

# AVON PENSION news



THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS WHO PREVIOUSLY PAID INTO THE AVON PENSION FUND

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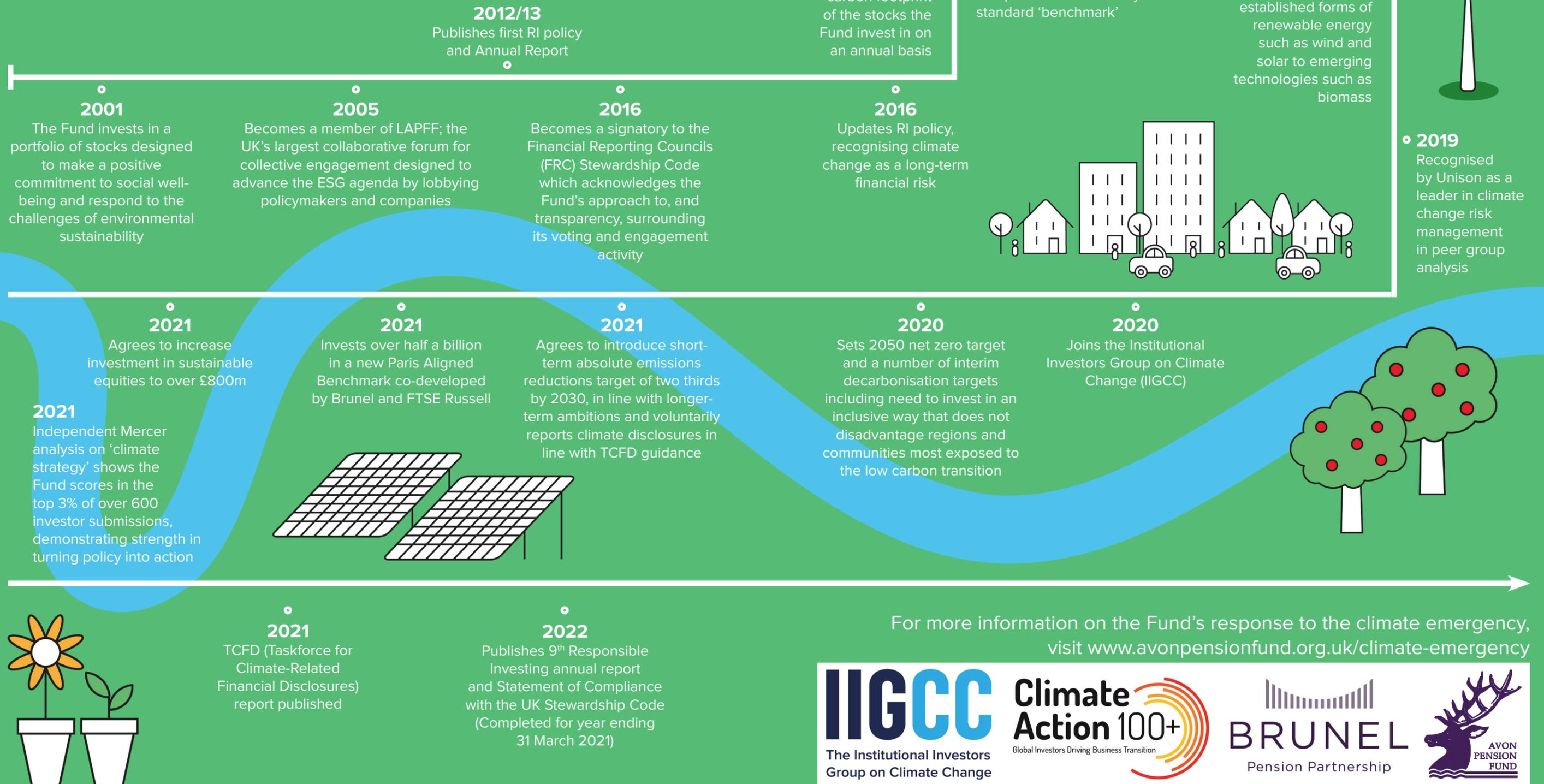
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# Our Responsible Investment Journey

Being a responsible investor has always been a priority for the Avon Pension Fund. We don't just believe it's the right thing to do, but we also believe it secures our ability to pay our members' pensions. But we recognise it goes even further than that, which is why we build so much transparency into our investment practices to show how seriously we take each ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) issue.

The following timeline sets out our Responsible Investment journey which is over two decades in the making. We're proud of what has been achieved so far and look forward to sharing more progress with you over the near, medium and long-term.



For more information on the Fund's response to the climate emergency, visit [www.avonpensionfund.org.uk/climate-emergency](http://www.avonpensionfund.org.uk/climate-emergency)



## Your Annual Deferred Pension Statement 2022 is available online

As well as receiving a paper copy, you can also access your statement in a digital format online through our secure my pension online platform.

### Why are we making Annual Deferred Pension Statement's digital?

As you may be aware, Avon Pension Fund has pledged to align with the climate goals of the Paris Agreement. We must do all we can as an organisation to limit our carbon output – and that includes reducing our use of paper. Going forward, our goal will be to communicate with members digitally where possible, so if we have the means to contact you digitally, we will do so in the first instance.

This doesn't mean we won't contact you by post if that's what you'd prefer. You'll be able to update your communications preference to your preferred method through your my pension online account, or simply by getting in touch if you don't have an account.

### What if I don't already have an account?

Signing up to my pension online will allow you to view all future statements online. You can also choose your communications preferences if you'd prefer to keep receiving them by post.

To get started, simply visit [www.avonpensionfund.org.uk](http://www.avonpensionfund.org.uk) and click the 'LOG IN' button at the top of the page. Here, you'll be greeted with the 'New user registration' option. Existing users will also be prompted to login from this page.

To download, save and print your Annual Deferred Pension Statement 2022:

1. First log into your my pension online account
2. Go to the my documents section
3. Click on the file name 'Annual Pension Statement 2022'
4. You will then be prompted to save a PDF to your own device
5. The PDF can then be viewed and printed using a browser (Chrome or Edge etc.) or software such as Adobe Acrobat

If you require any assistance accessing your statement, or would like to discuss setting up a my pension online account, just contact our team who will be happy to help at:  
[avonpensionfund@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:avonpensionfund@bathnes.gov.uk)

## Make sure your death grant expression of wish form is up-to-date

A key feature of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) is that benefits can be paid in the event of your death. You can tell us who you would like to receive any death grant by completing an Expression of wish form. You can nominate anyone you wish. If you wish to nominate someone under 18 years old, you should obtain independent legal advice. If you nominate more than one person you must show how much of the grant each person is to receive, for example 40%, 60%. It must add up to 100%.

You can change this as many times as you like, and at any time.

Normally, the expression of wish form will be followed. But forms can become out of date and occasions do arise where the Fund must use its discretion where the form no longer appears appropriate. So, it is important that you submit a new form if your wishes change.

If the person nominated dies before you do then you will need to complete a new form to nominate your new beneficiary. If you have listed more than one person and any one of them dies you will also need to complete a new form.

If you have nominated a spouse or civil partner and you divorce or the partnership is officially dissolved via a court process, the nomination will no longer stand. You may then wish to make a new nomination.

You can update the forms by logging onto my pension online or by downloading it from our website at [www.avonpensionfund.org.uk/nomination-forms](http://www.avonpensionfund.org.uk/nomination-forms)

## Keeping in touch

If you change address or contact details please let us know. If you don't keep us updated with your contact details it may cause a delay in issuing your pension payment when it is due. If you sign up to my pension online you can update your details at any time.

## National Fraud Initiative

The Avon Pension Fund participates in the government's National Fraud Initiative (NFI) run by the Cabinet Office. We may have to provide member details to other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds, for comparison. If you would like to know more about the NFI there is an article on our website at: [www.avonpensionfund.org.uk/national-fraud-initiative](http://www.avonpensionfund.org.uk/national-fraud-initiative)