

Your request and our response are set out below.

Request

1) Please provide in Microsoft excel format for the end of the 2019/20 financial year:

- a. the sum total of pension fund assets under management;
- b. full details of what the Local Government Pension Fund currently invests in, including: the full name and amounts of each fund, bond, institution and investment held, by asset class or category, including specific equities;
- c. full details of any investments in: renewable energy, green technologies, social housing, community wealth building or low carbon funds.

2) Please provide any Local Government Pension Fund or Council policy or strategy statements, meeting minutes, investment principles, or Investment Strategy Statements that commit to reducing investments in fossil fuel producers or to decarbonise the Fund

Response

1a & b. The Annual report containing this information has not yet been published. This will be made publicly available shortly on: [Forms and Publications - East Sussex Pension Fund](#) As such we consider that the information requested is exempt under Section 22(1) of the FOIA

(1) Information is exempt information if—

- (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
- (b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and
- (c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).

Public Interest Test

In line with the Information Commissioner's guidance, we make the distinction between what may be of interest to a particular requester and what is in the general public interest to disclose; the two are not necessarily the same interest. In conducting the public interest test I have only considered the value

of this information to the wider public and the benefits or prejudices served to any interested parties by releasing it.

East Sussex County Council is currently in the process of preparing the pension fund annual reports for 2019-2020 which will shortly be published on the pension fund website at: [Forms and Publications - East Sussex Pension Fund](#)

As this document is not yet ready for publication, it would be misleading and possibly confusing to place a draft / incomplete version into the public domain in response to this FoI request.

It is therefore in the public interest that this document is withheld under Section 22(1) until such a time as it has been confirmed ready for publication.

1c. The fund does not directly invest in any of the above. Investment activities are handled by our managers.

2. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 there is an exemption from the duty to provide information on request when that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

The East Sussex Pension Fund website contains all up to date policies:

[Forms and Publications - East Sussex Pension Fund](#)

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