

Flintshire County Council's Climate Change Committee is holding an inquiry into the Clwyd Pension Fund's (CPF's) strategy, policy and actions in relation to climate change. We are keen to hear from professionals and members of the public to inform our work.

In order to help you share your views, we have prepared the following questions to help ensure the information you provide to us is relevant. You do not have to use these questions to help you write your submission if you don't want to, and you don't have to answer all of them.

Please try to keep any evidence you supply in writing as clear and concise as possible. As a guide, we expect all submissions will be less than 2,000 words.

Please make sure you include your name, a way we can get in touch with you if we have any questions, such as a telephone number, email address, or postal address, and if you are writing in a professional capacity, please include the organisation you work for and your job title. We will not publish your name or contact details.

1. Do you think the Clwyd Pension Fund (CPF) is right to reduce its investments in carbon-intensive industries?
2. Do you believe that the CPF's target (net-zero by 2045) is too late, too soon, or correct?
3. Do you believe that a faster target to reach net-zero is achievable? If so, what year would you suggest?
4. Do you believe that reducing investment in fossil fuel companies (those whose primary business is the extraction or trading of fossil fuels) is likely to affect the value of the CPF's portfolio positively or negatively in the short term (next 24 months), medium term (next ten years) and long term (next 30 years) if done in line with an earlier target for net zero, such as 2030, relative to a more gradual reduction in line with the current target of 2045? How confident are you in your forecast? Please assume that receipts from any fossil fuel investments sold are reinvested in proportion with the CPF's current investments excluding these companies.
5. Other Local Government Pension Funds in the UK have adopted faster decarbonisation pathways than the CPF. What evidence do you have that these have been successful or unsuccessful in delivering (a) on reducing carbon emissions, and (b) in sustaining the value of the fund?
6. Do you believe that the CPF should adopt a clear definition of what is meant by net zero in the context of a pension fund? If so, what do you think this definition should read?
7. Do you believe that fund members are likely to support or oppose a faster reduction in fossil fuel investments? What are you basing this assessment on? If you are replying in your capacity as someone whose pension is managed by the CPF, we are particularly keen to hear your own view.
8. Do you feel that investing in fossil fuel companies gives the CPF influence or leverage over these companies' operations, especially in encouraging a reduction in carbon emissions? If so, what is your evidence for this?
9. Would you be willing to speak to the committee (give oral evidence) if asked?

Flintshire County Council's Climate Change Committee is holding an inquiry into flooding, especially surface water flooding, in Flintshire. We are keen to hear from professionals and members of the public to inform our work.

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1. Do you have direct experience of flooding in Flintshire? Has your home been flooded? Has this happened more than once, and if so, when?
2. Where in Flintshire do you currently consider is not adequately prepared, protected or defended against flooding?
3. Where in Flintshire do you consider is currently safe from flooding, but is likely to flood in the future as a result of climate change? In addressing this, we are especially keen to focus on areas that have not been identified as at risk in NRW's flood risk maps, or which you believe have been incorrectly categorised, or which have been identified correctly but which you feel are rendered especially vulnerable due to drainage issues.
4. Do you feel that Flintshire County Council is currently discharging its responsibilities well in relation to flooding and flood prevention? In particular, we are keen to understand how well you feel the council maintains at-risk drains and watercourses it is responsible for.
5. Do you feel that Natural Resources Wales is currently discharging its responsibilities well in relation to flooding and flood prevention? In particular, we are keen to understand how well you feel NRW maintains at-risk drains and watercourses it is responsible for.
6. Do you feel that Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water is currently discharging its responsibilities well in relation to flooding and flood prevention? In particular, we are keen to understand how well you feel the water board maintains at-risk drains, sewers and watercourses it is responsible for.
7. Do you feel that more funding is required to prevent future flooding relating to climate change? If so, do you believe that the Welsh Government should take responsibility for providing this, or do you propose that this should be raised from local taxpayers in additional council tax?
8. Would you be willing to speak to the committee (give oral evidence) if asked?