

**Investment, Governance and Engagement
Committee
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**Law Commission's call for evidence on
social investment**

1. The purpose of the report is to inform the committee about the call for evidence from the Law Commission on pension funds and social investment.
2. The call for evidence was published on 7 November 2016 and invited responses by 15 December 2016.
3. The report defined "social investment" as an investment which combines financial and social objectives which can "do well and good at the same time".
4. The report invites responses to various questions, all of which relate exclusively to defined contribution pension schemes. The main recommendation of the report is to offer members of defined contribution schemes the option of investing their contributions in vehicles that have a social impact.
5. The call for evidence therefore has no direct relevance to the LGPS and there is no obvious reason why the committee should recommend that the SAB should send a response. However, the committee may wish to consider whether there would be any merit in submitting a general response about social investment and its relevance in a funded defined benefit scheme like the LGPS.
6. A copy of the call for evidence can be found at http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/pension_funds_call_for_evidence_Nov2016.pdf