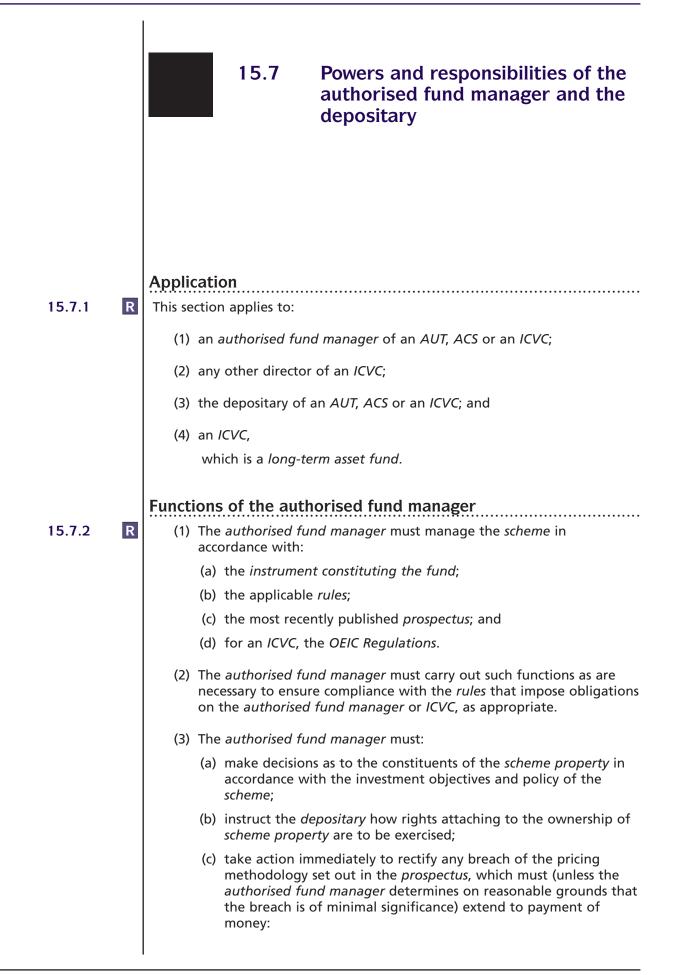
Collective Investment Schemes

Chapter 15

Long-term asset funds



	(i) by the <i>authorised fund manager</i> to <i>unitholders</i> and former <i>unitholders</i> ;
	(ii) by the ACD to the ICVC;
	(iii) by the <i>ICVC</i> to the <i>ACD</i> ;
	(iv) by the <i>authorised fund manager</i> of the <i>AUT</i> or <i>ACS</i> to the <i>depositary</i> ; or
	(v) by the <i>depositary</i> (for the account of the AUT or ACS) to the authorised fund manager;
	 (d) ensure where relevant that the ICVC complies with the relevant obligations imposed by, and when appropriate exercises the relevant powers provided under, the OEIC Regulations;
	(e) maintain such records as are necessary to enable the <i>authorised fund manager</i> or the <i>ICVC</i> , as appropriate, to comply with and demonstrate compliance with the rules in this sourcebook and also in the case of an <i>ICVC</i> , the <i>OEIC Regulations</i> ; and
	(f) maintain for a period of six years a daily record of the <i>units</i> held, acquired or disposed of by the <i>authorised fund manager</i> including the classes of such <i>units</i> , and of the balance of any acquisitions and disposals.
	Duties of the authorised fund manager: investment and borrowing powers
15.7.3 R	(1) An <i>authorised fund manager</i> may give instructions to deal in the <i>scheme property.</i>
	(2) An authorised fund manager must avoid the scheme property being used or invested contrary to any provision in ■ COLL 15.6 (Investment and borrowing powers).
	(3) An authorised fund manager must immediately on becoming aware of any breach of ■ COLL 15.6 take action, at its own expense, to rectify that breach.
	(4) An <i>authorised fund manager</i> must take the action in (3) immediately, except in circumstances where doing so would not be in the best interests of <i>unitholders</i> , in which case the action must be taken as soon as such circumstances cease to apply.
	(5) An <i>authorised fund manager</i> must not postpone taking action in accordance with (3) unless the <i>depositary</i> has given its consent.
	Duties of the ACD or the authorised contractual scheme manager of a co-ownership scheme: umbrella schemes
15.7.4 R	Where reasonable grounds exist for an ACD of an ICVC, or an authorised contractual scheme manager of a co-ownership scheme which is an umbrella, to consider that a foreign law contract entered into by the ICVC or authorised contractual scheme manager on behalf of the co-ownership scheme may have become inconsistent with the principle of limited recourse stated in the instrument constituting the fund of the ICVC or co-ownership scheme (see COLL 15.3.6R(3)(5) and COLL 15.3.6R(3)(6)), the ACD or authorised contractual scheme manager of the co-ownership scheme must:

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		(1) promptly investigat	e whether there is an inconsistency; and
		(2) if the inconsistency remedy that incons	still appears to exist, take appropriate steps to istency.
15.7.5	G	or authorised contractual	appropriate to remedy the inconsistency, the ACD scheme manager of the co-ownership scheme best interests of the unitholders. Appropriate sistency may include:
		(1) where possible, ren remedies the incon	egotiating the foreign law contract in a way that sistency; or
			the authorised contractual scheme manager on where the scheme to exit the foreign law contract.
		Duties of the deposita	ary
15.7.6	R	 The depositary is re property. 	esponsible for the safekeeping of all the scheme
		(2) The <i>depositary</i> mus	t:
		-	o ensure that transactions properly entered into t of the <i>scheme</i> are completed;
		authorised fun	o ensure that instructions properly given by the <i>d manager</i> in respect of the exercise of rights <i>me property</i> are carried out;
			y resulting benefit of a <i>derivatives</i> or forward eceived by itself in respect of the <i>scheme</i> ;
			with any income received in respect of the <i>scheme</i> ordance with COLL 15.8.18R (Income);
			e care to ensure that the <i>scheme</i> is managed by <i>fund manager</i> in accordance with:
			nent objectives, policy and strategy set out in the trecent <i>prospectus</i> ;
		(ii) 🔳 COLL 15.6	(Investment and borrowing powers);
		(iii) ■ COLL 15.8.	2R (Valuation, pricing and dealing);
		(iv) 🔳 COLL 15.8.	18 (Income); and
			on of the <i>instrument constituting the fund</i> or the that relates to the provisions in (ii) to (iv);
		(Appointment	ole, comply with its obligations under COLL 15.2.6R of external valuer or authorised fund manager e, skills and experience of valuing long-term
			o as to comply with the <i>rules</i> in this sourcebook monstrate such compliance; and
		(h) be responsible constituting the	for any other duties as set out in the <i>instrument</i> e <i>fund</i> .

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		(3) If a relevant ICVC ceases to have any directors, the depositary may act in accordance with ■ COLL 6.5.6R (ICVC without a director).
		(4) This <i>rule</i> applies to the <i>depositary</i> of a <i>long-term</i> asset fund to the extent the provisions are consistent with the requirements of the <i>AIFMD</i> level 2 regulation.
		[Note: Articles 88 to 90 of the AIFMD level 2 regulation make provision relating to custody and safekeeping of scheme property. The AIFMD level 2 regulation applies to the depositary of a long- term asset fund because an LTAF must be managed by a full-scope UK AIFM.]
15.7.7	R	The <i>depositary</i> must also:
		 ensure that any scheme property in registered form is as soon as reasonably practicable registered in its name or that of its nominee or delegate, as appropriate; and
		(2) take into its custody or control all documents of title of the <i>scheme property</i> other than in respect of <i>derivatives</i> or forward transactions.
		Delegation
15.7.8	G	(1) The delegation of AIFM management functions by a full-scope UK AIFM is subject to the rules in ■ FUND 3.10 (Delegation) and articles 75 to 82 of the AIFMD level 2 regulation. See also regulation 26 of the AIFMD UK regulation.
		(2) The authorised fund manager of a long-term asset fund is required to possess the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to understand the activities of the LTAF and, in particular, the risks involved in those activities and the assets which the LTAF holds (or is to hold) in the scheme property. The authorised fund manager cannot rely on a delegation arrangement to satisfy this requirement (see ■ COLL 15.2.4R (Competence and resources of the authorised fund manager)).
15.7.9	G	 (1) This paragraph applies where the <i>authorised fund manager</i> delegates portfolio management of particular assets to a third party under FUND 3.10 (Delegation).
		(2) Where (1) applies, the authorised fund manager will need to retain adequate risk management systems to identify, measure and monitor the risks relevant to the long-term asset fund's investment strategy in accordance with the requirements in ■ FUND 3.7 (Risk management) and the applicable requirements of the AIFMD level 2 regulation.
		[Note: See FUND 3.7 (Risk management) and articles 38 to 47 of the AIFMD level 2 regulation.]
		Delegation and responsibility for regulatory obligations
15.7.10	G	(1) The <i>authorised fund manager</i> of an <i>LTAF</i> should note (and will need to comply with) article 75 of the <i>AIFMD level 2 regulation</i> . This provides that when delegating the task of carrying out one or more functions on its behalf, an <i>AIFM</i> must comply with various general

		principles, including the principle that the delegation structure does not allow for the circumvention of the <i>AIFM's</i> responsibilities or liability, and that the obligations of the <i>AIFM</i> towards the <i>AIF</i> and its investors are not altered as a result of the delegation.
		(2) Directors of an ICVC and depositaries should also have regard to SYSC 8 (Outsourcing). ■ SYSC 8.1.6R states that a firm remains fully responsible for discharging all of its obligations under the regulatory system if it outsources crucial or important operational functions or any relevant services and activities.
		Conflicts of interest
15.7.11	R	(1) The <i>authorised fund manager</i> and the <i>depositary</i> must ensure that any transaction in respect of the <i>scheme property</i> undertaken with an <i>affected person</i> is on terms at least as favourable to the <i>scheme</i> as any comparable arrangement on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length with an independent third party.
		(2) Paragraph (1) is subject to any provision in the <i>instrument constituting the fund</i> and the <i>prospectus</i> imposing a prohibition in relation to any type of transaction.
		[Note: See articles 30 to 36 of the AIFMD level 2 regulation.]
		Application of the rules on the register of unitholders: AUTs or ACSs
15.712	R	(1) COLL 15.712BR applies in respect of any scheme which is sold, promoted or otherwise made available to retail clients who are not limited protection LTAF investors.
		(2) ■ COLL 15.7.12R may be applied to a scheme which is intended only for limited protection LTAF investors.
15.712A	G	Where COLL 15.712BR is not applied to a <i>scheme</i> which is intended only for <i>limited protection LTAF investors</i> , the <i>authorised fund manager</i> is required to take reasonable care to ensure that ownership of <i>units</i> in that <i>scheme</i> is recorded in the <i>register</i> only for a <i>person</i> who is a <i>limited protection LTAF investor</i> (see COLL 15.1.3R (Long-term asset funds: eligible investors)).
		The register of unitholders: AUTs or ACSs (schemes made available to retail clients who are not limited protection LTAF
15.712B	R	investors)
10.7.120	IX	(1) (a) Either:
		 (i) the manager or the trustee (as nominated in the trust deed); or
		(ii) the authorised contractual scheme manager or the depositary of the ACS (as nominated in the contractual scheme deed),
		must establish and maintain a <i>register</i> of <i>unitholders</i> as a <i>document</i> in accordance with this <i>rule</i> .

(b)	The manager or trustee or the authorised contractual scheme
	manager or depositary, in accordance with their duties under
	(1)(a), must exercise all due diligence and take all reasonable
	steps to ensure the information contained on the register is at all
	times complete and up to date.

- (c) The *register* must contain:
 - (i) the name and address of each *unitholder* (for joint *unitholders*, no more than four need to be registered);
 - (ii) the number of units of each class held by each unitholder;
 - (iii) the date on which the *unitholder* was registered for *units* standing in their name; and
 - (iv) the number of *units* of each *class* currently in *issue*.
- (d) No notice of any trust (express, implied or constructive) which may be entered in the *register* is binding on the *manager* or *trustee*, or the *authorised contractual scheme manager* or *depositary*.
- (e) The *register* is conclusive evidence of the *persons* entitled to the *units* entered in it.
- (f) The person responsible for the register in (1)(a) must:
 - (i) take reasonable steps to alter the *register* on receiving written notice of a change of name or address of any *unitholder*;
 - (ii) make the *register* available for inspection free of charge in the *United Kingdom* by or on behalf of any *unitholder* (including the manager or *authorised contractual scheme manager*), during office hours;
 - (iii) supply free of charge to any *unitholder*, or their authorised representative, a copy of the entries on the *register* relating to that *unitholder* on request;
 - (iv) where a unitholder defaults on paying for the issue or sale of units, make an alteration or deletion in the register to compensate for the default after which the manager or authorised contractual scheme manager becomes entitled to those units (until those units are either cancelled or re-sold and paid for); and
 - (v) carry out any conversion of *units* allowed for by (4) below after consultation with the *manager* or *trustee* or the *authorised contractual scheme manager* or *depositary*, as appropriate.
- (2) (a) Subject to (2)(c), if no person is entered in the register as the unitholder of a unit, the authorised fund manager of the AUT or ACS must be treated as the unitholder of each such unit which is in issue.
 - (b) Where *units* are transferred to the *authorised fund manager*, the *units* need not be cancelled and the *authorised fund manager* need not be entered on the *register* as the new *unitholder*.
 - (c) In the case of a *limited partnership scheme*, unregistered *units* may be held by the *authorised contractual scheme manager*, as the agent for the *scheme*, provided the *authorised contractual*

scheme manager is not entered in the register as the new unitholder.

- (3) (a) Every unitholder of an AUT is entitled to transfer units held on the register by an instrument of transfer in any form that the person responsible for the register may approve, but that person is under no duty to accept a transfer unless it is permitted by the trust deed or prospectus.
 - (b) Provided:
 - (i) the requirements in COLL 15.8.7R (Transfer of units in an ACS) are satisfied; and
 - (ii) transfers of *units* are allowed by the *contractual scheme deed* and *prospectus* in accordance with the conditions specified by *rules*,

every *unitholder* of an ACS is entitled to transfer *units* held on the *register* by an instrument of transfer in any form that the *person* responsible for the *register* may approve, but that *person* is under no duty to accept a transfer unless it is permitted by the *contractual scheme deed* and *prospectus*.

- (c) Every instrument of transfer of *units* of an AUT or ACS must be signed by, or on behalf of, the *unitholder* transferring the *units* (or, for a body corporate, sealed by that *body* corporate or signed by one of its officers (or in Scotland, two of its officers)) authorised to sign it and, unless the transferee is the *authorised* fund manager, the transferor must be treated as the *unitholder* until the name of the transferee has been entered in the register.
- (d) In the case of an AUT or ACS, every instrument of transfer (stamped as necessary) must be left for registration, with the person responsible for the register, accompanied by:
 - (i) any necessary documents that may be required by legislation; and
 - (ii) any other evidence reasonably required by the *person* responsible for the *register*.
- (e) In the case of an *AUT* or *ACS*, the details of an instrument of transfer must be kept for a period of 6 years from the date of its registration.
- (f) In the case of an AUT or ACS, on registration of an instrument of transfer, a record of the transferor and the transferee and the date of transfer must be made on the *register*.
- (4) Where there is more than one *class* of *units* offered for *issue* or *sale*, the *unitholder* has a right to convert from one to the other, provided that doing so would not contravene any provision in the *prospectus*.

[Note: See also COLL 15.8.7R (Transfer of units in an ACS) and the related guidance in COLL 15.8.8G in relation to transfers of *units* in an ACS.]

The register of unitholders: AUTs or ACSs (schemes intended only for limited protection LTAF investors)

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(1) The *authorised fund manager* or the *depositary* of an *AUT* or *ACS* (in accordance with their responsibilities as set out in the *instrument*

constituting the fund) must maintain a *register* of *unitholders* as a document in accordance with this *rule*.

- (2) The *register* must contain:
 - (a) the name and address of each *unitholder* (for joint *unitholders* no more than four need to be registered);
 - (b) the number of *units* (including fractions of a *unit*) of each *class* held by each *unitholder*; and
 - (c) the date on which the *unitholder* was registered in the *register* for those *units*.
- (3) The *authorised fund manager* or the *depositary* of an *AUT* or *ACS* (as appropriate) must take all reasonable steps and exercise all due diligence to ensure the *register* is kept complete and up to date.
- (4) Where relevant, the *authorised fund manager* must immediately notify the *depositary* of an *AUT* or *ACS* of any information it receives which may affect the accuracy of any entry in the *register*.
- (5) In the case of a *limited partnership scheme*, unregistered *units* may be held by the *authorised contractual scheme manager* as the agent for the *scheme* provided the *authorised contractual scheme manager* is not entered in the *register* as the new *unitholder*.

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15.7.13

Subject to any legal requirements which apply to the valuation of *investments* held or to be held in the *scheme property* of a *long-term asset fund*, the *authorised fund manager* of a *long-term asset fund* which carries on the valuation function itself must follow good market practice to value the *investments* held or to be held in the *scheme property*.

[Note: See FUND 3.9 (Valuation) and articles 67 to 71 of the AIFMD level 2 regulation.]

15.7.14 R

Due diligence – good market practice Subject to any applicable legal requirements, the *authorised fund manager*

Valuation of investments – good market practice

- of a *long-term asset fund* must use good market practice to:
 - (1) establish, implement and apply written policies and procedures on due diligence; and
 - (2) implement effective arrangements for ensuring that investment decisions on behalf of the *long-term asset fund* are carried out in compliance with the objectives, investment strategy and, where applicable, the risk limits of the *scheme*.

[Note: See articles 18 to 20 of the AIFMD level 2 regulation.]

15.7.15 G The *authorised fund manager* may use an appropriate code of good market practice for the purposes of conducting due diligence on *investments* held or to be held in the *scheme property*.

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	Application of assessment of value, assessment of investment valuations, due diligence, conflicts of interest and liquidity management and independent director rules
15.7.16 R	■ COLL 15.7.17R to ■ COLL 15.7.24R apply to an <i>authorised fund manager</i> of an <i>AUT</i> , <i>ACS</i> or <i>ICVC</i> .
	Assessment of value
15.7.17 F	(1) An <i>authorised fund manager</i> must conduct an assessment at least annually for each <i>scheme</i> it manages of whether the payments out of <i>scheme property</i> set out in the <i>prospectus</i> are justified in the context of the overall value delivered to <i>unitholders</i> .
	(2) In carrying out the assessment required by (1), the AFM must, separately for each class of units in a scheme, consider at least the matters set out in ■ COLL 6.6.21R (Table: minimum considerations – assessment of value).
15.7.18	The guidance in COLL 6.6.22G applies to interpreting the requirements of COLL 6.6.21R as applied by COLL 15.7.17R.
15.7.19 R	Failure by an <i>AFM</i> to take sufficient steps to address any instance where a <i>scheme's</i> charges are not justified in the context of the overall value delivered to <i>unitholders</i> may be relied on as tending to establish contravention of COBS 2.1.1R or COBS 2.1.4R as applicable.
	Assessment of investment valuations, due diligence, conflicts of interest and liquidity management
15.7.20 F	(1) An <i>authorised fund manager</i> of a <i>long-term asset fund</i> must conduct an assessment at least annually of how it has managed the <i>LTAF</i> in the best interests of the <i>LTAF</i> , the <i>LTAF</i> 's investors and the integrity of the market (see COBS 2.1.4R (AIFMs' best interests rules)).
	 (2) In carrying out the assessment required by (1), the authorised fund manager must consider at least the matters set out in ■ COLL 15.7.21R (Table: minimum considerations – valuation of investments, due diligence, conflicts of interest and liquidity management assessment).
	Table: minimum considerations – assessment of investmentvaluations, due diligence, conflicts of interest and liquiditymanagement
15.7.21 F	This table belongs to COLL 15.7.20R.
	1 Valuation of investments (1) Where the authorized fund manager performs the valuation func
	(1) Where the <i>authorised fund manager</i> performs the valuation func- tion itself:
	 (a) how the methodologies maintained by the <i>authorised</i> fund manager to value the LTAF's investments represent good market practice;

		(b)	where a methodology maintained by the <i>authorised</i> <i>fund manager</i> was changed or modified in relation to the valuation of a particular <i>investment</i> , the rationale for that change;
		(c)	the rationale for any material change to the valuation of an <i>investment</i> held in the <i>scheme property</i> during the relevant period; and
		(d)	the consistency of valuation of the <i>LTAF's investments</i> with those of the other <i>AIFs</i> managed by the <i>authorised fund manager</i>
	(2)		n external valuer has been appointed, the authorised nager's assessment during the relevant period of how:
		(a)	the <i>external valuer</i> satisfied FUND 3.9.7R(3) (Performance of the valuation function);
		(b)	the <i>authorised fund manager</i> was satisfied that it could demonstrate the matters specified in FUND 3.9.9R (Appointment of an <i>external valuer</i>); and
		(c)	the <i>authorised fund manager</i> was satisfied that it could demonstrate the matters specified in FUND 3.10.2R(2)(f) (General delegation requirements).
2	Due	diligence	
	liger	nce was ca	due diligence carried out on <i>investments</i> , how that due di- rried out in accordance with good market practice (see Due diligence – good market practice)).
3	Cont	flicts of int	terest
	In re	lation to d	conflicts of interest:
	(1)	manager AIFM) an avoided, der SYSC	conflicts of interest identified by the <i>authorised fund</i> under SYSC 10.1.23R (Additional requirements for an d article 30 of the <i>AIFMD level 2 regulation</i> have been managed, monitored and (where applicable) disclosed un- 10.1.24R (Additional requirements for an <i>AIFM</i>) and art- o 36 of the <i>AIFMD level 2 regulation</i> ; and
	(2)	tions wer	elation to each conflict of interest identified, those ac- e in the best interests of the <i>LTAF</i> , the <i>LTAF's</i> investors ntegrity of the market.
4	Liqu	idity mana	agement
	-	-	the management of liquidity of the <i>long-term asset fund</i> :
	(1)	how the	liquidity profile of the <i>LTAF</i> , taking into account bor- f any), has been consistent with its redemption policy;
	(2)	sults of a issues, ho	onitoring of the liquidity risk of the <i>LTAF</i> , including the re- ny stress tests, has identified any liquidity management we these were addressed in the best interests of the <i>LTAF</i> , is investors and the integrity of the market;
	(3)	in the sch the author how that	e authorised fund manager has sold an investment held neme property of the LTAF at a price adjusted to reflect prised fund manager's need to meet redemption requests, price was determined to be in the best interests of the LTAF's investors and the integrity of the market; and
	(4)	or adjustr vestors in who were	sions to apply or refrain from applying any <i>dilution levy</i> ment to <i>sales</i> and <i>redemptions</i> of <i>units</i> ensured that all in- the <i>LTAF</i> were treated fairly, including those investors e dealing in <i>units</i> of the <i>LTAF</i> , and those investors who (as e) were already invested or remained invested in the

		[Note: See FUND 3.6.3R (Liquidity systems and procedures) and articles 46 to 49 of the <i>AIFMD level 2 regulation</i> .]
		Independent directors
15.7.22	R	(1) An authorised fund manager must ensure that at least one quarter of the members of its governing body are independent natural persons. If the AFM's governing body comprises fewer than eight members, the AFM must instead ensure that at least two of its members are independent natural persons.
		(2) The <i>authorised fund manager</i> , in appointing an independent member of its <i>governing body</i> , must determine whether such a member is independent in character and judgement and whether there are relationships or circumstances which are likely to affect, or could appear to affect, that member's judgement.
		(3) The <i>authorised fund manager</i> must take reasonable steps to ensure that independent members appointed to its <i>governing body</i> have sufficient expertise and experience to be able to make judgements on whether the <i>AFM</i> is managing each <i>scheme</i> in the best interests of <i>unitholders</i> .
		(4) (a) Independent members of an AFM's governing body must be appointed for terms of no longer than five years, with a cumulative maximum duration of ten years.
		(b) If an independent member is appointed to more than one governing body within an AFM's group, the cumulative maximum duration of ten years referred to in (a) is calculated by adding the durations of each separate appointment and discounting periods during which appointments overlapped to avoid double counting.
		(c) In relation to a <i>person</i> who served as an independent director of an <i>AFM's governing body</i> before 1 October 2019, the five-year term(s) and cumulative maximum duration of ten years run from that date.
		(5) Independent members are not eligible for reappointment to an <i>AFM's governing body</i> until five years have elapsed from the end of the ten- year period referred to in (4).
		(6) The terms of <i>employment</i> on which independent members are appointed must be such as to secure their independence.
15.7.23	G	The <i>guidance</i> in ■ COLL 6.6.26G applies to interpreting the requirement for independence in ■ COLL 15.7.22R.
		Allocation of responsibility for compliance to an approved person
15.7.24	R	 (1) An AFM must allocate responsibility for ensuring its compliance with ■ COLL 15.7.17R, ■ COLL 15.7.20R, ■ COLL 15.7.22R and ■ COBS 2.1.4R (AIFMs' best interests rules) to an approved person.

(2) Where the chair of the AFM's governing body is an approved person, the AFM must allocate the responsibility set out in (1) to that person.

[Note: See ■ SYSC 24 (Senior managers and certification regime: Allocation of prescribed responsibilities).]