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**AllenbridgeEPIC Investment Advisers
Announces
New Investment Panel Member – Alick Stevenson**

AllenbridgeEPIC Investment Advisers ('AEIA') is pleased to announce that **Alick Stevenson** has joined the Investment Panel at AEIA.

AEIA provides independent investment experts, who have all held senior positions in the investment industry, to advise pension or charity trustees, investment committees, pension managers and sponsors on investment related issues. Each adviser provides their client with practical, in-depth knowledge and experience of all aspects of the management of pension or charity assets. Clients have the reassurance of knowing that their adviser is FSA regulated, has professional indemnity insurance and is dedicated to their fund. Because our focus is purely on investment related issues and the provision of investment advice - we offer no other service or function - our work for clients is uncompromised by conflicts of interest. Each adviser shares their knowledge with AEIA colleagues and to ensure that they continue developing their expertise all AEIA's advisers meet regularly as a formal Investment Panel. This means that each client benefits from the total experience of the group as well as that of their individual adviser.

Alick Stevenson has recently retired from the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund where he was Director of Investments, responsible for recommending asset allocation, manager selection and oversight, as well as managing the internal audit and governance process, and delivering the Trustee 'TKU' programme. Prior to this he ran his own consulting business specialising in the provision of interim treasury management services and spent almost fifteen years as Treasurer, EMEA Region, for Nortel Networks, the global telecommunications supplier. A Fellow of the Association of Corporate Treasurers, Alick is also a member of the Marathon Club; was elected to the NAPF Investment Council in 2008; and is currently the independent investment adviser to the London Borough of Newham pension scheme.

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Commenting on **Alick Stevenson's** appointment to AEIA's Investment Panel, **Christopher Edge, Chief Executive, said**, "Following his long and distinguished career in treasury and pensions and investment management, Alick Stevenson brings considerable and invaluable experience of significant pension schemes to AEIA and its members. This includes experience in the growing field of 'fiduciary management' whilst Alick's involvement in the public sector blends with AEIA's focus in this area where we already advise a number of County Council and London Borough Funds. In addition to advising corporate sector pension schemes Alick will also work closely with AEIA's existing Panel members, Peter Scales and Keith Bray, on the provision of our specialist LGPS investment, governance and compliance services. He will also strengthen AEIA's LGPS advisory group, which now numbers six members".

**Alick Stevenson said**, "By joining AEIA, I will be putting the knowledge and experience I have gained of private and public sector pension schemes into practical use and will link with my fellow AEIA Panel members in seeking to improve best practice in the provision of investment advice. I expect to benefit significantly from the formal association with my AEIA colleagues, extending my own knowledge and understanding of pension fund investment issues."

AEIA now has a growing list of pension fund clients in both the private and public sectors, and has been joined by an impressive group of Investment Panel and Associate members. For details of all of our Panel members and Associates, please see: <http://www.allenbridgeepic.com>

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**Notes to Editors:**

**Background to AEIA**

AllenbridgeEPIC Investment Advisers (AIEA) is based in London's Mayfair, with representative offices in Glasgow and Lancaster. Its advisers provide proactive assistance with all investment matters including:

- Developing and reviewing investment policy
- Long term strategic asset allocation and tactical advice on shorter term investment strategy
- Helping trustees discuss and understand investment terminology and strategies
- Helping assess and question advice provided by actuaries and other service providers
- Constructive monitoring, selection and review of investment managers
- Improving market timing – for example, switching key asset classes
- Tailored trustee training and education.

AEIA's seventeen senior investment advisers and six specialist associate members pool a combined practical experience of many years derived from the pension fund management, pension fund consultancy and investment communities. In sum, AEIA offers an experienced, wide-ranging and effective "one stop shop" to UK pension, charity and endowment funds.

AEIA, through its panel of investment experts, provides each client with an experienced adviser to act as their 'knowledge bridge' between trustees and company management, and their actuarial consultants and investment managers.

Of key importance is AEIA's genuine independence and focus on investment. AEIA's advisers meet regularly with a formal agenda focusing on client and industry related issues. Also included in the agenda are lectures and specialist training sessions on a broad range of investment related subjects, to ensure that members stay abreast of new ideas and topics. This is particularly important in an industry subject to constant change and development.

AEIA is a division of the Allenbridge Group plc, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

### **[Background to the Allenbridge Group](#)**

Allenbridge Group was founded in 1984, and provides a performance measurement and fund management selection service for the wealth management industry. Its Hedgeinfo division offers rating, research and consultancy to banks, institutional investors and family offices on the hedge fund and fund of hedge fund market. Allenbridge also offers advice to some 17,000 private clients with funds of around £500 million on investment products and tax shelter vehicles. Allenbridge won the “Best EIS Research” EISA award in 2005 and won “Best EIS Publisher” in 2006.

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