

Trustee effectiveness: self assessment

This questionnaire is intended to provide a framework for the evaluation of the effectiveness of your pension plan's trustee body and its individual trustees by means of self-assessment.

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Get in touch to collate, analyse and interpret the results of your trustee board's feedback.

The questionnaire is divided into the following sections:

- 1 Structure and function
- 2 Meetings
- 3 Governance

Each section contains a number of statements about the way in which your trustee body operates. Please indicate your response to each statement by marking 'X' in the appropriate box or selecting the relevant dropdown option.

We would encourage you to make comments by each question, especially where you disagree with any statement. Further space has been provided at the end of the questionnaire to make additional comments and suggestions for improvement.

1. Structure and function

1.1 The current size of our trustee body is broadly appropriate

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

1.2 Our trustee body has an appropriate mix of skills and knowledge

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

1.3 I have the type of skills and knowledge appropriate for the trustee body

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

1.4 I have access to up-to-date copies of all key plan documents

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

1.5 I am conversant with all the plan's key documents

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

1.6 I have read the Pensions Regulator Guidance for Trustees

COMMENTS

1.7 I received an adequate induction as a new trustee

COMMENTS

1.8 I have completed the Pensions Regulator's Trustee Toolkit

COMMENTS

1.9 I have disclosed any conflicts of interest which I have

COMMENTS

1.10 My opinions are listened to and respected

COMMENTS

1.11 Our Chairman demonstrates effective leadership of our trustee body

COMMENTS

1.12 Our trustee body ensures its decisions are implemented

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

1.13 Our trustee body fulfils its remit

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2. Meetings

2.1 Papers are delivered in time to allow adequate preparation for the meeting

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2.2 Papers are of sufficient quality (i.e. appropriate balance of detail and explanation)

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2.3 Papers contain the appropriate information to enable me to make a decision

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2.4 I attend all meetings

COMMENTS

2.5 Meeting agendas are planned well

COMMENTS

2.6 Meetings are structured appropriately (e.g. not too formal or informal)

COMMENTS

2.7 I have adequate opportunity to express my views at meetings

COMMENTS

2.8 I am able to contribute effectively at meetings

COMMENTS

2.9 The level of discussion is about right (i.e. not too simplistic or complex)

COMMENTS

2.10 There is no domination by an individual or group of individuals

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2.11 The allocation of time between items on the agenda is appropriate (e.g. balance between DB & DC, investment, communications and administration)

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2.12 The plan's advisers contribute appropriately at meetings (i.e. not too much or too little)

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2.13 The plan's advisers explain things in a way I can understand

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2.14 The relevant advisers are present at meetings

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2.15 Decisions are reached by consensus at the meeting

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

2.16 Decisions are appropriately delegated where necessary

COMMENTS

2.17 Decisions are clearly articulated by the Chairman

COMMENTS

2.18 Meetings are not too long or too short

COMMENTS

2.19 There are an appropriate number of meetings during the year

COMMENTS

3. Governance

3.1 I receive an appropriate level of support from our trustee secretary

COMMENTS

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3.2 I receive an appropriate level of information between trustee meetings (e.g. topical updates)

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

3.3 I receive sufficient training to enable me to confidently fulfil my role

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

3.4 Minutes of meetings properly record the discussion and decisions of the meeting

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

3.5 Minutes of meetings are circulated in a timely manner for comment after the meeting

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

3.6 I have a good understanding of the risks the plan faces

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

3.7 We review the risks the plan faces in a systematic and regular manner

AGREE

NO VIEW

DISAGREE

COMMENTS

3.8 We review our scheme business plan regularly

COMMENTS

3.9 We keep our members informed

COMMENTS

3.10 Member communications are clear, helpful and (where possible) written in Plain English

COMMENTS

3.11 We review our advisers' fees and service levels regularly and objectively

COMMENTS

Additional comments

COMMENTS

Your details
