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10:00AM**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	
Hilary Jones (HJ)	Independent Member
Matthew Bunce (MB)	Executive Director of Finance
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	
Anne Carey (AC)	Chief Operating Officer
Steve Coliandris (SC)	Deputy Director of Finance
Claire Bowden (CB)	Head of Financial Planning & Reporting
Llinos Madeley (LIM)	Head of Corporate Governance
Paul Wilkins (PW)	Charity Director
Miranda Richards (MR)	LGT Investment Manager, Charities and Institutions
Niké Hooper-Collins (NHC)	Business Support Officer / Secretariat

<b>1.0.0</b>	<b>STANDARD BUSINESS</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Led by Hilary Jones, Committee Acting Chair and Independent Member	
<b>1.1.0</b>	<p><b>In Attendance</b> Led by Hilary Jones</p> <p>Attendance was as noted above.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Miranda Richards attendee from LGT Wealth Management to the meeting.</p>	
<b>1.2.0</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b> Led by Hilary Jones</p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sara Moseley, Trust Chair</li> <li>• David Donegan, Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>• Non Gwilym, Interim Executive Director of Governance</li> </ul>	
<b>1.3.0</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> Led by Hilary Jones</p> <p>No Declarations of Interest were declared.</p>	
<b>1.4.0</b>	<p><b>Draft Minutes from the meeting held on 18 March 2025</b> Led by Hilary Jones</p> <p>The Committee <b>APPROVED</b> the minutes from 18 March 2025, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
<b>1.5.0</b>	<p><b>Actions/Rolling Updates/Matters Arising</b> Led by Matthew Bunce, Executive Director of Finance and Steve Coliandris, Head of Financial Planning &amp; Reporting</p>	

	<p>The Committee <b>NOTED</b> the updates and discussed the remaining <b>OPEN</b> actions as below:</p> <p><b>Action from 19.09.24 (3.1.0) 4</b> The request has been made to include David Donegan as a signatory and Miranda Richards confirmed that it has been put in place but the names have not been updated to reflect the updated signatories on the presentation.</p> <p><b>Action from 18.03.25 (2.1.0) 5 (CLOSE)</b> Steve Coliandris provided a verbal update on the Liquidity Management Review at Charitable Funds Charitable on 19th March 2025, which <b>APPROVED</b>.</p> <p>The Committee <b>APPROVED</b> the <b>CLOSED</b> actions which would now be removed.</p>	
<p><b>2.0.0</b></p>	<p><b>LIQUIDITY MANAGEMENT REVIEW</b> Led by Steve Coliandris, Deputy Director of Finance</p>	
<p><b>2.1.0</b></p>	<p><b>Liquidity Management Review Report (including cash flow forecast)</b> Led by Steve Coliandris, Deputy Director of Finance</p> <p>The Chair invited Steve Coliandris to present the report and Cash Flow Forecast for 2025-26 as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.</p> <p>Based on the level of forecast income and commitments against the Charity the forecast cash balance of the Charitable funds bank account is expected to run into a negative balance around December 2025, with the balance gradually reducing over the course of 2025-26 due to the high level of commitments against the Charity.</p> <p>The income target for the Charity has been set at £4.4m for 2025-26. At this stage prior to any further approval of bids forecast expenditure commitments against the Charity is expected to be c£7.9m for 2025-26.</p> <p>Therefore, in order to ensure cash levels are maintained it is advised that cash needs to be held on a short term liquid basis on order to meet commitments as they fall due.</p> <p>Mathew Bunce confirmed that he is content to support this approach.</p> <p>Hilary Jones asked how this is managed and Steve Coliandris confirmed that it is managed within the Trust by Claire Bowden, Head of Financial Planning &amp; Reporting and Olivia Angilley, who has been appointed as the Senior Finance Business &amp; Reporting Partner.</p> <p>The Committee <b>DISCUSSED</b> and <b>REVIEWED</b> the current level of cash balances that is currently held in the Charity's bank account and based on the future anticipated cash flow and future commitments the advice is to <b>AGREED</b> to take <b>NO</b> action at this stage, however cash balances will be closely monitored due to the potential position of running a negative balance as we approach the final quarter of the year.</p>	

3.0.0	<b>INVESTMENT ADVISORS UPDATE</b> Led by Miranda Richards, LGT													
3.1.0	<p><b>Presentation including Performance Figures, Risk Guide, Environmental, Social and Governance Score (ESG) Reports</b>          Led by Miranda Richards, LGT</p> <p>The Chair invited Miranda to provide an update and began by discussing the investment requirements and restrictions on alcohol and tobacco.</p> <p>Steve Coliandris asked what tools are used for core responsible investment screening and Miranda Richards confirmed that it was MSCI.</p> <p><b>**Action**</b> Steve Coliandris confirmed that he will update the Investment Policy to include this information.</p> <p>Mathew Bunce asked for clarification on the restrictions against alcohol or tobacco; and Miranda Richards explained that means if a company has 5% or more in revenue from either then the Trust would not be able to invest and advised that other clients have similar restrictions in place.</p> <p><b>Portfolio Performance</b></p> <p>The snapshot below provides details of the Trusts investment requirements and portfolio performance to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="256 1048 1321 1193"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Portfolio Value</th> <th>Estimated income</th> <th>Estimated Forward Yield*</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Velindre - Investment Portfolio</td> <td>£9,763,734</td> <td>£260,231</td> <td>2.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Velindre - Liquidity Portfolio</td> <td>£10,945,600</td> <td>£511,492</td> <td>4.7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Longer term performance figures are up 2.8% from 2024 and above the CPI target and the Trust is performing better against other clients who are similarly investing in the same structure. LGT are unable to disclose further details of Client A,B,C and CCLA, however, Matthew Bunce asked for assurance that the same clients will be used for future comparisons.</p> <p><b>Portfolio Asset Allocation &amp; Activity</b></p> <p>Miranda Richards confirmed that the investment allocation is in a neutral position, however, it was noted that we are slight behind in Technology investment and ahead in Industrial investment.</p> <p>Steve Coliandris asked if we get any return on the cash that is held in the Investment portfolio; Miranda confirmed that it is currently 3%.</p> <p>Miranda Richards presented high level portfolio activity and commentary over 3 months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, with key extracts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiated a position in S&amp;P Global –an oligopolistic position in ratings and long-term beneficiary of increased demand for data.</li> <li>• Bought Halma, high quality UK based company with collection of engineering businesses.</li> <li>• Following the redemption of the Volare funds, we bought Columbia</li> </ul>		Portfolio Value	Estimated income	Estimated Forward Yield*	Velindre - Investment Portfolio	£9,763,734	£260,231	2.7	Velindre - Liquidity Portfolio	£10,945,600	£511,492	4.7	SC
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Threadneedle social bond fund, Brown Advisory Global sustainable bond fund and Capital Group global corporate bond fund. Initiated a holding in Meta.

- Trimmed Prologis and Apple to fund purchases. Some concerns that the Apple model (designed in California, made in China) would suffer under the new tariff regime.
- The first half of 2025 has been an exceptionally volatile period for financial markets, following the uncertainty relating to tariffs and rising geopolitical instability.
- Gains in global equities over the second quarter masked the extreme volatility experienced in early April when the American President unveiled his sweeping tariffs on so-called Liberation Day.
- The tariffs prompted sharp declines across equity and bond markets worldwide, with the S&P 500 posting its fifth biggest two-day decline since World War II, although the American Presidents subsequent backtrack on tariffs along with a strong first quarter earnings season helped stocks and bonds recover.
- The dollar was the real victim of the quarter, as erratic policymaking from the US administration eroded confidence in the greenback.
- In terms of equity market performance there was a marked rotation out of US and into UK, European and Chinese/HK equities when adjusting for currency.
- The main aim of our portfolio construction actions has been to double-down on improving the overall quality of the portfolios (exiting smaller, lower conviction holdings where the investment cases have shifted or weakened) whilst also striving for a good balance of exposures.

### **Sustainable growth and Carbonisation**

On a carbon footprint basis, the portfolio is 17.92% less carbon intensive than the MSCI ACWI reference index. On a WACI basis, the portfolio is 5.21% more carbon intensive than the MSCI ACWI reference index.

The LGT ESG score is determined by LGT's in-house rating tool, the ESG Navigator. The score integrates a data-based assessment of a company's corporate ESG profile, product impact and controversies. The portfolio score is an aggregation of the scores of the underlying direct holdings and funds. We translate these scores into a star rating ranging from 1-5 stars.

The Trust rating is currently at 4 stars. Steve Coliandris asked how we could achieve 5 stars and it was explained that the majority of stock investment covering I.T and Technology would be required to accomplish this.

Miranda Richards explained that the decarbonisation pathway rating is currently 32% which is better than the benchmark.

**\*\*Action\*\*** There were some mistakes highlighted by Miranda Richards in the presentation so she will share an updated version with the Secretariat or Steve Coliandris to re-circulate to the group.

**NHC/  
SC**

4.0.0	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE</b> Led by Steve Coliandris, Deputy Director of Finance	
4.1.0	<b>Charitable Funds Investment Policy</b> Led by Steve Coliandris, Deputy Director of Finance  Steve Coliandris shared a new draft of the Investment Policy, highlighting significant changes from the previous version following advice from the investment managers and benchmarking with similar Charities in the sector, and requested review and feedback from the group. The aim is to update the policy in time for the Charitable Funds Committee in December, with further workshops planned for a broader review next year.  Discussion focused on the scope of ethical restrictions, including whether to specifically exclude investments in Russia and Belarus or to use a broader reference such as the UK Government sanctions list. There was consensus to remove specific country names in favor of a more general approach.  The group debated the effectiveness and clarity of using ESG criteria versus specific exclusions. Concerns were raised about the subjectivity of terms like "moral grounds" and the practicality of assessing impacts on beneficiaries and supporters. The need for clearer definitions and evidence-based tools was emphasised.  It was agreed to update references in the policy to include the Trustees Investment Act 1961 and relevant Charity Commission guidance, changing the section title to "Legislation and Guidance."  <b>**Action**</b> Steve Coliandris will revise the policy based on feedback, consult with investment advisors and circulate the updated draft with tracked changes for further comments out of committee. The policy will be endorsed by the committee before final sign-off by the Charitable Funds Committee in December. Workshops will be scheduled to review restrictions and develop a longer-term policy update.  The group <b>AGREED</b> on the need for a timely update to the policy for December, with the intention to endorse it for approval to the Charitable Funds Committee after these changes are made.	SC
5.0.0	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
	None.	
6.0.0	<b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	5th March 2026, 10:00am	
7.0.0	<b>CLOSE</b>	
	The meeting closed at 11:31am.	