UK Power Networks Group of the ESPS

Climate Change Report

For year to 31 March 2026

This report has been prepared to meet the UK Power Network Group's obligation, under the Occupational Pension Schemes (Climate Change Governance and Reporting) Regulations 2021, to report in line with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

This report covers the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, in line with our financial reporting year. Some of the data presented relate to calendar year 2025 (i.e. 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025), as data for our financial reporting year were not available at the time of preparing this report.

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UK Power Networks Group (the 'Group') is part of the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme (ESPS), an industry-wide pension scheme formed when the UK electricity industry was privatised in 1990. With £2.7 billion in assets under management, the Group operates for the sole purpose of providing retirement benefits and death benefits to eligible participants and beneficiaries. It is principally a defined benefit pension arrangement. Membership has been closed to new employees since March 1994.

The UK Power Networks Group Trustee (the 'Group Trustee') operates as a corporate trustee with a Board of Directors. The Group Trustee sets the Group's general investment policy and ensures that investments are managed in line with the Group's funding objectives.

The Group Trustee has delegated day-to-day investment decisions and asset allocation to BlackRock (the 'Fiduciary Manager'). BlackRock, and any underlying managers appointed by BlackRock, are responsible for conducting stewardship, voting and engagement activities in respect of the Group's assets in line with the Group's Statement of Investment Principles.

SUMMARY AND KEY FINDINGS

The Group Trustee holds ultimate responsibility for the management of climate risks and opportunities and engages with the Fiduciary Manager, BlackRock, on a quarterly basis to ensure that climate risks and opportunities are adequately considered and managed within its investment approach. The Group Trustee monitors climate risks through its climate risk register which considers the impact of various physical and transition risks and opportunities over the short, medium and long term and documents the steps being taken to mitigate against the risks and to capture the opportunities. The Group Trustee also monitors climate risks and opportunities through annual climate scenario analysis, conducted by its Fiduciary Manager. Based on the most recent scenario analysis conducted by the Fiduciary Manager, the Group Trustee has concluded that climate change-related risks do not currently present a significant risk to the resilience of the covenant.

Since 2023, the Group Trustee has participated in a joint ESG Working Party, together with the UK Power Networks Pension Scheme (a separate registered pension scheme which is not part of the ESPS). The working party monitors the climate-related activities of the Fiduciary Manager (including in relation to portfolio management, stewardship and voting activities) and oversees its compliance with the ESG Policy. The ESG Working Party is not a decision-making body but makes recommendations to the Board for it to take the ultimate decisions. In 2025 the ESG Working Party received training from BlackRock on how it structures it engagement teams, activities and reporting, including on voting. In July 2026, BlackRock will deliver further training to the ESG Working Party on ESG benchmarks, their construction, and range of options available, as well as how these considerations are incorporated into the capital market assumptions and portfolio construction.

Recognising the importance of improving data quality, the Group Trustee has set a target to improve data availability for Scope 1, 2 and 3 carbon emissions for the overall portfolio to at least 50% over the medium term (3-5 years). The Group Trustee is pleased to note that data coverage continues to improve, with Scope 1 & 2 emissions now at 89.7% which is a notable improvement from last year. The Group Trustee expects BlackRock to continue to engage with underlying investment managers to improve the data quality across the total portfolio. The Group Trustee hopes to see an improvement in Scope 3 emissions data (currently at 16.1%, at the total portfolio level) over the next 3-5 years, but notes this may prove difficult due to industry concerns about the measurement of Scope 3 emissions for sovereign debt. BlackRock is working closely with the LDI portfolio manager to understand the steps it is taking to meet this target and will report back regularly to the Group Trustee with its progress.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governance and Management Structure

The Group is part of the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme (ESPS). The ESPS is a two-tiered pension scheme with a Scheme Trustee, Electricity Pensions Trustee Limited ('EPTL'), and currently has 22 Group Trustee Boards where each Group is an actuarially independent section in respect of each of the companies participating in the ESPS. The Group Trustee is primarily responsible for its own Group's investment strategy decisions as well as governance, administration (including responding to member questions) and monitoring activities.

The UK Power Networks Group Trustee (the 'Group Trustee') operates as a corporate trustee with a Board of Directors. Within this structure, the Group Trustee retains decisions that are strategic in nature. The Group Trustee is, therefore, accountable for the management of its investment arrangements, for setting the Group's general investment policy, for managing risks to the Group's investments and for ensuring that investments are managed in line with the Group's funding objectives. The Group Trustee is expected to establish processes to satisfy itself that parties undertaking governance activities (other than trustees) are taking steps to identify assess and manage climate related risks and opportunities.

The Group Trustee has appointed BlackRock (the 'Fiduciary Manager') to manage the Group's assets in line with the terms of the Fiduciary Management Agreement (the 'FMA') that has been agreed between the Group Trustee and the Fiduciary Manager. The Fiduciary Manager is responsible for the selection of investments, including ensuring investments are appropriately diversified and suitable for the Group. The Fiduciary Manager and any underlying managers appointed by the Fiduciary Manager are also responsible for conducting stewardship, voting and engagement activities in respect of the Group's assets in line with the Group's Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) (see below).

UK Power Networks Holdings provides an Executive function which is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Group. The Executive's responsibilities include providing member administration services, accounting and finance services, including prompt settlement of member benefits. The Executive also supports the Group Trustee with its compliance and regulatory obligations including organising quarterly board meetings and providing oversight of the services provided by the Fiduciary Manager and other advisers and service providers. The Executive comprises a Head of Pensions, a Pensions Investment Manager, a Pensions Project Manager, a Pension Services Manager and a number of supporting roles.

The Group Trustee also participates in a joint ESG Working Party with the UK Power Networks Pension Scheme as the two schemes have both appointed BlackRock as their fiduciary manager. The Working Party reviews all ESG, voting and climate change matters to ensure BlackRock adheres to the Group's Statement of Investment Principles and ESG Policy, and recommends changes for approval to the respective Boards. The working party has no decision-making powers in its own right.

Policies

Statement of Investment Principles

The Group Trustee has set out its investment beliefs in its Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) including its beliefs relating to the importance of environmental, social and governance issues to our investments. The SIP also sets out the Group's policies relating to a number of key investment matters, including, but not limited to, the types of assets to be held, the balance between different kinds of investments, investment risks, the expected returns on investments, and the Group's views on stewardship including the extent to

which social, environmental and ethical factors are considered when selecting, retaining and realising investments.

The SIP is reviewed in detail at least every three years, with the most recent detailed review having taken place in September 2023. The SIP also contains provisions allowing it, if needed, to be altered after any significant changes in investment policy. The Group Trustee also reviews the SIP annually to ensure it remains substantially accurate and determined that no changes were required in September 2025.

The Group Trustee is currently reviewing the SIP in light of the revisions to the investment strategy and return targets set as part of the triennial review. This is likely to be completed in September of 2026.

The Group has a monitoring framework document setting out how compliance against each of these clauses in the SIP is to be monitored. The Group produces an annual Implementation Statement which outlines how, and the extent to which, the policies relating to stewardship, voting and engagement as outlined in the SIP have been followed.

ESG Policy

The Group's approach to environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters, including climate-related matters, is outlined in the internal ESG Policy. The Group Trustee appointed BlackRock as Fiduciary Manager to deliver effective stewardship of the investment portfolio in line with this policy. The policy is reviewed annually by the ESG Working Group. No changes were recommended to the Board for its approval during the year.

For passive investments, the Group Trustee believes that an ESG-optimised index approach should be used instead of a traditional market capitalisation approach where it has confidence that using the ESG-optimised approach will not detract from its ability to meet its investment objectives. The Fiduciary Manager is responsible for making this assessment.

Climate Change

In relation to climate-related matters, the UK Power Networks Group believes that the risks associated with climate change can have a significant, negative impact on the investment returns of occupational pension schemes, and that climate change may also present significant investment opportunities. The Group Trustee asks the Fiduciary Manager to consider climate change-related risks and opportunities when making investment decisions. It is committed to establishing robust governance and oversight processes to enable it to review the effectiveness of the Fiduciary Manager's efforts in this regard (see below).

The Group Trustee has ultimate responsibility for our approach to climate change. The Group Trustee is responsible for:

- Defining the Group's expectations of our Fiduciary Manager in relation to climate change.
- Engaging with the Fiduciary Manager to understand how climate risks are managed in its investment approach. The Group Trustee considers climate related risks at its quarterly meetings as part of the review of its risk register.
- Reviewing the climate and other data provided by the Fiduciary Manager to ensure that climate-related risks and opportunities are being effectively managed, within the context of our wider risk and return requirements and consistent with our SIP.
- Ensuring that the Group meets our climate-related reporting obligations.

To ensure that it can deliver these responsibilities, the Group Trustee receives training (see below) and requires that the Fiduciary Manager provides the Group Trustee with the data and information needed to allow it to effectively scrutinise and challenge its approach.

The Group Trustee has documented its climate change beliefs within its Statement of Investment Principles which is subject to annual review. No changes were considered necessary by the Group Trustee during the year to March 2026.

Monitoring and Review

With the assistance of the Executive, the Group Trustee monitors the performance of the Fiduciary Manager both in terms of its investment performance and its performance against the terms set out in the FMA. A formal assessment of the Fiduciary Manager against its objectives is undertaken on an annual basis and this year it was concluded that the Group Trustee is satisfied by the performance of the Fiduciary Manager.

The Group Trustee maintains a climate related risk register, updated on a quarterly basis. This document considers the impact of various physical and transition risks and opportunities, resulting from climate change. The impact of these risks and opportunities is assessed over the short, medium and long term. The Group Trustee classifies each risk and opportunity depending on the potential impact to the Group and documents the steps being taken to mitigate against the risks and to capture the opportunities.

During the period covered by this report, the Group Trustee reviewed its climate change risk register at each quarterly meeting. While no substantial changes were made, the Group Trustee did note that geopolitical risks were increasing and agreed that these factors will need to continue to be monitored.

The Fiduciary Manager provides quarterly reports which include:

- Analysis of funding level performance over the period, including discussion of the economic environment, investment market factors and the Group's portfolio positioning.
- Commentary on the risks being taken in the assets, including the outcome of stress testing or other portfolio risk assessments.
- Assessment of funding levels versus the Group's objectives.
- Asset allocation analysis.
- ESG metrics, including carbon emission figures. These reports include aggregate and asset class level reporting of ESG scores relative to an appropriate benchmark. The Group Trustee uses this information to assess how the overall Group assets are invested and to track changes over time.
- Voting and cost disclosures, in line with relevant regulatory requirements

The Group Trustee noted that BlackRock's quarterly updates showed a broadly static set of scores in the ESG and climate related metrics. In response to these quarterly reports, and following advice from BlackRock, the Group Trustee decided that it was not necessary to make any decisions regarding ESG and climate-related metrics during the year. The Group Trustee continues to monitor the actions taken by BlackRock to improve the data quality metric, in line with the Group's target to increase data coverage for Scope 1, 2 and 3 carbon emissions for the overall portfolio to at least 50% over the next 3-5 years. The Group Trustee noted that targets for Scope 1 and 2 emissions for the portfolio had already been met. The objective going forward is to retain current coverage levels for these emissions and to increase the coverage of Scope 3 reporting in the medium term once the industry-wide methodology has been established.

The Group Trustee has also appointed a Fiduciary Oversight manager, IC Select, to provide regular reports to ensure that BlackRock's business model and the Blackrock team retain their capabilities to deliver the services required. No concerns which required action on behalf of the Group Trustee were raised during the year.

The annual meeting of the Joint ESG Working Party was held in July 2025. This meeting discussed the climate targets and reviewed the ESG related engagement and voting activities undertaken by BlackRock on behalf of the Group Trustee. The Working Party also looked at its ESG Policy to ensure BlackRock's activities

remained aligned to its views. Based on advice from BlackRock, The Working Party decided that it did not need to recommend any changes to the Group Trustee.

The Group Actuary, Martin Bell from WTW, helps the Group Trustees assess the potential impact of climate change risk as part of ongoing risk and funding review processes.

XPS, as the Group Trustee's covenant advisers, helps the Group Trustee understand the potential impact of climate change risk on the covenant of the Principal Employer UK Power Networks Holdings Limited and each of the participating employers within the Group.

The in-house Pension Executive monitors and manages the operational governance activities on behalf of the Group Trustee. The Executive ensures that the Board regularly reviews the climate risk register (which covers both the risks and the opportunities) and also ensures all the other advisers feed into the register to keep it up to date. The Executive keeps abreast of industry developments and liaises with the appointed advisers and similar firms to provide training to the Group Trustee if this is considered appropriate.

Training

The Group Trustee recognises that ESG is an evolving issue and that it is important to receive annual training on ESG matters and keep abreast of all developments. All new trustee directors are required to undertake training to understand the Group's current policies to facilitate their participation in the ongoing monitoring and development of this policy.

The Group Trustee participates in the Pensions Management Institute's (PMI) Trustee Group Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme. This scheme requires all trustees to complete 15 hours of relevant trustee training per annum. The Group Trustee also organises a half-day trustee training each quarter. In each year, at least one of these sessions focuses on investment topics, which may include some focus on ESG issues.

The Group Trustee has recognised the importance of building the Group Trustee Board's capacity and expertise on climate change, to ensure that trustees have the appropriate degree of knowledge and understanding of the identification, assessment and management of risks from the effects of climate change and the opportunities from climate change to support good decision-making.

At the July 2025 ESG Working Party meeting, BlackRock provided training on how it structures it engagement teams, activities and reporting including on voting. In July 2026, BlackRock will provide further training to the ESG Working Party on ESG benchmarks, their construction, and range of options available, as well as how these considerations are incorporated into the capital market assumptions and portfolio construction, down to tactical asset allocation decisions.

In 2025, the Group Trustee also received additional training from BlackRock on journey planning for the longer-term self-sufficiency portfolio which incorporated BlackRock's thinking on climate change and ESG matters. In June 2026 the Group Trustee will hold a risk workshop to look afresh at all its risks including climate change risk.

STRATEGY AND SCENARIO ANALYSIS

Risk Identification

Timeframes
The Group Trustee has developed a Climate Related Risk Register, which assesses risks over three timeframes:

- Short-term: 1 year.
- Medium-term: 3-5 years.
- Long-term: 10 years.

The Group Trustee monitors and records climate risks and opportunities through its climate risk register. This document considers the impact of various physical and transition risks and opportunities over the short, medium and long term. The Group Trustee classifies each risk and opportunity depending on the potential impact to the Group and documents the steps being taken to mitigate against the risks and to capture the opportunities. The Group Trustee, in consultation with its Fiduciary Manager, reviews the risk register on a quarterly basis. While there have been a number of changes to the risk register over the year, there are no climate-related risks which the Group Trustee classifies as high risk. The only climate risk that is classified as a moderate risk is the potential impact of climate transition risks on the key assumptions affecting the funding strategy, specifically discount rates, inflation or other financial assumptions. This risk is assessed as a medium-term risk as it is effectively managed through triennial valuations, the ongoing monitoring of the Group's funding position as well as the hedging of assets against inflation and interest rates. The risk register also considers transition risks arising from the pace of policy change increasing the likelihood of a compliance breach and/or inadequate governance. This is considered a higher risk in the short-term compared to the longer term and is being managed through continued engagement with the Fiduciary Manager as well as training from all the Group Trustee's advisers. There are no other climate related risks which are expected to have a material impact on the Group.

As an integral part of its investment process, BlackRock looks to identify climate-related opportunities as well as downside risks. Climate related risks and opportunities impact asset allocations through the macroeconomy (growth, inflation), through corporate profitability and through climate related repricing. For example, exposure to certain sectors and regions within equities are beneficial either via avoiding climate related damages or by enabling climate-driven opportunities. While no significant climate-related opportunities have been identified, the Group continues to monitor this through continued engagement with BlackRock.

The Group Trustee has delegated to BlackRock, as its Fiduciary Manager, the responsibility to design a diversified Strategic Asset Allocation ("SAA") that is consistent with the long-term investment objectives for the Group. The SAA is deemed consistent based on a number of requirements, including consistency with the BlackRock Investment Institute's expected return assumptions across asset classes and an acute understanding of the Group's specific requirements. In addition, the consideration of Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") factors that feature into the investment due diligence for the selection of managers, as well as the choice of mandates with ESG-optimised or exclusionary screen characteristics form part of the overall investment strategy. The Institute's expected return assumptions, referred to as Capital Market Assumptions ("CMAs"), are macroeconomic and asset return forecasts. These inherently account for the impact of climate change.

Underpinning BlackRock's CMAs is the view that managing climate-related risks and opportunities will help support economic growth and offer investors the ability to generate better risk-adjusted returns. Climate change and the global energy transition are expected to be drivers of asset returns, and consequently fundamental to strategic investment decisions.

Through the use of these Capital Market Assumptions, climate risk is integrated throughout the design of the SAA for the Group. These base return assumptions form a critical input to the design of the long-term strategic allocation for the Group. The inputs to the asset return models are adapted to account for climate change impacts through three principal channels:

- ***Macroeconomic impact***: A long-run model of climate change is used to account for the physical damages, energy transition and the impact of public policies and their impact on macro variables, such as level of GDP. Two long-term economic scenarios are modelled: a green transition (the base case underlying the Capital Market Assumptions) and a no-climate-action scenario. In the green transition scenario, co-ordinated climate mitigation and fiscal policies, along with technological innovation in areas such as carbon capture, result in global temperature rises by 2100 remaining below 2 degrees Celsius (which is broadly in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement). In contrast, the no-climate-action scenario projects materially higher increase in global temperatures of 5.8 degrees Celsius and a worse economic outcome.

- ***The Repricing channel (discount rate):*** A consequence of shifting societal preferences for sustainability is that the price investors are willing to pay for assets perceived to be sustainable is changing, meaning the discount rate used to value these securities is also changing. For credit and equity markets the future cost of capital estimates are adjusted at the sector level, such that all things being equal, more/less sustainable sectors have respectively lower/higher future costs of capital.

- ***The Fundamentals channel (cashflow/earnings):*** Climate change and the efforts to address it will impact the profitability and growth prospects of companies. The impact on corporate earnings at the sector level of a green economic transition is estimated. To arrive at these estimates, the sensitivity of earnings to carbon pricing initiatives - a core element of climate mitigation policies - is assessed. The physical and transition risks and opportunities at the sector level are also taken into account.

In March 2026, XPS completed its work on the detailed covenant assessment to support the triennial actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2025. The assessment considered the Company's assessment of climate change risks and opportunities and its plans to adapt the business over time to address these matters. While the assessment highlighted that there are many risks associated with climate change, none of these risks – individually or collectively – are considered sufficient for the Group Trustee to change its assessment that climate change does not currently pose a significant risk to the resilience of the covenant, in either the short, medium or long term.

The 2025 scenario analysis results (below), combined with the triennial covenant assessment by XPS, where the covenant was assessed as Strong (the highest level awarded), suggests that climate change does not currently pose a significant risk to the resilience of the covenant, in either the short, medium or long term. In addition, there is more than sufficient headroom to support the current levels of investment risk when assessed on a 6 year 1 in 6 Value at Risk (VaR) basis.

Scenario Analysis

Methodology

In BlackRock's Aladdin Climate reporting, different climate-related scenarios are modelled as an instantaneous shock to an asset, or a sector benchmark through the Temperature Alignment models. All of these scenarios model Transition and Physical Risk, in line with the recommendations from the Network for Greening the Financial System ("NGFS"). BlackRock updates the input data and scenario models over time to reflect the evolving nature of climate analytics. Examples of updates can include (but are not limited to) updates to the discount rate that is used in the discounted cash flow analysis in each scenario, updates to inflation assumptions, or expanded/rolled forward financial and emissions data for bottom-up modelling. The Current Policies scenario is Aladdin Climate's base scenario, for Transition Risk to which the Net Zero 2050 and Delayed Transition scenario are compared. For Physical risk BlackRock uses a base scenario which assumes no additional climate damages in future.

As outlined in the table below, BlackRock have considered the transition and physical risks of the Net Zero by 2050 scenario (i.e. 'Orderly transition) and the Delayed Transition scenario (i.e. 'Disorderly transition').

Orderly transition

	Rationale	Catalysts	Calibration
Transition risk	• A transition to Global Net Zero by 2050 is achieved via immediate and smooth policy responses • Carbon taxes are channelled back to the economy via government investment	• GDP losses initially peak by 2026 around 1.9% damage on average. While overall GDP losses are sustained throughout the scenario, GDP growth tends to pick up before settling around 0.7% losses by 2050. • UK inflation around 1% higher than in base case peaking in 2025, largely driven by repricing of carbon prices • Price of carbon rises to over 1,000 $/ton by 2050.	The UK yield curve rises modestly as growth accelerates. Higher inflation however drives most of the impact on UK LDI assets and pension liabilities There is assumed to be no significant central bank response to higher inflation.
Physical risk	• Robust corrective action is taken to reduce emissions but temperatures still rise by 1.6°C by c 2100 relative to pre-industrial levels	• Physical changes such as higher temperatures, sea-level rises and hurricanes impact GDP. • The impacts are largely felt from 2050 onwards	The UK yield curve increases modestly in the near term, but more for longer tenors as physical risks become evident.

Disorderly transition

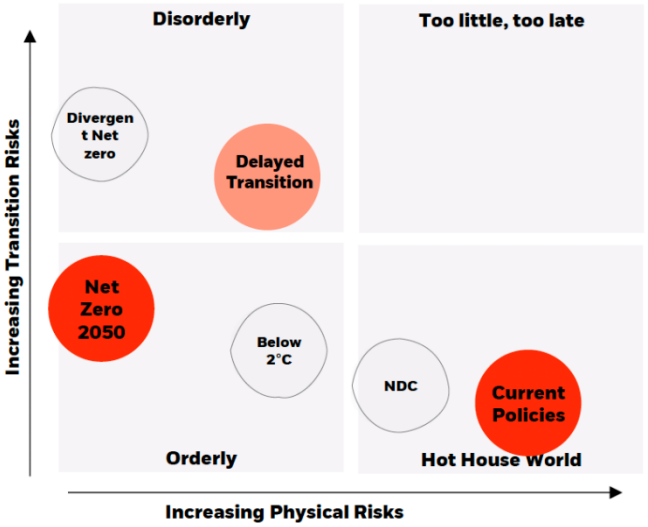
	Rationale	Catalysts	Calibration
Transition risk	• A delayed transition starts in 2030 • Carbon taxes are used to cut income tax, thus boosting private consumption • There is a negative shock to business confidence as stringent policies are introduced	• There is a negative impact on UK GDP particularly in the early to mid 2030s with losses around 1% GDP p.a. • UK inflation around 0.5% higher than in a base case peaking in 2032 largely driven by repricing of carbon prices • Price of carbon rises from 0 in 2030 to over 700 $/ton by 2050	The middle of the UK yield curve rises modestly as the risk premia (probability of default) applied to the UK increases. Higher inflation is priced in from 2030 onwards There is assumed to be no significant central bank response to higher inflation.
Physical risk	• Some corrective action to reduce emissions is taken but temperatures still rise by 1.8°C by c 2100 relative to pre-industrial levels	• Physical changes such as higher temperatures, sea-level rises and hurricanes impact GDP. • The impacts are largely felt from 2050 onwards	The UK yield curve increases modestly in the near term, but more for longer tenors as physical risks become evident.

Source: BlackRock

Aladdin Climate's models are intended to highlight the potential impact of climate policies and outcomes on the economy and on financial markets. Given the uncertainty in how policy makers, economies and companies may respond and adapt to the projected scenarios and the long-term nature of the scenarios, BlackRock makes a number of simplifying assumptions in its modelling. This allows Aladdin Climate to provide investors with insight into where they may face climate risks and opportunities within their portfolios; it is not, however, a forecast or a prediction of how asset values will actually evolve.

The impact of transition and physical risk on the Group LDI portfolio and pension scheme liabilities has been modelled separately in Aladdin through the calibration of user specified stress tests intended to be consistent with the climate scenarios shown below. In the table below, BlackRock have considered the transition and physical risks of the Net Zero by 2050 scenario (i.e. 'Orderly transition') and the Delayed Transition scenario (i.e. 'Disorderly transition').

Net Zero 2050	Delayed Transition	Current Policies
Model type Transition and Physical Risk	**Model type** Transition and Physical Risk	**Model type** Transition and Physical Risk
Temperature rise* 1.5 degrees	**Temperature rise*** 1.8 degrees	**Temperature rise*** 3.3 degrees
Scenario source NGFS	**Scenario source** NGFS	**Scenario source** NGFS



Source: BlackRock

Aladdin Climate's models are intended to highlight the potential impact of climate policies and outcomes on the economy and on financial markets. In Aladdin Climate reporting, the climate-related scenarios are modelled as an instantaneous shock to an asset, or a sector benchmark.

The results are expressed as "climate-adjusted values" for Transition and Physical Risks ("TCAV" and "PCAV", respectively). These are based on discounted cash flow analysis in each scenario relative to a "counterfactual" scenario that is assumed to be priced into current valuations. BlackRock's analysis considers a single timespan over the lifetime of the scenario modelled.

The "counterfactual" (NGFS Current Policies) assumes no additional warming for Physical Risk scenarios, and no additional policies enacted for Transition Risk scenarios. The BlackRock outputs are, therefore, conservative by design (i.e. they produce more severe outcomes) which is consistent with stress testing market practice. Essentially "de minimis" pricing of climate change is assumed in current valuations. Given evolving nature of climate analytics, the Group Trustee expects input data and models to change over time, with potentially significant impacts on results.

The scenario analysis represents BlackRock's best estimate of what happens under the NGFS scenarios. There are, however, a number of important limitations to the modelling:

- The climate models address transition risk and physical risk separately. A more holistic view of climate-related financial risks would address both together.
- The climate models used do not predict the abrupt or irreversible changes that may result from reaching critical climate thresholds or "tipping points".
- The economics models used may not adequately predict feedback loops and may therefore underestimate the chance of systemic failure in parts of the global economy.
- The models do not include the social or political impact of mass migration.
- The modelling captures first-order impacts on companies' revenues and costs but does not capture second order effects such as supply chain disruption.
- Based on prior economic and financial crises, it can be hard to predict the scale of monetary and fiscal policy responses. The models' assumptions about changes in financial valuations may therefore be incorrect.
- The modelling does not include the impact of other shocks that might occur such as recessions, conflicts or pandemics.

The Group's asset allocation has a significant proportion of assets in LDI (c. 74% of the allocation) and a sizeable allocation to private markets (c. 18% of the allocation) where there is insufficient coverage data to be included in the scenario analysis. Therefore, the primary method of integration of climate risks within the portfolio construction process for the Group's asset allocation is through the Climate-Aware Capital Market Assumptions and the selection of underlying asset managers.

There were no material changes to the funding strategy or position this year. Therefore, the Group Trustee has concluded that the current scenarios cover the range of plausible scenarios likely to be relevant to the Group and that, therefore, it is not necessary to undertake new scenario analysis outside the mandatory cycle.

Results

The table below provides an overview of the potential impacts on the Group's total assets liabilities and funding which have been identified through the scenario analysis. The modelling, produced by BlackRock, considers the impact of these climate scenarios over the long-term, with the impacts of transition risks being considered until 2050 and physical risks extending until 2100, and so covers the short, medium and long term horizons set by the Group. The Current Policies scenario is Aladdin is used as a base scenario, to assess the potential impact of the transition and physical risks under the Net Zero 2050 and Delayed Transition scenario. The Current Policies scenario assumes no additional warming for Physical Risk scenarios, and no additional policies enacted for Transition Risk scenarios. On a standalone basis, the Current Policies scenario essentially assumes a "de minimis" pricing of climate change in current valuations.

	31 December 2025 £m	Physical Climate Impact		Transition Climate Impact	
		Net Zero 2050	Delayed Transition	Net Zero 2050	Delayed Transition
Assets	£2,620.2	£2,614.9	£2,614.8	£2,608.8	£2,622.5
Liabilities	£2,596.2	£2,593.6	£2,593.6	£2,585.8	£2,601.4
Surplus	£24.0	£21.3	£21.2	£23.0	£21.1
Funding ratio (%)	100.9%	100.8%	100.8%	100.9%	100.8%
Change in surplus	-	-£2.72	-£2.80	-£1.04	-£2.85
Change in funding ratio (%)	-	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%

Source: BlackRock

Overall, the greatest risk to the Group's assets occurs through transition risks under the Delayed Transition scenario with an expected decline in the portfolio's surplus by £2.85 million. Meanwhile, under the Net Zero Transition Scenario, the expected decline in surplus from transition risks is £1.04 million. Physical climate risks also pose a threat to the portfolio; the expected decline in surplus is £2.72 million under the Net Zero 2050 scenario and £2.80 million under the Delayed Transition scenario.

The scenario analysis estimates are based on information from the majority of the Group's equities, bonds and LDI assets. Alternatives are not currently included in the scope of the scenario analysis. For more information about data coverage, please refer to Appendix B.

The Group's investment strategy remains resilient to climate physical and transition risks given that a surplus is maintained under all potential scenarios assessed. Therefore, no changes have been proposed to the

investment strategy in response to the 2026 scenario analysis, given the modest impact on the surplus. That being said, under both the Net Zero 2050 scenario and the Delayed Transition Scenario, the Group's assets are predicted to experience a loss. Therefore, the Group Trustee will continue to closely monitor these risks and ensure that they are adequately managed by the Fiduciary Manager. The Group Trustee will continue to conduct scenario analysis on an annual basis to ensure that climate change-related risks continue to not present a significant risk to the resilience of the covenant.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Managing Risks

The Group Trustee recognises that ESG risks could impact its ability to meet the investment objectives. It therefore seeks to ensure that its Fiduciary Manager, alongside other investment risks, integrates consideration of ESG risks throughout the investment decision making processes. Specifically, the Group Trustee requires BlackRock to:

- Assess how all managers charged with managing Group assets integrate ESG risks considerations into the selection, retention and realisation of investments. The Group Trustee expects this due diligence process to take place before appointing any underlying investment manager.
- Review the adherence of managers charged with managing Group assets to its ESG principles as part of its ongoing monitoring. The Group Trustee expects the Fiduciary Manager to report quarterly on key ESG metrics for these underlying managers, and to aggregate these to portfolio level where appropriate.
- Report quarterly on its execution of the voting and engagement responsibilities set by the Group Trustee. Where the Group invests in pooled funds, the Group Trustee recognises that the investment manager of the pooled funds is responsible for exercising voting rights and reporting on how they have exercised those rights.
- Where UK-domiciled investment managers are not signatories to the FRC's UK Stewardship Code, consider the investment manager's rationale for this position and, where appropriate, report these findings to the Group Trustee.

The Group Trustee has identified climate change as one of the risks that needs be managed as part of the Group's overall risk management processes. Climate related risks and opportunities are identified and managed in accordance with the climate risk register. This register presents the potential impact of each risk and opportunity, as well as the controls in place to manage this. On a quarterly basis, the Group Trustee asks BlackRock to note any new opportunities or risks that it has identified, and these are incorporated into the risk register and managed accordingly. The Group Trustee also considers risks to the liabilities and the employer covenant, where these are relevant to the investment and funding strategy.

As discussed above, all investment decisions, including decisions on how to integrate climate into investment research and decision-making, have been delegated to BlackRock. The FMA does not impose any obligations on BlackRock in terms of how it takes climate change into account in investment research and decision-making. The FMA does, however, require BlackRock to provide scenario analysis and other data which allows the Group Trustee to understand the climate-related risks that its assets are exposed to.

Stewardship

The Group Trustee recognises that stewardship can enhance value over the long term and that it has a responsibility to act as a good steward and protect and grow the long-term value for the benefit of the members. BlackRock dedicates significant resources to engaging with the broader ecosystem of market stakeholders, including regulators, policymakers, standard-setting bodies, and other market participants. Given BlackRock's role as fiduciaries and their deep expertise in capital markets, they focus on encouraging policies and practices that support financial market resilience and long-term financial returns for its clients. Social, environmental, and corporate governance risks may be raised in engagements where they believe their insights can constructively inform policymaking. The Group Trustee has noted that BlackRock has withdrawn from its membership of the Net Zero Asset Managers Alliance (NZAM) following a review of its membership of climate-related initiatives. The Group Trustee has been assured by BlackRock that this does not affect the manner in which BlackRock manages the portfolio on behalf of the Group Trustee.

The Group Trustee expects the Fiduciary Manager to continue to vote its holdings and to engage with underlying investee companies, as part of an effective stewardship approach that meets its expectations. The Group Trustee expects that the voting and engagement activities are carried out in the best financial interests of the assets being managed. As part of this responsibility, the Fiduciary Manager is expected to:

- Use reasonable efforts to obtain voting and/or stewardship policies of underlying or external managers charged with managing Group assets.
- Inquire about underlying manager's voting activity with respect to their stated policies, where appropriate.
- Request that underlying investment managers report on an annual basis a summary of the voting actions which have been taken and any votes cast which differ from the stated voting policy of that manager.
- Provide a summary to the Group Trustee of the overall level of voting activity on an annual basis.

An example of the voting and stewardship activities undertaken by the Fiduciary Manager on behalf of the Trustee is described in the box below.

BlackRock Stewardship Case Study: Shell plc

Background: Shell is an energy company headquartered in the UK, with operations in more than 70 countries around the world. Shell noted that global demand for liquified natural gas (LNG) is expected to rise by approximately 60% by 2040, driven by economic growth in Asia, emissions reductions in heavy industry and transport, and the impact of artificial intelligence.[1] Shell has stated its ambition to deliver more value with fewer emissions as it works to become a net zero emissions business by 2050.[2]

The BlackRock team engaged with members of the company's board and management in November 2024 and April 2025 to better understand Shell's approach to managing climate-related risks and opportunities. The team sought further clarity on the company's strategy and, in particular, Shell's assumptions around LNG, given its increased strategic emphasis on integrated gas and LNG as a driver of long-term growth.[3]

On the agenda at Shell's May 2025 AGM was a shareholder proposal requesting that Shell disclose "whether and how its demand forecast for liquified natural gas (LNG); LNG production and sales targets;

[1] Shell plc. "Asian economic growth expected to drive 60% rise in LNG demand to 2040." February 25, 2025.
[2] Shell plc. "Our strategy."
[3] Shell plc. "Shell accelerates strategy to deliver more value with less emissions." March 2025.

and new capital expenditure in natural gas assets; are consistent with its climate commitments, including its target to reach net zero emissions by 2050."[4]

Outcome: The BlackRock team supported the shareholder proposal. Engagement discussions and BlackRock's proprietary research insights informed the team's assessment of how the company's business model and LNG assumptions aligned with its climate commitments. The team concluded that enhanced transparency would help investors better understand the relationship between Shell's LNG outlook and its net zero commitments.

This shareholder proposal received approximately 21% of shareholder support.[5] At the time of the meeting, funds and SMAs that directed BIS to apply the Guidelines to their holdings collectively held less than 1% of the company's total shares available for voting.[6]

[4] Shell plc. "Notice of Annual General Meeting." March 25, 2025.
[5] Shell plc. "Results of Annual General Meeting." May 20, 2025.
[6] BlackRock, ISS, as of May 20, 2025.

METRICS AND TARGETS

Metrics

Since mid-2021, BlackRock has provided climate change-related metrics to the Group as part of its quarterly reporting. These metrics and their calculation methodology are outlined in the table below. BlackRock has reported against all of the metrics outlined in the table (see Appendix A for reported metrics).

Metric Type	BlackRock Calculation Methodology
Absolute emissions metric: Total GHG Emissions	Total GHG emissions are calculated using MSCI sourced Enterprise Value Including Cash (EVIC) and Scope 1 and 2 emissions. This is an absolute emissions figure that is normalized using Market Value from BlackRock on the portfolio level. Equation outlined below: $\sum_n^i \left(\frac{Market\ Value_i}{EV\ Including\ Cash\ (\$m)_i} \times (Carbon\ Emissions\ Scope\ 1+2)_i\right)$
Emissions **intensity** metric: Carbon Footprint	Carbon footprint is an emissions intensity measure utilizing MSCI sourced EVIC and Scope 1 and 2 emissions. BlackRock market value and Net Asset Value figures are integrated to normalize to the portfolio level. Equation outlined below: $\frac{\sum_n^i (Carbon\ Emissions\ Scope\ 1+2\ Intensity\ (EVIC_i) \times (Market\ Value_i))}{NAV}$
Emissions **intensity** metric: Weighted Average Carbon Intensity	Weighted Average Carbon Intensity is an emissions intensity metric utilizing MSCI sources sales and Scope 1 and 2 emissions values. BlackRock market value and Net Asset Value figures are integrated to normalize to the portfolio level. Equation outlined below: $\frac{\sum_n^i (Carbon\ Emissions\ Scope\ 1+2\ Intensity\ (Sales_i) \times (Market\ Value_i))}{NAV}$
Data Quality	MSCI Coverage as measured by Scope 1 and 2 emissions broken down by "Reported", "Estimated" or "Not Reported" (represented as null values for Scope 1 and 2 emissions). Estimated values represent MSCI indication that the scope 1 and 2 emission data is estimated rather than officially reported.
Portfolio Alignment Metric: Binary Target Metric	The percentage market value of a portfolio where issuers have an approved SBTi target and investment is through a corporate bond or equity investment. Derivatives and other complex investment products are not captured
Emission **intensity** metric: **Sovereign** GHG Intensity (t/USD million GDP nominal)	This figure represents GHG intensity of an economy (in tons per USD million GDP nominal). The higher the value the more carbon intensive the economy is. Six greenhouse gases, considered under Kyoto Protocol, are considered for this data point. These gases are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. GDP is in nominal terms. Utilizes MSCI data.
Emissions **intensity** metric: GHG Emission per Capita (**Sovereigns**)	Tons CO2e per capita. Six greenhouse gases, considered under Kyoto Protocol, are considered for this data point. These gases are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. Utilizes MSCI data.
Total GHG Emissions Scope 3 Only	This figure represents the company's most recently estimated Scope 3 total emissions normalized by the most recently available enterprise value including cash (EVIC) in million USD. This ratio facilitates portfolio analysis by allocating emissions across equity and debt. (t/million USD)
Carbon Footprint Scope 3 Only	This figure represents the company's most recently estimated Scope 3 total emissions normalized by the most recently available enterprise value including cash (EVIC) in million USD. This ratio facilitates portfolio analysis by allocating emissions across equity and debt. (t/million USD)

Since 2022, BlackRock has provided analysis of the developing trends in climate-related metrics. This analysis has allowed the Group Trustee to track progress, both on portfolio related emissions and on the implications of climate change for investment performance. The table below outlines the performance of the Group's portfolio on key climate metrics. The Group's total GHG emissions were 0.31064 $MtCO_2e$ for Scope 1 and 2 and 0.1316 $MtCO_2e$ for Scope 3. Meanwhile, the Group's carbon footprint was 132.15 tCO_2e/£M for Scope 1 and 2 and 311 tCO_2e/£M for Scope 3. The significant decline in Scope 3 emissions can largely be attributed to changes in the portfolio composition of the corporate bond holdings

Metric	**Total GHG Emissions (Mt/CO2e)**		**Carbon Footprint (tCO2e/£M)**		**Binary Target Metric (%)**		**Data Quality (%)**	
Scope	1 & 2	3	1 & 2	3	1 & 2	3	1 & 2	3
2022	0.012	0.100	41.78	360.64	3.4	0	9.5	8.7
2023	0.381	0.094	164.66	373.02	5.3	5.3	76.5	8.4
2024	0.392	0.726	186.00	2846.58	2.1	2.1	77.6	9.4
2025	0.311	0.132	132.15	311.00	2.1	2,1	89.7	16.1

Targets

One of the Group Trustee's conclusions from the data and analysis that have been provided by BlackRock to date, is that there are limited data available for important areas of the market, e.g. private markets. These data limitations constrain the Group Trustee's ability to set performance or other expectations in these asset classes. This is the reason why the Group Trustee set data quality targets in its TCFD report published in 2023. The Group Trustee has set a medium-term target to increase data coverage for Scope 1, 2 and 3 carbon emissions for the overall portfolio to at least 50% over the next 3-5 years. This target will be monitored closely on an annual basis with a view to setting outcome-based targets once this has been achieved.

The target is monitored through the 'Data Quality' metric, as independently reported by MSCI to BlackRock. This metric determines whether Scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions are 'Reported', 'Estimated' or 'Not Reported'. It considers the percentage of the portfolio for which accurate and reliable emissions data is available.

Since 2022, data availability for Scope 1 and 2 emissions has risen from less than 10% to over 80% of the total portfolio. Emissions data for the purpose of calculating Scope 1 and 2 emissions for the LDI portfolio is based on the emissions of the UK government, as reported on the DWP website. Data availability for Scope 3 emissions remains low (16.1%) but has improved significantly since 2024 (9.4%). The Group Trustee believes the target to increase Scope 3 data coverage by 2030 is achievable, supported by the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials' (PCAF) continued standardisation of financed-emissions methodologies and the Assessing Sovereign Climate-related Opportunities and Risks' (ASCOR) expanding sovereign climate dataset, both of which should improve the availability, consistency and comparability of portfolio emissions data over time.

BlackRock has engaged with Insight Investment (the Group's LDI manager) who have noted that aggregation of Scope 3 data is dependent on the existence of accurate emissions data at the global level. However, Insight believes that the availability of accurate data is going to be a multi-year journey and have formed a cross-body group across the LDI industry to reach a consensus on developing a reporting standard. BlackRock's manager research team is engaging with Insight to understand what interim steps need to be achieved before Scope 3 data will become available and will report this to the Group Trustee once available.

While BlackRock has requested that all underlying investment managers provide climate change related data for the purpose of compiling this report, some managers are still unable to do so. The following reasons have been provided to BlackRock:

- For some sub-asset classes, there continues to be a lack of industry consensus on how to attribute and quantify emissions statistics. This is particularly relevant for alternative assets. These assets are bespoke in nature and the industry is still working towards achieving a uniform reporting standard.
- Some elements of the investment portfolio are managed by underlying asset managers domiciled in parts of the world where TCFD-related reporting is not yet a mandatory regulatory obligation.
- In the case of Scope 3 data, investment managers have cited difficulties with the complexity of calculating this data accurately whilst avoiding the possibility of double-counting data.

BlackRock is liaising with all underlying managers to better understand when they may be in a position to start reporting climate-related data. BlackRock has asked its manager research team to raise questions in relation to this matter during its ongoing engagement with these managers. BlackRock has noted an improvement in the data being reported by underlying investment managers, with two additional managers reporting data for the first time in 2025.

APPENDIX A: UKPN GROUP CLIMATE METRICS (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025)

2025 Metrics

Portfolio Emissions – Aggregated Data – UKPN

Metric[1]	Total Portfolio – Scope 1 & 2	Total Portfolio – Scope 3
Total GHG emissions (**MtCO2e**)	**0.31064**	**0.13160**
Total GHG Intensity (**t/ $M GDP nominal**)	**75.68**	**13.28**
Carbon footprint (**tCO2e/£M**)	**132.15**	**311.00**

The weighted average data coverage across the investment portfolio has been estimated* to be **89.7%** for scope 1 and 2 emissions combined. The weighted average data coverage across the portfolio has been estimated to be **16.1%** for scope 3 emissions.

Please note that the data related to GHG Emissions and the Carbon Footprint do not consider the coverage from the Group's exposure to LDI and emissions from sovereigns. This is reported through the GHG Intensity Metric.

The Trustee acknowledges that as coverage improves over coming years (in line with the wider industry), it is likely that the Group's absolute measure of emissions (total GHG emissions) may rise before it falls. This may be as the result of steps taken to improve the ESG characteristics of the investment portfolio.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Schroders, PGIM, AXA, Capital Group, T Rowe, Blackstone, Barings, Insight. Data as of 31 December 2025 / Equitix and Harbourvest is populated with December 2024 data.
*We have determined the overall data coverage of the total portfolio as the weighted average of the data coverage across asset classes. For asset classes where the data is not yet available and / or best practice is still being developed, we have assumed that data coverage is nil.
For scope 3 emissions, the emissions data is based on estimated data only.

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UKPN-Emissions by Asset Class: Scope 1 and 2

	Alternatives	Cash	Global Equity	Government Bonds	Corporate Bonds	LDI	Total
Market Value (£)	£482.56	£28.75	£45.81	£50.50	£44.04	£1,968.59	£2,620.24
% of total section assets	18.4%	1.1%	1.7%	1.9%	1.7%	75.1%	100.0%
Total GHG Emissions (MtCO2e)	0.01732	0.00001	0.00140	0.00000	0.00331	0.28860	0.31064
Carbon Footprint (tCO2e/£M)	58.21	0.57	30.59	NA	86.31	148.38	132.15
Data Quality Reported	11.7%	81.6%	95.2%	NA	69.3%	96.5%	78.4%
Data Quality Estimated	50.0%	1.9%	4.4%	NA	17.9%	2.3%	11.4%
Data Quality [1]	61.6%	83.5%	99.7%	NA	87.1%	98.8%	89.7%
GHG Intensity (t/ $M GDP nominal)	NA	NA	NA	201.92	NA	83.05	75.68
Binary Target Metric [2]	0.0%	4.4%	52.0%	NA	18.3%	1.1%	2.1%

[1]. % of Market Value where reported and estimated Carbon Emissions and Carbon Footprint data is available. Total excludes coverage from sovereigns ; emissions from sovereigns reported via GHG Intensity Metric.

[2] % of Market Value where issuer has SBTI approved target.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Schroders, PGIM, AXA, Capital Group, T Rowe, Blackstone, Barings, Insight. Data as of 31 December 2025 / Equitix and Harbourvest is populated with December 2024 data.
LDI data has been estimated based on the latest available statistics on national emissions and national debt, in-line with the DWP's statutory guidance.

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UKPN- Emissions by Asset Class: Scope 3

	Alternatives	Cash	Global Equity	Government Bonds	Corporate Bonds	LDI	Total
Market Value (£)	£482.56	£28.75	£45.81	£50.50	£44.04	£1,968.59	£2,620.24
% of total section assets	18.4%	1.1%	1.7%	1.9%	1.7%	75.1%	100.0%
Total GHG Emissions (MtCO2e)	0.06723	0.00211	0.01347	0.00001	0.02186	0.02691	0.13160
Carbon Footprint (tCO2e/£M)	257.46	87.97	296.34	NA	581.65	490.32	311.00
Data Quality Reported	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	NA	9.4%	0.0%	1.5%
Data Quality Estimated	47.0%	83.5%	99.2%	NA	75.9%	2.8%	14.7%
Data Quality [1]	54.1%	83.5%	99.2%	NA	85.3%	2.8%	16.1%
GHG Intensity (t/ $M GDP nominal)	NA	NA	NA	201.92	NA	0.00	13.28
Binary Target Metric [2]	0.0%	4.4%	52.0%	NA	18.3%	1.1%	2.1%

[1] Data quality is based on estimated scope 3 carbon emissions data. % of Market Value where reported and estimated Carbon Emissions and Carbon Footprint data is available. Total excludes coverage from sovereigns; emissions from sovereigns reported via GHG Intensity Metric

[2] % of Market Value where issuer has SBTI approved target.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Schroders, PGIM, AXA, Capital Group, T Rowe, Blackstone, Barings, Insight. Data as of 31 December 2025 / Equitix and Harbourvest is populated with December 2024 data. LDI data has been estimated based on the latest available statistics on national emissions and national debt, in-line with the DWP's statutory guidance.

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2024 Metrics

Portfolio Emissions - Aggregated Data – UKPN

Metric[1]	Total Portfolio – Scope 1 & 2	Total Portfolio – Scope 3
Total GHG emissions (**MtCO2e**)	**0.39238**	**0.72638**
Total GHG Intensity (**t/ $M GDP nominal**)	**69.53**	**6.58**
Carbon footprint (**tCO2e/£M**)	**186.00**	**2846.58**

The weighted average data coverage across the investment portfolio has been estimated* to be **77.6%** for scope 1 and 2 emissions combined. The weighted average data coverage across the portfolio has been estimated to be **9.4%** for scope 3 emissions.

Please note that the data related to GHG Emissions and the Carbon Footprint do not consider the coverage from the Group's exposure to LDI and emissions from sovereigns. This is reported through the GHG Intensity Metric.

The Trustee acknowledges that as coverage improves over coming years (in line with the wider industry), it is likely that the Group's absolute measure of emissions (total GHG emissions) may rise before it falls. This may be as the result of steps taken to improve the ESG characteristics of the investment portfolio.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Equitix, Schroders, PGIM, Neuberger Berman, T Rowe, Partners Harbourvest, Blackstone, Barings, Insight. Data as of 31 December 2024
*We have determined the overall data coverage of the total portfolio as the weighted average of the data coverage across asset classes. For asset classes where the data is not yet available and / or best practice is still being developed, we have assumed that data coverage is nil.
For scope 3 emissions, the emissions data is based on estimated data only.

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UKPN-Emissions by Asset Class: Scope 1 and 2

	Alternatives	Cash	Global Equity	Government Bonds	Corporate Bonds	LDI	Total
Market Value (£)	£ 592.5	£26.1	£55.9	£60.6	£51.5	£1,930.2	£2,716.9
% of total section assets	21.8%	1.0%	2.1%	2.2%	1.9%	71.0%	100.0%
Total GHG Emissions (MtCO2e)	0.01778	0.00001	0.00153	0.00000	0.05644	0.31662	0.39238
Carbon Footprint (tCO2e/£M)	198.53	0.54	27.67	NA	1,526.47	166.26	186.00
Data Quality Reported	1.6%	89.3%	87.8%	NA	57.3%	95.8%	72.2%
Data Quality Estimated	13.5%	0.1%	11.0%	NA	14.4%	2.9%	5.5%
Data Quality [1]	15.1%	89.4%	98.8%	NA	71.7%	98.7%	77.6%
GHG Intensity (t/ $M GDP nominal)	NA	NA	NA	211.43	NA	88.62	69.53
Binary Target Metric [2]	0.0%	4.0%	49.0%	NA	16.0%	1.0%	2.1%

[1]. % of Market Value where reported and estimated Carbon Emissions and Carbon Footprint data is available. Total excludes coverage from sovereigns ; emissions from sovereigns reported via GHG Intensity Metric.

[2] % of Market Value where issuer has SBTI approved target.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Equitix, Schroders, PGIM, Neuberger Berman, T Rowe, Partners Harbourvest, Blackstone, Barings, Insight. Data as of 31 December 2024.
LDI data has been estimated based on the latest available statistics on national emissions and national debt, in-line with the DWP's statutory guidance.

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UKPN- Emissions by Asset Class: Scope 3

	Alternatives	Cash	Global Equity	Government Bonds	Corporate Bonds	LDI	Total
Market Value (£)	£ 592.5	£26.1	£55.9	£60.6	£51.5	£1,930.2	£2,716.9
% of total section assets	21.8%	1.0%	2.1%	2.2%	1.9%	71.0%	100.0%
Total GHG Emissions (MtCO2e)	0.03277	0.00163	0.01721	0.00000	0.63463	0.04013	0.72638
Carbon Footprint (tCO2e/£M)	410.28	69.75	310.91	NA	18,996.91	635.40	2,846.58
Data Quality Reported	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	NA	9.9%	0.0%	0.2%
Data Quality Estimated	13.5%	89.4%	99.0%	NA	55.0%	3.3%	9.2%
Data Quality [1]	13.5%	89.4%	99.0%	NA	64.8%	3.3%	9.4%
GHG Intensity (t/ $M GDP nominal)	NA	NA	NA	211.43	NA	0.00	6.58
Binary Target Metric [2]	0.0%	4.0%	49.0%	NA	16.0%	1.0%	2.1%

[1] Data quality is based on estimated scope 3 carbon emissions data. % of Market Value where reported and estimated Carbon Emissions and Carbon Footprint data is available. Total excludes coverage from sovereigns; emissions from sovereigns reported via GHG Intensity Metric

[2] % of Market Value where issuer has SBTI approved target.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Equitix, Schroders, PGIM, Neuberger Berman, T Rowe, Partners Harbourvest, Blackstone, Barings, Insight. Data as of 31 December 2024.
LDI data has been estimated based on the latest available statistics on national emissions and national debt, in-line with the DWP's statutory guidance.

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2023 Metrics

Portfolio Emissions - Aggregated Data – UKPN

Metric[1]	Total Portfolio – Scope 1 & 2	Total Portfolio – Scope 3
Total GHG emissions (**MtCO2e**)	**0.38050**	**0.09417**
Total GHG Intensity (**t/ $M GDP nominal**)	**86.83**	**0.00**
Carbon footprint (**tCO2e/£M**)	**164.66**	**373.02**

The weighted average data coverage across the investment portfolio has been estimated* to be **76.5%** for scope 1 and 2 emissions combined. The weighted average data coverage across the portfolio has been estimated to be **8.4%** for scope 3 emissions.

Please note that the data related to GHG Emissions and the Carbon Footprint do not consider the coverage from the Group's exposure to LDI and emissions from sovereigns. This is reported through the GHG Intensity Metric.

The Trustee acknowledges that as coverage improves over coming years (in line with the wider industry), it is likely that the Group's absolute measure of emissions (total GHG emissions) may rise before it falls. This may be as the result of steps taken to improve the ESG characteristics of the investment portfolio.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Equitix, Schroders, PGIM, Payden, Neuberger Berman, JPM, American Century, Insight Data as of 31 December 2023
*We have determined the overall data coverage of the total portfolio as the weighted average of the data coverage across asset classes. For asset classes where the data is not yet available and / or best practice is still being developed, we have assumed that data coverage is nil.
For scope 3 emissions, the emissions data is based on estimated data only.

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UKPN-Emissions by Asset Class: Scope 1 and 2

	Alternatives	Cash	Global Equity	Government Bonds	Corporate Bonds	LDI	Total
Market Value (£)	£626.6	£43.4	£161.8	£61.6	£74.9	£2,053.2	£3,021.6
% of total section assets	20.7%	1.4%	5.4%	2.0%	2.5%	68.0%	100.0%
Total GHG Emissions (MtCO2e)	0.00020	0.00003	0.00676	0.00000	0.00679	0.36671	0.38050
Carbon Footprint (tCO2e/£M)	11.44	0.90	42.21	NA	160.13	178.60	164.66
Data Quality Reported	0.0%	78.4%	91.3%	NA	44.8%	100.0%	75.1%
Data Quality Estimated	2.8%	7.4%	7.8%	NA	11.9%	0.0%	1.4%
Data Quality [1]	2.8%	85.7%	99.1%	NA	56.7%	100.0%	76.5%
GHG Intensity (t/ $M GDP nominal)	NA	NA	NA	245.22	NA	112.30	86.83
Binary Target Metric [2]	0.2%	7.2%	96.8%	NA	0.0%	NA	5.3%

[1]. % of Market Value where reported and estimated Carbon Emissions and Carbon Footprint data is available. Total excludes coverage from sovereigns ; emissions from sovereigns reported via GHG Intensity Metric.

[2] % of Market Value where issuer has SBTI approved target.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Equitix, Schroders, PGIM, Payden, Neuberger Berman, JPM, American Century, Insight. Data as of 31 December 2023.
LDI data has been estimated based on the latest available statistics on national emissions and national debt, in-line with the DWP's statutory guidance.

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UKPN- Emissions by Asset Class: Scope 3

	Alternatives	Cash	Global Equity	Government Bonds	Corporate Bonds	LDI	Total
Market Value (£)	£626.7	£43,.4	£161.8	£61.6	£74.9	£2,053.2	£3,021.6
% of total section assets	20.7%	1.4%	5.4%	2.0%	2.5%	68.0%	100.0%
Total GHG Emissions (MtCO2e)	0.00095	0.00362	0.05537	0.00000	0.03423	0.00000	0.09417
Carbon Footprint (tCO2e/£M)	53.70	96.06	345.90	NA	926.04	0.00	373.02
Data Quality Reported	0.0%	0.0%	42.2%	NA	10.4%	0.0%	2.5%
Data Quality Estimated	2.8%	86.7%	56.7%	NA	39.0%	0.0%	5.8%
Data Quality [1]	2.8%	86.7%	98.9%	NA	49.4%	0.0%	8.4%
GHG Intensity (t/ $M GDP nominal)	NA	NA	NA	0.000	NA	0.000	0.000
Binary Target Metric [2]	0.2%	7.2%	96.8%	NA	0.0%	NA	5.3%

[1] Data quality is based on estimated scope 3 carbon emissions data. % of Market Value where reported and estimated Carbon Emissions and Carbon Footprint data is available. Total excludes coverage from sovereigns; emissions from sovereigns reported via GHG Intensity Metric

[2] % of Market Value where issuer has SBTI approved target.

Source: MSCI, third party managers, Equitix, Schroders, PGIM, Payden, American Century, JPM, Insight Data as of 31 December 2023.
LDI data has been estimated based on the latest available statistics on national emissions and national debt, in-line with the DWP's statutory guidance.

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2022 Metrics

Portfolio Emissions – Aggregated Data – UKPN

Metric[1]	Total Portfolio – Scope 1 & 2	Total Portfolio – Scope 3
Total GHG emissions (**MtCO2e**)	**0.0120**	**0.10024**
Total GHG Intensity (**t/ $M GDP nominal**)	**103.21**	**0.00**
Carbon footprint (**tCO2e/£M**)	**41.78**	**380.64**

The weighted average data coverage across the investment portfolio has been estimated* to be **9.5%** for scope 1 and 2 emissions combined. The weighted average data coverage across the portfolio has been estimated to be **8.7%** for scope 3 emissions.

Please note that the data related to GHG Emissions and the Carbon Footprint do not consider the coverage from the Group's exposure to LDI and emissions from sovereigns. This is reported through the GHG Intensity Metric.

The Trustee acknowledges that as coverage improves over coming years (in line with the wider industry), it is likely that the Group's absolute measure of emissions (total GHG emissions) may rise before it falls. This may be as the result of steps taken to improve the ESG characteristics of the investment portfolio.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Equitix, Schroders, PGIM, Payden, Neuberger Berman, JPM, American Century, Insight Data as of 31 December 2022
*We have determined the overall data coverage of the total portfolio as the weighted average of the data coverage across asset classes. For asset classes where the data is not yet available and / or best practice is still being developed, we have assumed that data coverage is nil.
For scope 3 emissions, the emissions data is based on estimated data only.

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UKPN-Emissions by Asset Class: Scope 1 and 2

	Alternatives	Cash	Global Equity	Government Bonds	Corporate Bonds	LDI	Total
Market Value (£)	£606.9m	£28.3m	£209.9m	£128.7m	£65.5m	£1,995.2m	£3,034.5m
% of total section assets	20.0%	0.9%	7.0%	4.2%	2.2%	65.7%	100.0%
Total GHG Emissions (MtCO2e)	0.00010	0.00002	0.00877	0.00000	0.00311	0.00000	0.01200
Carbon Footprint (tCO2e/£M)	5.22	0.66	42.51	NA	82.75	NA	41.78
Data Quality Reported	3.3%	79.2%	66.5%	NA	48.2%	NA	7.1%
Data Quality Estimated	0.0%	3.4%	14.9%	NA	9.1%	NA	1.3%
Data Quality [1]	3.3%	82.7%	97.5%	NA	57.3%	NA	9.5%
GHG Intensity (t/ $M GDP nominal)	NA	NA	NA	505.38	NA	124.80	103.21
Binary Target Metric [2]	0.0%	99.4%	30.8%	NA	15.2%	NA	3.4%

[1]. % of Market Value where reported and estimated Carbon Emissions and Carbon Footprint data is available. Total excludes coverage from sovereigns and LDI; emissions from sovereigns reported via GHG Intensity Metric.

[2] % of Market Value where issuer has SBTI approved target.

Source: MSCI, third party managers Equitix, Schroders, PGIM, Payden, Neuberger Berman, JPM, American Century, Insight. Data as of 31 December 2022.
LDI data has been estimated based on the latest available statistics on national emissions and national debt, in-line with the DWP's statutory guidance.

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UKPN- Emissions by Asset Class: Scope 3

	Alternatives	Cash	Global Equity	Government Bonds	Corporate Bonds	LDI	Total
Market Value (£)	£606.9m	£28.3m	£209.9m	£105m	£89.1m	£1,995.2m	£3,034.5m
% of total section assets	20.0%	0.9%	7.0%	3.4%	2.9%	65.7%	100.0%
Total GHG Emissions (MtCO2e)	0.00000	0.00172	0.07663	0.00000	0.02189	0.00000	0.10024
Carbon Footprint (tCO2e/£M)	0.00	84.11	387.36	NA	486.13	NA	380.64
Data Quality Reported	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	NA	0.0%	NA	0.0%
Data Quality Estimated	0.0%	72.5%	93.5%	NA	50.5%	NA	8.7%
Data Quality [1]	0.0%	72.5%	93.5%	NA	50.5%	NA	8.7%
GHG Intensity (t/ $M GDP nominal)	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	0.00	0.00
Binary Target Metric [2]	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	NA	0.0%	NA	0.0%

[1] Data quality is based on estimated scope 3 carbon emissions data. % of Market Value where reported and estimated Carbon Emissions and Carbon Footprint data is available. Total excludes coverage from sovereigns and LDI; emissions from sovereigns reported via GHG Intensity Metric

[2] % of Market Value where issuer has SBTI approved target.

Source: MSCI, third party managers, Schroders, PGIM, American Century, Data as of 31 December 2022.
LDI data has been estimated based on the latest available statistics on national emissions and national debt, in-line with the DWP's statutory guidance.

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APPENDIX B: CLIMATE SCENARIO ANALYSIS FOR THE UKPN GROUP (MARCH 2026)

Scenarios and scenario output

In the analysis that follows, **Aladdin Climate has leveraged industry-standard NGFS scenarios** to assess the potential impact of both Transition Risk (TR) and Physical Risk (PR), which is expressed in the analysis as physical climate adjusted value (also described as physical risk) and transition climate adjusted value (also described as transition risk), respectively. The scenarios themselves are taken directly from NGFS and are not a reflection of BlackRock's views.

Physical and Transition Risk are modelled separately as they require different model drivers. For the next 20 years, the increase of Physical Risk is unaffected by the transition pathway.

Available NGFS scenarios	NGFS Net Zero 2050[1]	NGFS Delayed Transition[1]	NGFS Current Policies[1]
Temperature rise by ~2100	~1.4 degrees	~1.7 degrees	~3.0 degrees

Results are expressed as **"climate-adjusted values" for Transition, Physical and (combined) Climate Risks** ("TCAV" , "PCAV", "CAV", respectively). These are based on discounted cash flow analysis in each scenario relative to a "counterfactual" scenario that is assumed to be priced into current valuations. BlackRock's analysis considers a single timespan over the lifetime of the scenario modelled.

The "counterfactual" (NGFS Current Policies) assumes no additional warming for Physical Risk scenarios, and no additional policies enacted for Transition Risk scenarios. The outputs are therefore conservative by design (i.e. they produce more severe outcomes) which is consistent with stress testing market practice. Essentially **"de minimis" pricing of climate change is assumed**.

For securities with both Physical and Transition Risk analytics available, there is also a combined climate risk metric, CAV, which represents the total impact on the security's valuation under the scenario from both Physical and Transition Climate shocks.

Aladdin Climate scenarios and models have limitations – they may not capture compounding effects of climate change or the scale of monetary and fiscal policy response. The models' assumptions about changes in financial valuations may therefore be incorrect.

The climate models used **do not predict abrupt or irreversible changes that may result from reaching critical climate thresholds** or "tipping points". They may also not adequately reflect feedback loops, and therefore underestimate systemic economic impact.

Given evolving nature of climate analytics, **we expect input data and models to change over time**, with potentially significant impacts on results.

(1) NGFS (Network for Greening the Financial System) published Phase V scenarios overview can be found here https://www.ngfs.net/system/files/2025-02/NGFS%20Climate%20Scenarios%20for%20central%20banks%20and%20supervisors%20-%20Phase%20V%20%287%29.pdf and technical documentation here https://www.ngfs.net/system/files/2025-01/NGFS%20Climate%20Scenarios%20Technical%20Documentation.pdf. We show the model average values in the table.
Source: BlackRock, March 2025

Physical and transition risk | Assets

			Physical Climate Impact		Transition Climate Impact	
	Current Allocation %	Current Allocation £m	Net Zero 2050	Delayed Transition	Net Zero 2050	Delayed Transition
Growth Strategy						
Equities	**1.7**	**45.8**				
BlackRock ACS World ESG Equity Tracker	0.7	18.1	-4.0%	-4.2%	-3.8%	-3.4%
BlackRock Factor Strategy	0.7	17.4	-4.0%	-4.2%	-3.3%	-2.9%
Schroders International Selection Emerging Markets	0.4	10.3	Out of Scope			
Bonds	**3.6**	**94.5**				
Aquila Life Overseas Bond Index	1.9	50.5	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.1%
Capital Group Emerging Markets Local Currency Debt Fund	0.2	5.6	Out of Scope			
PGIM Global Corporate Bond	1.0	25.7	-0.3%	-0.3%	-1.6%	-0.6%
T.Rowe Global High Yield Bond	0.5	12.7	Out of Scope			
Alternatives	**18.4**	**482.6**				
Equitix VI - Infrastructure Equity	2.8	74.4	Out of Scope			
ASG Reditus	6.1	159.0	Out of Scope			
Barings European Private Loan Fund	5.5	145.1	Out of Scope			
Blackstone BREDS IV	1.2	30.4	Out of Scope			
HarbourVest 2020 Global	2.8	73.7	Out of Scope			
Cash + FX Hedge	**1.1**	**28.7**				
Cash + FX Hedge	**1.1**	**28.7**	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Matching Strategy						
AXA Short Duration Credit	3.0	78.4	0.0%	0.0%	-0.4%	-0.1%
Insight LDI	71.2	1,864.7	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.5%	0.2%
Total Fund	**100%**	**2,620.2**				

The potential impact of transition and physical risk on the LDI portfolio, B&M credit portfolio and pension scheme liabilities has been modelled separately in Aladdin through calibration of user specified stress tests on interest rates and inflation only and are intended to be consistent with the climate scenarios shown.

Estimates are based on assumptions and are subject to change. Due to differences in the scenario counterfactuals and valuation methodologies, Physical and Transition Risk should not be added to show a total climate risk. Individual securities not covered by Aladdin Climate are assumed to be impacted in line with the relevant portfolio average. Figures subject to rounding. Source: BlackRock as at 31 December 2025.

Physical and transition risk: Impact on total assets, liabilities and funding

	31 December 2025 £m	Physical Climate Impact		Transition Climate Impact	
		Net Zero 2050	Delayed Transition	Net Zero 2050	Delayed Transition
Assets	£2,620.2	£2,614.9	£2,614.8	£2,608.8	£2,622.5
Liabilities	£2,596.2	£2,593.6	£2,593.6	£2,585.8	£2,601.4
Surplus	£24.0	£21.3	£21.2	£23.0	£21.1
Funding ratio (%)	100.9%	100.8%	100.8%	100.9%	100.8%
Change in surplus	-	-£2.72	-£2.80	-£1.04	-£2.85
Change in funding ratio (%)	-	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%

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Estimates are based on assumptions and are subject to change. Due to differences in the scenario counterfactuals and valuation methodologies, Physical and Transition Risk should not be added to show a total climate risk. Individual securities not covered by Aladdin Climate are assumed to be impacted in line with the relevant portfolio average. Figures subject to rounding. Source: BlackRock as at 31 December 2025.

Physical and transition risk: Data coverage by portfolio

There are a number of portfolios for which we do not have adequate data (defined as less than 50% coverage) on the underlying holdings to provide quantitative scenario analysis. These have been excluded from the analysis. These include:

Schroders International Selection Emerging Markets
Capital Group Emerging Markets Local Currency Debt Fund
T.Rowe Global High Yield Bond
Equitix VI - Infrastructure Equity
ASG Reditus
Barings European Private Loan Fund
Blackstone BREDS IV
HarbourVest 2020 Global

Where BlackRock has conducted analysis on portfolios managed by other investment managers, we are reliant on the accuracy of the holdings data and/or any other information provided by those managers. The portfolios that have been included in the analysis based on sufficient coverage, are listed below.

	Coverage
BlackRock ACS World ESG Equity Tracker	>90%
BlackRock Factor Strategy	>90%
Aquila Life Overseas Bond Index	>90%
PGIM Global Corporate Bond	>90%
AXA Short Duration Credit	>90%
Insight LDI	>90%

Source: BlackRock as at March 2026, based on holdings as at 31 December 2025. Note that coverage is estimated based on the incorporation of derivative mark-to-market exposure as at 31 December 2025.

UK sovereign bonds*

Orderly transition

	Rationale	Catalysts	Calibration
Transition risk	• A transition to Global Net Zero by 2050 is achieved via immediate and smooth policy responses • Carbon taxes are channelled back to the economy via government investment	• GDP losses initially peak by 2026 around 1.9% damage on average. While overall GDP losses are sustained throughout the scenario, GDP growth tends to pick up before settling around 0.7% losses by 2050. • UK inflation around 1% higher than in base case peaking in 2025, largely driven by repricing of carbon prices • Price of carbon rises to over 1,000 $/ton by 2050.	The UK yield curve rises modestly as growth accelerates. Higher inflation however drives most of the impact on UK LDI assets and pension liabilities There is assumed to be no significant central bank response to higher inflation.
Physical risk	• Robust corrective action is taken to reduce emissions is taken but temperatures still rise by 1.6°C by c 2100 relative to pre-industrial levels	• Physical changes such as higher temperatures, sea-level rises and hurricanes impact GDP. • The impacts are largely felt from 2050 onwards	The UK yield curve increases modestly in the near term, but more for longer tenors as physical risks become for evident.

Disorderly transition

	Rationale	Catalysts	Calibration
Transition risk	• A delayed transition starts in 2030 • Carbon taxes are used to cut income tax, thus boosting private consumption • There is a negative shock to business confidence as stringent policies are introduced	• There is a negative impact on UK GDP particularly in the early to mid 2030s with losses around 1% GDP p.a. • UK inflation around 0.5% higher than in a base case peaking in 2032 largely driven by repricing of carbon prices • Price of carbon rises from 0 in 2030 to over 700 $/ton by 2050	The middle of the UK yield curve rises modestly as the risk premia (probability of default) applied to the UK increases. Higher inflation is priced in from 2030 onwards There is assumed to be no significant central bank response to higher inflation.
Physical risk	• Some corrective action to reduce emissions is take but temperatures still rise by 1.8°C by c 2100 relative to pre-industrial levels	• Physical changes such as higher temperatures, sea-level rises and hurricanes impact GDP. • The impacts are largely felt from 2050 onwards	The UK yield curve increases modestly in the near term, but more for longer tenors as physical risks become for evident.

***The potential impact of transition and physical risk on the LDI portfolio, B&M Credit portfolio and pension scheme liabilities has been modelled separately in Aladdin through calibration of user specified stress tests on interest rates and inflation only and are intended to be consistent with the climate scenarios shown.**
Source: BlackRock, March 2026.

Scenarios | Physical risk

Understanding Physical Risk

Physical climate risk can manifest in both acute and chronic ways. Acute risks are event-driven, such as increasing extreme weather, increased wildfires, widespread inland flooding. Chronic risks are longer-term and generally less obvious, covering impacts including more volatile and higher average temperatures, and rising sea levels. Physical climate risk, among other risks, has impacts on both short- and long- term investing, with both direct (e.g., damage to property or consumer locations) and indirect (e.g., supply chain disruption) impacts. BlackRock has partnered with climate scientists and research groups to better quantify the financial implications of Physical Risk, combining local climate and econometric data with our financial models to understand the effects of a changing climate.

Physical Climate Scenario Analysis

By combining scenario projections from peer reviewed climate science with econometric models, we can better understand the financial implications of varying carbon emissions pathways on portfolios. Aladdin Climate models the following NGFS scenarios[1]:

Current Policies – a "hot house world" scenario developed by NGFS. Current Policies assumes that only currently implemented policies are preserved, leading to high Physical Risk. Emissions grow until 2080 leading to about 3 °C of warming, resulting in irreversible changes like higher sea level rise.

Net Zero by 2050 – an orderly scenario developed by NGFS. Global warming is limited to c. 1.5ºC through stringent climate policies and innovation, with CO_2 emissions reaching "net zero" in c. 2050

Delayed Transition - a disorderly scenario developed by NGFS. It assumes that no action is taken in the near term, and that strong policies are then needed from 2030 onwards to limit warming to below 2ºC

Source: BlackRock, December 2022.

Scenarios | Transition risk

Understanding Transition Risk

Transition Risk identifies the risks and opportunities that arise from exposure to society's transition to a lower-carbon economy. The transition is already re-wiring the economy across sectors impacting investments through policy, technology, and behavioural change. However, the speed and shape of the transition is uncertain and uneven. Investors will need to identify and manage risks and opportunities resulting from the transition across their portfolios, with an awareness for differentiations across market channels, sectors, and regions. Aladdin Climate quantifies this impact of transitioning to a lower-carbon economy at the asset level, allowing for meaningful risk identification and portfolio analysis. These analytics are a product of collaboration across BlackRock's economic researchers, energy value chain experts, and financial analysts.

Transition Scenario Analysis

Transition scenario analysis is a key analytical technique used to model the potential transition scenarios for our economy, and the varying shapes and speeds of response. Such scenarios evaluate the potential futures of economic activity (e.g., GDP and population) alongside energy and land use patterns, as well as embed complex assumptions regarding the socioeconomic drivers of policy, technology, and consumer preferences. While there is vast uncertainty in what will happen, transition scenario analysis enables an understanding of what could happen, and the potential impacts to securities, issuers, and portfolios. Current scenarios referred to as "Net Zero" help us understand what society needs to do to reach Net Zero emissions by 2050 and limit average annual temperature rise to 1.5°C - 2°C by the end of the century, consistent with the Paris Agreement. Aladdin Climate currently models the following NGFS scenarios:

- ***Current Policies*** – a "hot house world" scenario developed by NGFS. Current Policies assumes that only currently implemented policies are preserved, leading to high Physical Risk. Emissions grow until 2080 leading to about 3 °C of warming, resulting in irreversible changes like higher sea level rise.
- ***Net Zero by 2050*** – an orderly scenario developed by NGFS. Global warming is limited to c. 1.5°C through stringent climate policies and innovation, with CO_2 emissions reaching "net zero" in c. 2050
- ***Delayed Transition*** - a disorderly scenario developed by NGFS. It assumes that no action is taken in the near term, and that strong policies are then needed from 2030 onwards to limit warming to below 2°C

Aladdin Climate uses the Current Policies scenario as the "counterfactual" scenario, i.e. other scenarios are compared to that counterfactual to derive transition risk impact.

Source: BlackRock, May 2024.

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