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**BLACK LIVES MATTER IN LATEST LAPFF QUARTERLY PUBLISHED ON FORUM'S NEW LOOK WEBSITE**

The Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) pledges its commitment to ending systemic racism in the latest Quarterly Engagement Review (QER).

Following the murder of George Floyd while in US police custody which prompted global protests, the Forum informed members that in addition to the fundamental human rights concerns raised by systemic racism, there are significant concerns for sustainable shareholder value.

This is one of several reports in the latest QER, including notable climate change successes at Barclays and ANZ, in addition to ongoing work at Facebook, Arcelor Mittal and Shell.

The QER can be found on LAPFF's new look website – <https://lapfforum.org> - which provides visitors with all the latest content using a refreshed and straightforward design. The website also demonstrates LAPFF's international reach and shows the extent of members' influence as active shareholders across the world.

A revamped members' area provides a new means of keeping in touch and sharing ideas and information.

**Cllr Doug McMurdo, Chair of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum, said:** "Our stakeholders and audience are increasingly reliant on websites and other social media platforms professionally and personally. LAPFF's new platform offers a refreshed, user-friendly format to connect with us and stay up to date with the important work we are doing on behalf of members."

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**About the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum:** The Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) is a voluntary association of 81 public sector pension funds and six pools based in the UK with combined assets of approximately £300 billion. It exists to 'promote the long-term investment interests of local authority pension funds, and to maximise their influence as shareholders to promote corporate responsibility and high standards of corporate governance amongst the companies in which they invest.' [www.lapfforum.org](http://www.lapfforum.org). PIRC is the Research and Engagement partner to the Forum.