



Occupational Pension Funds get free online Sustainable Pensions Library

London, 11 July 2007 – The UK Social Investment Forum has launched a free online Sustainable Pensions Library for UK occupational pension funds.

The Sustainable Pensions Library provides a simple “one stop shop” for pension fund trustees and managers who want to learn more about responsible investment. By bringing together key documents and web links in one place, it gives a quick and easy-to-use overview of key initiatives, legal and financial arguments and particularly relevant books and research papers.

The Library was produced as part of UKSIF’s Sustainable Pensions Project, which has been running since April 2006. The project encourages both corporate pension schemes and local government pension funds to consider environmental and social issues in their pension fund investment decisions.

Michael Deakin, Chair of the UKSIF Sustainable Pensions Advisory Board, said: “By selecting the most significant resources and providing direct free access without any registration requirements, the Library makes it easy for busy trustees and pension managers to consider responsible investment.”

UKSIF Chief Executive Penny Shepherd said: “We are delighted to offer pension funds this online source of information on responsible investment, free of charge. Our aim is to add more information in the future, as and when it is published.”

The Sustainable Pensions Library is available at www.uksif.org/splibrary.

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About UKSIF

The UK Social Investment Forum (UKSIF) is the UK's membership network for sustainable and responsible financial services. It promotes finance that supports sustainable economic development, enhances quality of life and safeguards the environment. It also seeks to ensure that individual and institutional investors can reflect their values in their investments. The Forum was launched in 1991 to bring together the different strands of sustainable and responsible financial services within the UK and to act as a focus and voice for the industry. UKSIF's 200+ members and affiliates include pension funds, investment consultants, institutional and retail fund managers, investment banks, retail banks and building societies, financial advisers, socially responsible investment (SRI) research providers, trade unions, community development finance institutions, non-governmental organizations and interested individuals.

About the UKSIF Sustainable Pensions Library and the UKSIF Sustainable Pensions Project

The Sustainable Pensions Library has been developed as part of UKSIF's Sustainable Pensions project, which assists UK occupational pension funds to adopt more sustainable and responsible investment strategies.

Its full url is http://www.uksif.org/pension-funds/sustainable_pensions/Sustainable_Pensions_Library.

The UKSIF Sustainable Pensions Project seeks to encourage the pension schemes of companies which are leading the way on corporate responsibility (CR) practices and local government pension funds to consider environmental and social issues also in their pension fund investment decisions. It believes that this should help to protect and enhance long-term shareholder value and financial returns for the scheme beneficiaries. It is core funded by Esmée Fairbairn Foundation. For further information, visit <http://www.uksif.org/pension-funds/sustainable>.

About Michael Deakin, Chair of UKSIF's Sustainable Pensions Advisory Board

Michael Deakin is Director of Michael Deakin Consultancy Ltd (www.michaeldeakin.co.uk) and has over 25 years investment experience. He is currently a trustee of the HBOS Final Salary Pension Scheme and a member of the board of the London Pension Fund Authority and of the Pension Protection Fund. He retired as Chief Investment Officer for Insight Investment, the investment management business of the HBOS Group, at the end of September 2003. At Insight Michael was responsible for over £65 billion of assets, including fixed income, equities, property and cash and for over 150 investment professionals. He is a former Deputy Chairman of the Investment Committee of the Association of British Insurers.

The development of the Sustainable Library has been overseen by a group of responsible investment experts including:

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