

Pension Fund Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday 9 September 2020

Agenda - Part I

10. PENSION FUND COMMITTEE - PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD AND UPDATE ON REGULAR ITEMS (Pages 3 - 12)

Appendices 1 and 2 to the Report of the Director of Finance and Assurance.

Agenda - Part II

14. PENSION FUND COMMITTEE - PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD AND UPDATE ON REGULAR ITEMS (Pages 13 - 20)

Appendix 4 to the report of the Director of Finance and Assurance.

Note: In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the following agenda item has been admitted late to the agenda by virtue of the special circumstances and urgency detailed below:-

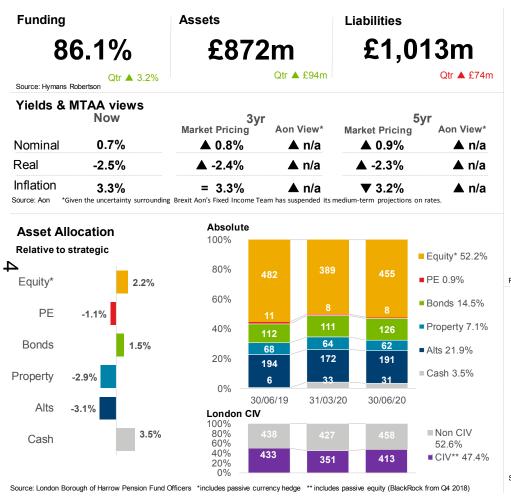
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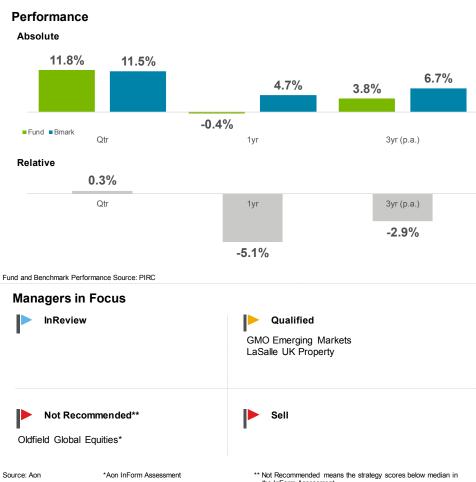
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Pension Fund Committee –
Performance Dashboard and
Update on Regular
Items

Special Circumstances/Grounds for Urgency
Appendices 1, 2 and 4 (exempt) to the report
were not available at the time the agenda was
printed and circulated as they were in the
process of being prepared by an external
company. Members are requested to consider
the appendices together with the main report
at item 10, as a matter of urgency, to allow
them to take an informed decision.



Investment Dashboard





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Manager Performance Dashboard

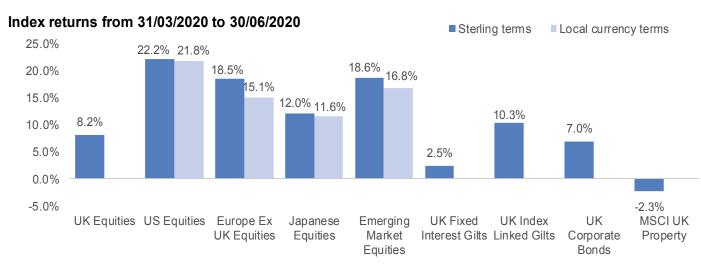


Fund and Benchmark Performance Source: PIRC Relative performance calculated by Aon using an arithmetic methodology



^{*}The passive equity assets were moved from SSGA to BlackRock on 7 September 2018 **Pantheon performance uses the previous quarter value adjusted for cash flow in the month

COVID-19: Impact on Markets



Source: FactSet, MSCI (Equities, Property), iBoxx (Corporate Bonds), FTSE (Gilts)

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- Global equities rebounded sharply over the second quarter, recovering the bulk of the losses sustained in the previous quarter's selloff
- Gilt yields continued their descent over the quarter as quantitative easing programmes and sustained demand for safe haven assets, amidst an uncertain economic outlook, kept downward pressure on yields
- UK property capital values fell by 3.6% over the quarter as property valuations continued to be written down to reflect the economic downturn. Despite steady income returns, the MSCI UK Monthly Property Index returned -2.3% overall
- The Fund's Equity, Bonds and Alternatives buckets all had strong absolute performance over the quarter while the Property manager (LaSalle) fell as a result of the Coronavirus impact over Q2 2020.



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London Borough of Harrow Pension Fund ('the Fund')

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Quarterly Trigger Monitoring – Q2 2020

Introduction

The purpose of this short report is to provide an update on the status of three de-risking triggers which the Committee have agreed to monitor on a quarterly basis. The three triggers are related to:

- The Fund's funding level
- Yield triggers based on the 20 year spot yield
- Aon's view of bond yields

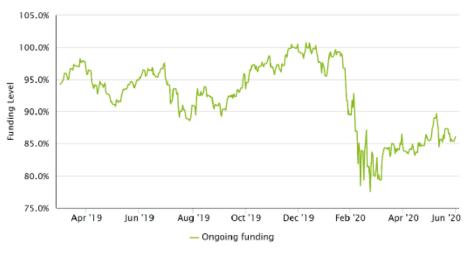
Funding level

The charts and table below show the Fund's funding level at the end of the quarter compared with the level at the last actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2019.

The funding level as at 30 June 2020 was 86%, compared to 94% as at 31 March 2019.

| 30 June 2020 | Ongoing Basis* | |
|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Assets | £872m | |
| Liabilities | £1,013m | |
| Surplus (deficit) | (£141m) | |
| Funding Level | 86% | |

^{*}This funding update is provided to illustrate the estimated development of the funding position from 31 March 2019 to 30 June



Source: Hymans Robertson

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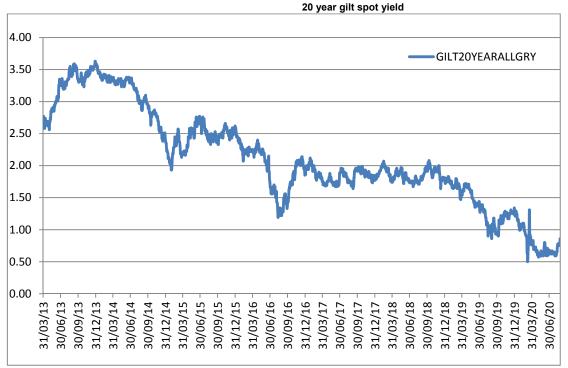
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20 year spot yield

The chart below shows the movement of the 20 year spot yield from 31 March 2013 to 26 August 2020. Yields ended the second quarter of 2020 at 0.64%, a fall from their 0.83% level at the end of Q1 2020. Yields continued to fall as the magnitude of the economic impact of the lockdown began to be felt. Since the easing of the lockdown yields have begun to increase and were 0.86% as at 26 August 2020.



Aon views on bond yields

Given the current uncertainty in markets, Aon's Fixed Income Team has suspended its medium-term projections on rates until the landscape offers more clarity. The table below sets out the market in terms of spot and forward rates as at 13 July 2020.

Summary of market spot and forward rates

| | 13 July 2020 | In 3 years | In 5 years |
|------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 20 year Spot Rate | Market Pricing | Market Pricing |
| Real | -2.53% | -2.38% | -2.25% |
| Nominal | +0.66% | +0.82% | +0.90% |
| Breakeven* | +3.28% | +3.28% | +3.22% |

^{*}Totals may not sum exactly due to rounding

Conclusion

- The Fund's funding level fell over the quarter;
- Long term bond yields continued to fall over the quarter as the economic ramifications of the lockdown were realised;
- Given the current market uncertainty and the work being undertaken in relation to the Fund's investment strategy, no immediate de-risking actions are recommended.

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