

Direct Investment Portfolio – GAM Real Estate Finance Fund II – Investment proposal approved.

6 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding a proposal to invest £20m in the GAM Real Estate Finance Fund II within the Direct Investment Portfolio, advising

- (1) that GAM was one of the world's leading independent asset managers and in 2015 had acquired Renshaw Bay LLP, which managed the Real Estate Finance Fund 1 in which the Direct Investment Portfolio had invested £10m;
- (2) the Real Estate Finance Fund I was now in the loan realisation phase and GAM were raising funds for its successor Fund, GAM Real Estate Finance Fund II, which was seeking to raise £350m to lend on similar lines as the first fund, to Commercial Real Estate borrowers mainly located in the UK;
- (3) of their investment proposal; and
- (4) of the expected return from the fund, the main risks and the exit strategy.

After consideration, the committee approved an investment of £20m in the GAM Real Estate Finance Fund II within the Direct Investment Portfolio.