## **Pension Fund Committee AGENDA**

DATE: Tuesday 21 June 2016

TIME: 6.30 pm

**VENUE:** Committee Room 5,

**Harrow Civic Centre** 

**MEMBERSHIP** (Quorum 3 Councillors)

**Chair:** Councillor Nitin Parekh

**Councillors:** 

Jo Dooley Norman Stevenson

**Bharat Thakker** 

(Non-voting Co-optee): Mr H Bluston

Trade Union Observer(s): Mr J Royle - UNISON

Ms P Belgrave - GMB

Independent Advisers: Colin Robertson

Richard Romain

**Reserve Members:** 

Adam Swersky
 Kanti Rabadia

2. Antonio Weiss 2. Barry Macleod-Cullinane

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#### **AGENDA - PART I**

#### 1. ATTENDANCE BY RESERVE MEMBERS

To note the attendance at this meeting of any duly appointed Reserve Members.

Reserve Members may attend meetings:-

- (i) to take the place of an ordinary Member for whom they are a reserve;
- (ii) where the ordinary Member will be absent for the whole of the meeting; and
- (iii) the meeting notes at the start of the meeting at the item 'Reserves' that the Reserve Member is or will be attending as a reserve;
- (iv) if a Reserve Member whose intention to attend has been noted arrives after the commencement of the meeting, then that Reserve Member can only act as a Member from the start of the next item of business on the agenda after his/her arrival.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary or non pecuniary interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from:

- (a) all Members of the Panel;
- (b) all other Members present.

#### 3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

To appoint a Vice-Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

#### **4. MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 14)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2016 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

#### 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS \*

To receive any public questions received in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 17 (Part 4B of the Constitution).

Questions will be asked in the order notice of them was received and there be a time limit of 15 minutes.

[The deadline for receipt of public questions is 3.00 pm, 16 June 2016. Questions should be sent to <a href="mailto:publicquestions@harrow.gov.uk">publicquestions@harrow.gov.uk</a>

No person may submit more than one question].

#### 6. PETITIONS

To receive petitions (if any) submitted by members of the public/Councillors under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4B of the Constitution).

#### 7. DEPUTATIONS

To receive deputations (if any) under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 16 (Part 4B) of the Constitution.

8. INFORMATION REPORT - LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME POOLING ARRANGEMENTS UPDATE (Pages 15 - 92)

Report of the Director of Finance.

9. LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW PENSION FUND: DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016 (Pages 93 - 142)

Report of the Director of Finance.

10. INFORMATION REPORT - LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW PENSION FUND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW (Pages 143 - 172)

Report of the Director of Finance.

11. QUARTERLY TRIGGER MONITORING Q1 2016 (Pages 173 - 180)

Report of the Director of Finance.

**12. INFORMATION REPORT - INVESTMENT STRATEGY** (Pages 181 - 186)

Report of the Director of Finance.

**13. PENSION FUND COMMITTEE - UPDATE ON REGULAR ITEMS** (Pages 187 - 196)

Report of the Director of Finance.

**14. INFORMATION REPORT - PENSION FUND RISK REGISTER** (Pages 197 - 212)

Report of the Director of Finance.

15. INFORMATION REPORT - ANNUAL REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AT LONGVIEW PARTNERS (Pages 213 - 216)

Report of the Director of Finance.

16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Which cannot otherwise be dealt with.

#### 17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information in breach of an obligation of confidence, or of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

Agenda Item No	<u>Title</u>	Description of Exempt Information
18.	Information Report – Actuarial Valuation	Information under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
19.	Information Report – Investment Manager Monitoring	Information under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

#### **AGENDA - PART II**

#### **18. INFORMATION REPORT - ACTUARIAL VALUATION 2016** (Pages 217 - 254)

Report of the Director of Finance.

## **19. INFORMATION REPORT - INVESTMENT MANAGER MONITORING** (Pages 255 - 324)

Report of the Director of Finance.

[Please note that Aon Hewitt, Advisers to the Fund, will be attending this meeting.]

#### \* DATA PROTECTION ACT NOTICE

The Council will audio record item 4 (Public Questions) and will place the audio recording on the Council's website, which will be accessible to all.

[Note: The questions and answers will not be reproduced in the minutes.]



## PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

## **MINUTES**

## **9 MARCH 2016**

Chair: \* Councillor Adam Swersky

Councillors: \* Keith Ferry \* Bharat Thakker

\* Norman Stevenson

**Co-optee** Howard Bluston John Royle

(Non-voting): Pamela Belgrave

Independent \* Colin Robertson \* Richard Romain Advisers:

[Note: Other Attendance: (1) John Royle attended in an observer role, as the representative of Harrow UNISON;

- (2) Honorary Alderman Richard Romain and Colin Robertson attended as Independent Advisers to the Committee.
- (3) Colin Cartwright and Gayathri Varatharajan of Aon Hewitt attended in an advisory role, as the Council's Investment Adviser.
- (4) Richard Harbord, Chair of the Pension Board, attended the meeting as an observer. He participated in the meeting on specific items on the agenda and left the room for the confidential item 18.]
- \* Denotes Member present

#### 114. Attendance by Reserve Members

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance.

#### 115. Declarations of Interest

**RESOLVED:** To note that the following interests were declared:

#### All Agenda Items

Councillor Norman Stevenson, a Member on the Committee, declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a Director of Cathedral Independent Financial Planning Ltd., and that his wife was a member of Harrow Council's Local Government Pension Scheme. He would remain in the room whilst the matters were considered and voted upon.

Howard Bluston, a non-voting co-optee, declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was Chair of Edward Harvist Charity, which was managed by BlackRock Investment Management. He added that he had regular dealings with Aon Hewitt, the Council's Investment Adviser, and that he had represented the Committee at the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum. He would remain in the room whilst the items were discussed and make contributions as a non-voting co-optee on the Committee.

#### 116. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2015, be taken as read and signed as a correct record, subject to the deletion of the following sentence:

Minute 103, 'Options for Liability Driven Investment Strategy', the following last sentence of the penultimate paragraph in the preamble, be deleted: 'Mr Cartwright suggested that he would recommend a move of the 13% currently in Bonds into LDI with either BlackRock or another investment company. He had not yet considered the triggers for its unwinding.'

#### 117. Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations

**RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions were put, or petitions or deputations received at this meeting.

#### **RESOLVED ITEMS**

#### 118. Information Report - Actuarial Valuation 2016

The Committee received a report of the Director of Finance advising Members of the statutory requirement for the triennial valuation of the Pension Fund during 2016, which included a presentation from Gemma Sefton, representing the Actuary, Hymans Robertson LLP, prior to and during the meeting.

The Committee noted the presentation and received the 2016 Valuation Timetable, circulated at the meeting, setting out the proposed timescales for reporting, valuation process, funding strategy and meetings.

Richard Harbord, Chair of the Pension Board, requested that reporting lines to the Board ought to be included in the Valuation Timetable and that its next meeting was scheduled to be held on 22 March 2016 where a presentation from Hyman Robertson would be welcomed.

Members noted that consultation on the Actuarial Valuation with employers, such as schools and academies, would commence in October 2016.

Colin Cartwright, Aon Hewitt, was of the view that the Valuation Timetable appeared to assume 'no change' and a further report ought to be presented to the June 2016 Committee. He recommended that the Valuation Timetable and Investment Strategy be considered in tandem.

Gemma Sefton, representing the Actuary, Hymans Robertson LLP, stated that reports on Actuarial Valuation would reference any liabilities and longer term objectives, much of which would be driven by scenarios.

Individual Committee members commented on the growth strategy, Liability Driven Investments (LDIs) and the volatility of returns. Colin Cartwright, Aon Hewitt, stated that the intention was to reduce uncertainty rather than reduce the return on the Investment Strategy and he undertook to discuss the matter further with Gemma Sefton, representing the Actuary, Hymans Robertson LLP.

**RESOLVED:** That the report and the presentation be noted.

#### 119. Information Report - External Audit Plan 2015-16

The Committee received a report on the external Audit Plan for 2015-16, which had been presented by KPMG, the Council's external auditors, to the Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee on 28 January 2016.

An officer referred the Committee to paragraph 3 of the report, which set out specific points made by the auditor, particularly in relation to 'Materiality of £7m' and 'Uncorrected Omissions of £300k'. He added that 'Uncorrected Omissions', if any, would be corrected. Additionally, the same approach would be taken in relation to the valuation by Pantheon Ventures with KPMG as had been the case with the previous external auditors, Deloitte LLP. In relation to the overall liability of the Pension Fund, IAS19 would be looked at in relation to the General Fund and as part of the Council's Accounts/Annual Statement of Accounts.

The officer responded to questions and acknowledged that there would be £21k recharge to the Pension Fund as part of the annual audit and agreed to amend the financial implications in the report accordingly. He confirmed that the Governance, Audit and Risk had debated the Plan but not in relation to the Pension Fund Account.

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**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

# 120. Information Report - Local Government Pension Scheme: Revoking and replacing the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009

The Committee received a report of the Director of Finance, setting out the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) consultation document entitled "Local Government Pension Scheme: Revoking and replacing the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009' and the Council's response.

An officer referred to the critical response in relation to the infrastructure, to which a response was awaited.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

## 121. Information Report - Pooling Criteria and Guidance and London Pensions Collective Investment Vehicle

The Committee received a report of the Director of Finance, which set out the current position with regard to the development of Local Government Pension Scheme pooling arrangements and the setting up of a small group to assist officers in the development of proposals over the next three months. It was noted that the group currently comprised of Colin Robertson, Independent Adviser, and Colin Robertson, Aon Hewitt. The Chair stated that he would attend the last couple of meetings of the group. Other members of the Committee were welcome to attend and they should contact the Treasury and Pension Fund Manager in the first instance.

It was noted that the group would discuss how investment costs were handled and this would involve varying degrees of calculations. Members were informed that an organisation, CEM, had taken a high profile role in this regard and their report was available free of charge. It was also noted that the Council was working with the Collective Investment Vehicle (CIV) on this matter and that there were a number of conferences taking place on investments including 'Infrastructure' which the Council ought to keep abreast of.

The Committee was informed that the London CIV had gone 'live' and that, overtime, it would increase the funds available. Standard Life had made an offer to the London CIV in relation to their GARS product. Colin Cartwright, Aon Hewitt, provided details of the equity funds. Individual members of the Committee made the following comments:

- the London CIV needed to be included on the agenda at every meeting;
- funds for investing in the London CIV needed to be identified;
- the Committee needed to understand why it was investing in the London CIV.

The Committee noted that apart from the London Borough of Bromley, all London local authorities were members of the London CIV. The London Borough of Hillingdon had joined recently.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

## 122. Information Report - Annual Review of Internal Controls at Fund Managers

The Committee received a report of the Director of Finance, which set out in summary the contents of the latest internal controls reports of each of the Fund Managers.

An officer introduced the report and informed the Committee that an analysis based on compliance with internal controls set by the Fund Managers had been carried out and the overall position had been summarised in the report, including the appendix. The Committee had the powers to dismiss Fund Managers if their internal controls were considered to be poor.

Colin Cartwright, Aon Hewitt, reported that all Fund Managers were monitored on a regular basis and that 'flash' reports would be issued if required. An officer reminded the Committee that any action required would be taken quickly, such as that when a Fund Manager had previously been replaced with a period of three months. Immediate reaction was considered to be counterproductive and a measured approach was always taken.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

## 123. Information Report - Environmental, Social and Governance Issues in Pension Fund Investment

An officer introduced the report, which set out the responses received from Fund Managers in relation to the Committee's consideration at their last meeting of the Environmental, Social and Governance Issues. The officer was of the view that the responses provided a basis for further engagement and discuss issues arising.

The Committee noted that both the GMO and Pantheon Venture had not signed up to the principles contained within the UK Stewardship Code. Members asked if their reasons were based on philosophical reasons and discussed the type of response that ought to be sent to the Fund Managers. They asked if there were any associated risks for the Pension Fund as governance and good management were of fundamental importance to the Committee as the custodian of the Pension Fund.

Members noted that the response from Standard Life was exemplary but expressed concern with the responses provided by Aviva and GMO. Moreover, GMO's response was considered to be weak and the Committee was of the view that immediate further engagement was required in relation to the Investment Principles.

It was also agreed that the Pension Board needed to discuss the Environmental, Social and Governance Issues in Pension Fund Investment.

#### **RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the Director of Finance write to GMO in relation to the Investment Principles;
- (3) the Environmental, Social and Governance Issues in Pension Fund Investment be included on the agenda for the next Pension Board meeting.

#### 124. Work Programme for 2016-17

The Committee received a report of the Director of Finance, which set out the draft Work Programme for 2016-17 seeking any additions from the Committee and its approval. Members discussed the proposed Work Programme and made some amendments.

**RESOLVED:** That the Work Programme for the period up to March 2017 be agreed, subject to the following amendments:

- 21 June 2016 include the following: 'Update on Valuation', 'ESG Issues and response from GMO', and 'Funding Strategy Statement', the latter of which be included as part of the report on Valuation;
- a brief report on LDI be provided at each meeting of the Committee;
- 6 September 2016 a training session on 'Infrastructure' be included at this meeting;
- 'Meet the Managers' a date be arranged taking into account the availability of all Members and advisers to the Committee;
- 22 November 2016 include the following: 'Auditors Report';
- regular updates on ESG be provided at each meeting, including how other Councils were addressing the issue;
- local investing to include under Infrastructure session;
- to note that Oldfields may need to be invited to a future meeting.

## 125. Information Report - Performance of Fund Managers for Quarter Ended 31 December 2015 and Valuation at 31 January 2016

Members received a report of the Director of Finance setting out the performance of the investment managers and of the overall Fund for the

quarter, year and three years ending 31 December 2015 and the valuation at 31 January 2016.

The Committee noted that the 4.3% return on the Fund in the quarter to 31 December 2015 was below benchmark due mainly to underperformance within the equities mandates. The value of the Fund in January 2016 had dropped to £638 largely due to the performance of the equities mandates. An officer added that Members would only be alerted immediately to dramatic changes in the Fund. There was confidence that the stronger performance of markets in March 2016 would help the Fund's performance. It was noted that the returns/growth had helped improve the performance of the Fund in the previous year.

Colin Cartwright, Aon Hewitt, agreed to send an update in relation to the disappointing performance of the Oldfields equities mandate.

In relation to Oldfields, Individual members of the Committee made the following observations:

- if the Committee was minded to prejudge the losses, a commercial decision would be required thereafter;
- there was a need to take account of inputs and outputs;
- it might not be prudent to await the outcome of the report as prices might drop due to undercutting;
- the length of time taken to produce the report was of concern;
- a medium term view was required;
- the possibility of a move into the London CIV could be explored. A
  member maintained that he did not support the CIV which he
  considered would lead to a misdirection of the Fund.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted and that no action be taken until the report from Aon Hewitt was received.

#### 126. Dates of Pension Fund Committee Meetings 2016/17

**RESOLVED:** To note the dates of the Pension Fund Committee Meetings for the Municipal Year 2016/17, as follows:

21 June 2016 6 September 2016 22 November 2016; and 7 March 2017.

#### 127. Any Other Urgent Business

#### Options for Liability Driven Investments

An officer informed the Committee that a short report on funding levels requested at the last meeting had erroneously been omitted from the agenda and he apologised for this oversight. Members agreed to receive and consider an urgent oral report in order to ensure that the matter was considered at the earliest opportunity and they received a presentation and a tabled document titled 'Funding Update as at 31 December 2015 – London Borough of Harrow Fund' from Gemma Sefton, representing the Actuary, Hymans Robertson LLP, which illustrated the estimated development of the funding position from 31 March 2013 to 31 December 2015.

Gemma Sefton, representing the Actuary, Hymans Robertson LLP, highlighted the key aspects of the tabled document, as follows:

- the funding levels during the period March 2013 and December 2015 had remained broadly the same and the document showed how the deficit had changed;
- the market indicators for yields, page 2 of the document, showed that the discount rate had fallen. The liabilities had been grouped together. Colin Cartwright of Aon Hewitt undertook to provide a further brief report setting out the triggers and where these had been breached. Colin Robertson, Independent Adviser, was of the view that an electronic tracker would be helpful, particularly during dramatic events in the financial markets;
- changes in funding levels were set out on page 3 of the document and that these had been driven by the volatility in the financial markets. Colin Cartwright of Aon Hewitt reported that Liability Driven Investments (LDIs) could help the Pension Fund Committee manage its funds:
- pages 5 and 6 of the document showed what had caused the change is assets and funding levels.

The Committee discussed the impact of the UK leaving Europe in the forthcoming EU Referendum and the impact on sterling, equities, bonds and GDP (Gross Domestic Product). Colin Cartwright, Aon Hewitt, informed the Committee that a report setting out the possible impact was underway.

**RESOLVED:** That the presentation and report be noted.

#### 128. Exclusion of Press and Public

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item for the reason set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	Reason
18.	Investment Manager Monitoring  – Information Report	Information under paragraph 3 (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

#### 129. Information Report - Investment Manager Monitoring

Members considered a confidential paper which included Aon Hewitt's quarterly report on Harrow's investment managers with all managers being rated either "Buy" or "Qualified".

The Chair reported that confidential reports (Part II) before the Pension Fund Committee would be shared with the Pension Board on the basis that the Board could carry out its role effectively. However, reports which contained personal information of officers would be treated on a case by case basis where it may be possible to present a summary report or a redacted document.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted and that the fuller versions of the report be presented to the Committee in the future.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.54 pm, closed at 8.47 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR ADAM SWERSKY Chair

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REPORT FOR: PENSION FUND

**COMMITTEE** 

Date of Meeting: 21 June 2016

Subject: Information Report - Local Government

Pension Scheme Pooling Arrangements

Update

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

Exempt: No

Wards affected:

**Enclosures:** Appendix 1: Investment Benchmarking for

Harrow (CEM Benchmarking)

Appendix 2: Letter from Minister for Local

Government 24 March 2016

Appendix 3: Letter from DCLG 8 June

2016

Appendix 4: Draft response from CIV to

**DCLG** 

Appendix 5: Template for individual

borough response

Appendix 6: Exemptions from pooling of

LGPS assets

## **Section 1 - Summary**

The report updates the Committee on the development of the pooling arrangements and the London CIV and invites its comments on the Fund's submission to the CIV as part of its submission to DCLG by 15 July 2016.



### **Section 2 - Report**

#### A Background

1. At its meeting on 9 March 2016 the Committee received a report which set out the, then, current position as regards the development of Local Government Pension Scheme pooling arrangements and asked Members to consider setting up a small group to assist officers in the development of proposals over the next three months. The discussion of the Committee was minuted as follows:

The Committee received a report of the Director of Finance, which set out the current position with regard to the development of Local Government Pension Scheme pooling arrangements and the setting up of a small group to assist officers in the development of proposals over the next three months. It was noted that the group currently comprised Colin Robertson, Independent Adviser, and Colin Cartwright, Aon Hewitt. The Chair stated that he would attend the last couple of meetings of the group. Other members of the Committee were welcome to attend and they should contact the Treasury and Pension Fund Manager in the first instance.

It was noted that the group would discuss how investment costs were handled and this would involve varying degrees of calculations. Members were informed that an organisation, CEM, had taken a high profile role in this regard and their report was available free of charge. It was also noted that the Council was working with the Collective Investment Vehicle (CIV) on this matter and that there were a number of conferences taking place on investments including "Infrastructure" which the Council ought to keep abreast of.

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- the London CIV needed to be included on the agenda at every meeting;
- funds for investing in the London CIV needed to be identified;
- the Committee needed to understand why it was investing in the London CIV
- The Committee noted that apart from the London Borough of Bromley all London local authorities were members of the London CIV. The London Borough of Hillingdon had joined recently.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

2. The Committee is reminded that in late November 2015 the Council, along with all other administering authorities of the Local Government Pension Scheme, received a document from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) entitled "Local Government Pension Scheme: Investment Reform Criteria and Guidance." DCLG required an initial response to this document by 19 February 2016 and all Pension Fund Administering authorities responded by the deadline.

3. In addition to this requirement, in Paragraph 2.2 of their document DCLG stated as follows:

Refined and completed submissions are expected by 15 July 2016, which fully address the criteria in this document, and provide any further information that would be helpful in evaluating the proposals. At this second stage, the submissions should comprise:

- for each pool, a joint proposal from participating authorities setting out the pooling arrangement in detail. For example, this may cover the governance structures, decision-making processes and implementation timetable: and
- for each authority, an individual return detailing the authority's commitment to, and expectations of, the pool(s). This should include their profile of costs and savings, the transition profile for their assets, and the rationale for any assets they intend to hold outside of the pools in the long term.
- 4. The Committee were advised that within the document DCLG had specified that the submission of each administering authority must include:
  - A fully transparent assessment of investment costs and fees as at 31 March 2013.
  - A fully transparent assessment of current investment costs and fees, prepared on the same basis as 2013 for comparison.
  - A detailed estimate of savings over the next 15 years.
  - A detailed estimate of implementation costs and when they will arise, including transition costs as assets are migrated into the pool(s), and an explanation of how these costs will be met.
  - A proposal for reporting transparently against their forecast transition costs and savings, as well as how they will report fees and net performance.
- 5. The group of officers and advisers has met on one occasion but has subsequently shared a considerable amount of information. The thoughts of the group included the following:
  - We should not alter our investment strategy purely on account of the pooling requirements
  - To support the pooling concept we can seek to transfer the passive mandate as soon as possible when a suitable alternative becomes available
  - We should only transfer our active mandates when we have carried out our fiduciary duty in respect of alternatives
  - In view of the costs of liquidation we should be reluctant to transfer our property and private equity mandates
  - We have not yet developed our thinking on infrastructure investments sufficiently to make any commitment at this stage

- We should encourage the CIV to engage with some of our managers to improve our transfer potential
- The CIV should be encouraged to consider developing its own property and infrastructure funds

#### **B** Collection of data

- 6. As indicated above, CEM Benchmarking (CEM) had offered a free service to all administering authorities to analyse their data in a way that would assist in providing the cost information required by DCLG. At the time of the last Committee officers were already inclined to accept this offer but over subsequent weeks it became clear that every administering authority, not just in London but throughout the whole Country, were likely to be completing the returns hence to do so had become virtually compulsory. The CEM survey was therefore completed and, as a result of discussing the draft returns and a draft report with both CEM and some of the Committee's advisers the final analysis was received on 7 June 2016 and is attached as Appendix 1.
- 7. Many of the LGPS officers and Members acquainted with the CEM methodology have some misgivings and it is generally accepted that the LGPS Funds have provided information in a format designed primarily for much larger funds most of which are not based in UK. Nevertheless for most funds, including Harrow, the CEM analysis is the best of its type available and it is already having a significant influence on the development of the pooling arrangements.
- 8. Some of the main conclusions arising from the Harrow review are as follows:
  - The Fund's net return in 2014 of 9.4% was below the Global median of 10.9%
  - The net value added in 2014 of 0.7% was in the top quartile and well above the Global median of -0.1%
  - The Fund's asset risk in 2014 of 11.8% placed it in the top decile and well above the Global median of 9.0%
  - The Fund's total investment costs in 2014-15 of 50.8bps were just above the Global median of 49.2bps
  - The Fund's total investment costs of 50.8bps were below the benchmark costs of 58.7bps
  - Over the last three years the Fund's costs increased from 45.3bps to 50.8bps.

#### C Completion of DCLG July return

- 9. Since the returns of mid-February, DCLG has tended to communicate with the embryonic pools rather than individual administering authorities. Until very recently the only response received from Government to the boroughs had been the attached letter from the Minister dated 24 March 2016 (Appendix 2) which appeared to be directed primarily at the CIV but copied to each borough. Nevertheless, the letter did provide additional guidance on the Government's thinking. Recent and more specific advice to the Council tends to have come from the CIV.
- 10. The information received from the CIV is that every member has completed the CEM survey. As a result, they will be receiving a high level assessment of the collated London fund data to include in the response to Government for their July submission. The CIV have also asked to be given copies of each of their member's reports and the Harrow report has been sent to them.
- 11. The boroughs have been advised that the London CIV has been working with the Cross-Pool Collaboration Group to create a template for submissions that the Government will accept in compliance with its requirements by 17 July. The pools have been of the view that, notwithstanding its previous Guidance, DCLG would only require pool submissions and this has now been confirmed in a letter from DCLG dated 8 June 2016 (Appendix 3). They specifically advise:

We will require only a single submission from each pool with an annex from each participating fund on assets to be held outside the pool.

- 12. We are advised that the Collaboration Group is also considering issues surrounding infrastructure investment and stewardship matters and have expressed concern over Government requirements to estimate future transition costs and for savings estimates for periods as far into the future as 2033.
- 13. The CIV has now provided its draft response on behalf of the London pool attached as Appendix 4 The draft response covers the key criteria in the pooling criteria and guidance namely:
  - Criterion A Asset pools that achieve the benefits of scale
  - Criterion B Strong governance and decision making
  - Criterion C Reduced costs and excellent value for money
  - Criterion D An improved capacity to invest in infrastructure
- 14. The Pensions CIV Sectoral Joint Committee is due to consider this draft on 14 June and the Committee will be updated verbally on its deliberations.

- 15. To assist the CIV in its submission the Council has received a template attached as Appendix 5. The CIV requested the submission of the data by 10 June to allow them to report as fully as possible to the Sectoral Joint Committee on 14 June. Officers were of the view that so many of the questions asked required the Committee's consideration that they have submitted a return covering only factual information in respect of actual asset allocation.
- 16. The Committee is invited to review the template and consider how they wish to respond.
- 17. To assist in both the submission of information and in the implementation of the pooling arrangements a list of possible exemptions from pooling has been received from DCLG and is attached as Appendix 6.

#### **D Annual Service Charge**

18. At its meeting on 25 March 2015 the Committee agreed to various payments in respect of the establishment and administration of the CIV.and agreed:

that where any further payment is needed urgently and a meeting of the Committee is not imminent delegated authority be given to the Director of Finance and Assurance, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to make payments of up to £25,000 in total and to advise the Committee subsequently.

- 19. The CIV budget is to be considered by the Sectoral Joint Committee on 14 June and it will be recommended to agree that a contribution of £25,000 be sought from each member in respect of an annual service charge for 2016-17.
- 20. The Director of Finance will make this payment under her delegated authority.

### **Financial Implications**

21. Whilst the pooling initiatives will have a very significant impact on the costs and performance of the Fund the only financial implication arising directly from this report is the payment of the service charge of £25,000 to be met from the Pension Fund.

### **Risk Management Implications**

22. The risks arising from the management and investment of funds are included in the Pension Fund risk register.

### **Equalities implications**

23. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

#### **Council Priorities**

25. The financial health of the Pension Fund directly affects the level of employer contribution which then, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities.

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Ward (	Councillors notified:		NO
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### **BenchmarkDB**

# 2014/15 Investment Benchmarking Analysis for Harrow



#### Introduction

We are pleased to present the 25th edition of the annual CEM Investment Benchmarking Report for defined benefit plans. We greatly appreciate your business and continued support.

In this report you will find a comparison of your fund's investment returns, value added and costs to the Global universe.

We take pride in our data cleaning process. This ensures that the findings of the analysis are reliable, and can help our clients optimize their performance and maximize retirement income of fund participants.

This report compares your costs and performance at different dates:

- Investment performance is for the calendar year to December 2014 (consistent with the universe of funds that supply CEM with data). This report reflects just one year's performance.
- Fund values and asset mix information for LGPS funds are for LGPS financial year ending March 2015. For the wider universe of funds this information is for the year ending December 2014.
- Costs are for the LGPS financial years ending March 2013, 2014 and 2015. For the wider universe of funds, costs are for the year ending December 2014.

This is done to:

- a) Provide accurate performance comparisons against the wider universe of participating funds.
- b) Enable LGPS funds to report costs for their financial year that are:
  - Easier to collect
  - More helpful for LGPS funds to compare, and
  - Aligned with the expectaction of DCLG for the purpose of reporting costs between 2013 and 2015.

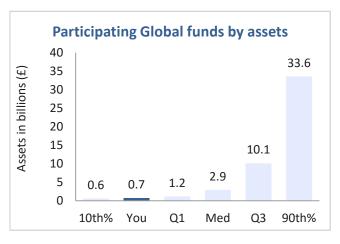
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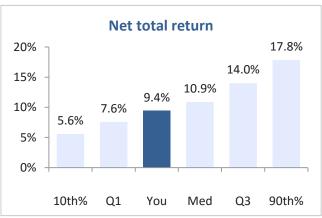
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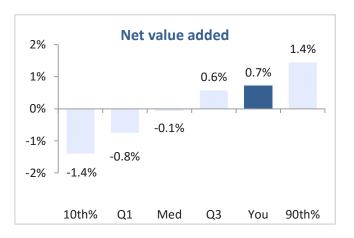
## **Executive summary**



The primary comparisons in this report are to the Global universe. It is comprised of 407 funds with plan size ranging between £35 million and £591.2 billion. The median fund was £2.9 billion which compares to your fund's £667 million.



Your fund's 2014 net total return was 9.4%. This was below the Global median of 10.9%.



Net value added measures the value produced over what could have been earned by using passive management. It equals net total return minus policy return.

Your 2014 net value added was 0.7%. This was above the Global median of -0.1%.



Your asset risk was 11.8%. This was above the Global median of 9.0%.

Asset risk is the expected standard deviation of your policy return. It is based on the historical variance of, and covariance between, the asset classes in your policy mix.



Your fund's total investment cost in 2014/15 was 50.8 bps. This was above the Global median of 49.2 bps.

Total investment costs used in this analysis exclude transaction costs and private asset performance fees.

Benchmark cost analy								
	£000s	points						
Your investment cost	3,176	50.8 bp						
less: Your benchmark cost	3,670	58.7 bp						
equals: Your cost savings	494	7.9 bp						

Differences in total cost are often due to differences in fund size and asset mix.

Therefore, to help you assess whether your costs are high or low CEM calculates a benchmark cost for your fund that adjusts for differences in fund size and asset mix.

Your total investment cost of 50.8 bps was below your benchmark cost of 58.7 bps.

Changes to your costs								
	Basis							
	£000s	points						
Your total investment costs in 2012/13	2,281	45.3 bp						
Your total investment costs in 2014/15	3,176	50.8 bp						
3-year change	895	5.4 bp						

Costs can change because of:

- Changes in the values of assets
- Changes in asset mix
- Changes in how much you pay for similar assets/services

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Your cost increased from 45.3 bps in 2012/13 to 50.8 bps in 2014/15.

## Benefits of upgrading to peer-based benchmarking

This report is provided free of charge. It provides a limited but helpful comparison with other funds. If you would like more detailed comparisons, a full explanation of your relative cost and a multi-year view then we suggest that you upgrade to our detailed, peer based benchmarking report. The differences between this and the detailed report are explained below:

	Snapshot report	Peer-based benchmarking report
Report size	Approx. 30 pages	Approx. 160 pages
Which funds will we be compared with?	The universe of funds providing CEM with data.	For cost: A peer group of approximately 20 funds similar to you in terms of size.  For performance: The universe of funds providing CEM with data.
How does CEM compare us in terms of cost?	We run a regression across the universe of clients giving us data to calculate a benchmark cost – an 'average cost for a fund of your size and asset mix'. This is designed to be indicative – it isn't a perfect benchmark comparison.	We calculate a benchmark cost based on the median costs for each asset class amongst your custom peer group applied to your asset mix. This provides a precise basis for comparison.
Does the report explain why we are high or low cost?	No – though some data in the report helps you to form a picture.	Yes – we fully explain, in £ and bps, at an asset class and aggregate level, why you are high or low cost relative to the benchmark.
How does CEM compare us in terms of performance?	One-year analysis comparing you with the universe for:     Total Returns.     Policy Returns.     Value added.	Consistent with the Snapshot report but with multi-year analysis and more detail.
What does the report contain in terms of cost effectiveness?	Cost effectiveness ranking based on the benchmark cost comparison described above and one-year value added.	Cost effectiveness ranking based on the benchmark cost comparison described above and multi-year value added.

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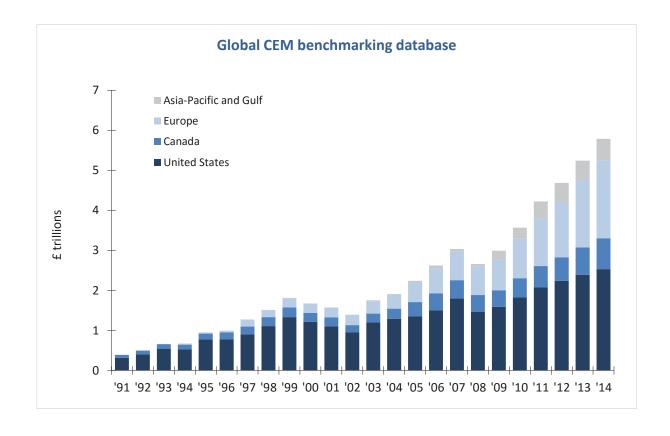
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## The benchmarking database

### **CEM's global benchmarking database**

CEM has been providing cost benchmarking solutions since 1991. The 2014 survey universe is comprised of 407 funds representing £5.8 trillion in assets. The breakdown by region is as follows:

- 173 U.S. pension funds with aggregate assets of £2.5 trillion.
- 87 Canadian pension funds with aggregate assets of £771.8 billion.
- 99 UK pension funds with aggregate assets of £306 billion.
- 40 European pension funds with aggregate assets of £1.6 trillion. Included are funds from the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Ireland.
- 8 Asia-Pacific and Gulf region pension funds with aggregate assets of £535 billion.

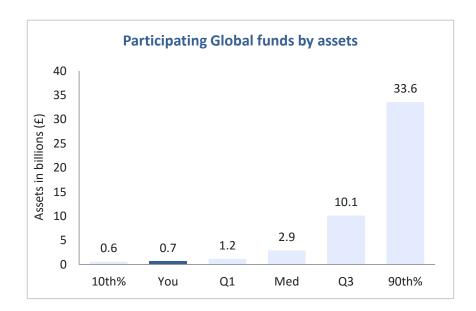


### **Characteristics of the Global survey universe**

In this report, your fund's results are compared to the 2014 Global survey universe.

The Global universe is comprised of 407 pension funds:

- Combined the funds had aggregate assets of £5.8 trillion.
- The funds range in size between £35 million and £591 billion.
- The median size was £2.9 billion (versus your £667 million).
- 52 are other, 161 are corporate and 194 are public funds.
- The median membership was 43,618 members (versus your 17,143 members). The median assets per member was £104,941 (versus your £38,894).



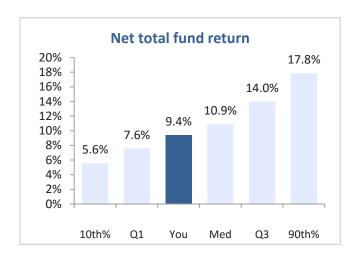
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## Returns, value added and risk

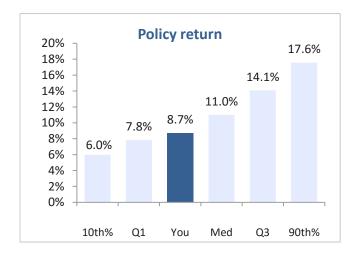
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The returns highlighted in this section for you and the universe of participants are for the calendar year to December 2014.

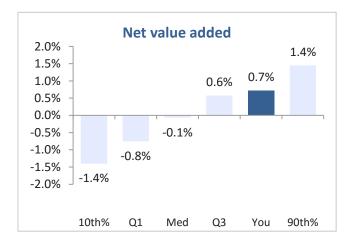
### Net returns, policy returns and net value added



Your 2014 net total fund return was 9.4%. This was below the Global median of 10.9%.



Policy return is the return you could have earned passively by indexing your investments according to your policy mix. Your 2014 policy return was 8.7%. This is below the Global median of 11.0%.



Your 2014 net value added was 0.7%. This was above the Global median of -0.1%.

## **Policy asset mix**

Differences in policy return are caused by differences in policy asset mix. Policy asset mix is a fund's long-term asset mix policy or target asset weights. Policy weights are usually established by an investment committee or board and are determined by long-term considerations, such as liability structure, risk tolerance and long-term capital market expectations.

Asset Class	2014 policy	asset mix by	asset clas	SS
Stock         Europe         0.0%         0.7%         0.0%           Europe Small Cap         0.0%         0.0%         0.0%         0.0%           Japan         0.0%         0.2%         0.7%           Asia-Pacific         0.0%         0.3%         0.4%           Asia-Pacific ex-Japan         0.0%         0.1%         0.6%           UK         0.0%         3.5%         15.8%           EAFE ex-UK         0.0%         11.7%         2.8%           EAFE         0.0%         3.6%         0.0%           ACWIXU.S.         0.0%         2.7%         0.0%           Emerging         10.0%         2.6%         2.4%           Global         52.0%         14.8%         30.7%           Global Small Cap         0.0%         0.0%         0.0%           Other         0.0%         4.2%         0.4%           Stock - Total         62.0%         45.1%         56.0%           Fixed Income         Euro         0.0%         0.7%         0.0%           Euro Gov't         0.0%         0.7%         0.0%           Euro Gov't         0.0%         0.4%         0.0%           UK Gov't         0.0%<		Your	Global	LGPS
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Fixed Income - Total         13.0%         35.5%         20.8%           Commodities         0.0%         0.5%         0.3%           Infrastructure         0.0%         1.3%         1.8%           Natural Resources         0.0%         0.3%         0.1%           REITs         0.0%         0.5%         0.5%           Real Estate ex-REITs         10.0%         5.8%         8.2%           Other Real Assets         0.0%         0.3%         0.3%           Hedge Funds         0.0%         3.5%         2.3%           Global TAA         10.0%         2.8%         6.5%           Diversified Private Equity         5.0%         3.6%         2.9%           Venture Capital         0.0%         0.2%         0.3%           LBO         0.0%         0.2%         0.0%           Other Private Equity         0.0%         0.2%         0.1%	Other	0.0%	6.4%	1.3%
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Diversified Private Equity       5.0%       3.6%       2.9%         Venture Capital       0.0%       0.2%       0.3%         LBO       0.0%       0.2%       0.0%         Other Private Equity       0.0%       0.2%       0.1%	Hedge Funds	0.0%	3.5%	2.3%
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LBO         0.0%         0.2%         0.0%           Other Private Equity         0.0%         0.2%         0.1%	Diversified Private Equity	5.0%	3.6%	2.9%
Other Private Equity         0.0%         0.2%         0.1%	Venture Capital	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
	LBO	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Total 100% 100% 100%	Other Private Equity	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

<sup>1.</sup> Your asset mix, and that of the LGPS universe, are as at March 2015.

<sup>2.</sup> Based on the universe of LGPS funds that provided data at the point the report was produced.

## Calculation of your policy return and net value added

	Cal	culation	of 2014 policy return and value added for			
Harrow						
					Net	
	Policy	Net	Be	nchmark	value	
Asset class	weight	return <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark description	return	added	
Stock						
UK		1.2%	Your Stock: UK benchmark	1.2%	0.0%	
Emerging	10.0%	-0.7%	MSCI Emerging Market Index	3.9%	-4.6%	
Global	52.0%	9.2%	MCSI All World Index (59%) / MSCI World NDR (20%) / MSCI World (Local) TR Net (21%) -(No BM as not full year in Fund)	10.0%	-0.8%	
Fixed Income						
UK	10.0%	17.1%	iBoxx Sterling Non Gilt Only 10+ Yr Index	18.0%	-0.9%	
UK Gov't	3.0%	21.1%	Your Bonds:UK Gov't benchmark	21.4%	-0.3%	
Real Estate ex-REITs	10.0%	16.6%	IPD UK PPF All Balanced Funds	17.2%	-0.6%	
Global TAA	10.0%	5.0%	3 Month LIBOR + 4%	4.5%	0.5%	
Diversified Private Equity	5.0%	21.7%	Your Diversified or All benchmark	10.8%	10.9%	
Total	100.0%					
Net total fund return 9.4						
Policy return 8.79						
Net value added (Net return - policy return) 0.7%						

<sup>1.</sup> If you were unable to provide full year net returns the default is to set the unavailable return equal to the benchmark return.

Your 2014 net value added was 0.7%. This was determined by subtracting your policy return of 8.7% from your net return of 9.4%.

- Policy return is the return a fund would have earned if it had passively implemented its policy mix through its benchmark indices. Your policy return equals the sum of your policy weights multiplied by your benchmarks for each asset class.
- Net value added equals your net return minus your policy return. It primarily reflects the contribution of active management.

## Returns and value added by asset class

The table below compares your fund's net returns, benchmark returns and net value added by asset class to the Global median and LGPS median.

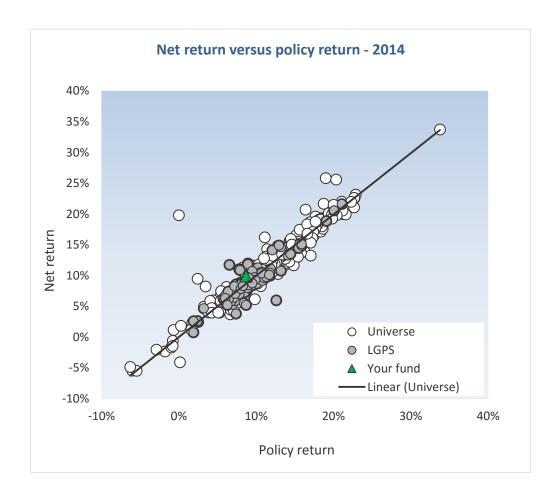
2014 Returns and net value added by asset class										
	Your fund			Glo	Global median			LGPS Median		
		Bench-	Net		Bench- Net		Bench-		Net	
	Net	mark	value	Net	mark	value	Net	mark	Value	
Asset class	return <sup>1</sup>	return	added <sup>2</sup>	return	return	added	Return	Return	Added	
Stock										
UK	1.2	1.2	0.0	1.3	1.2	0.1	1.3	1.2	0.0	
Emerging	-0.7	3.9	-4.6	3.5	3.5	-0.2	4.3	4.3	-0.5	
Global	9.2	10.0	-0.8	9.8	10.3	-0.2	10.3	10.7	-0.3	
Fixed Income										
UK	17.1	18.0	-0.9	13.9	13.9	-0.1	13.2	13.8	-0.1	
UK Gov't	21.1	21.4	-0.3	19.8	19.1	-0.5	19.8	19.1	-0.5	
Real Estate ex-REITs	16.6	17.2	-0.6	15.3	17.2	-0.4	14.6	17.2	-2.0	
Global TAA	5.0	4.5	0.5	7.6	5.9	0.6	4.6	4.0	0.7	
<b>Diversified Private Equity</b>	21.7	10.8	10.9	18.4	14.2	0.5	15.3	8.4	5.7	

<sup>1.</sup> Net return shown on this page equals the asset-weighted average of your internal passive, internal active, external passive and external active actual returns for each asset class.

<sup>2.</sup> Net value added equals net return minus benchmark return. Net returns are calculated as your reported gross return minus management fees, internal costs and performance fees for public assets.

### The correlation between net returns and policy returns

The primary reason for differences in total fund return is usually differences in asset mix policy. But asset mix policy matters more in some years than others. This plot of net return versus policy return demonstrates the extent to which investment policy explained differences in investment returns in 2014.



The R<sup>2</sup> of the regression of policy returns versus net returns in 2014 was 89%. This means that, on average, 89% of differences in net return for 2014 can be explained by differences in investment policy.

Generally, in any given year, the greater the difference between stock and bond returns, the more differences in net return can be explained by differences in policy return.

# **Risk analysis**

When assessing returns and value added it is important to also consider investment asset risk.



Asset risk is the expected volatility of your plan's policy returns. Your asset risk was 11.8%, which was above the Global median of 9.0%.

In calculating risk levels, CEM does not use your specific policy benchmarks. Standard asset class proxies are used for each given asset class.

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# **Cost and cost effectiveness**

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The costs highlighted in this section for you and for other LGPS funds are for the LGPS financial year (i.e., to March 31). The wider universe of funds provides costs for the calendar year to December 2014.

## Your 2012/13 investment costs

Your 2012/13 total investment cost was 45.3 basis points. It is comprised of asset management fees and costs plus oversight, custodial and other costs. It excludes transaction costs, private asset performance fees and non-investment pension costs such as actuarial costs and benefit administration.

Your 2012/13 investment management costs in £000s									
	<u>Internal</u> 8	& Co-Inv.	Exter	nal Passive	External Active			<u> </u>	
	Passive	Active		Monitoring	Base	Under-	Perf.	Monitoring	
Asset Category			Fees	& Other	Fees	lying	Fees 1	& Other	Total
Stock									
UK			6:	1					61
Global					774		13	3	787
Fixed Income									
UK					99				99
UK Gov't					25				25
Real Estate ex-REITs - Fund of Funds					87	306			393
Diversified Priv. Equity - Fund of Funds					299	250			549
Overlay Programs					20				20
Total asset management cost excluding	private a	sset perfo	rmance	e fees					1,934
Your 2012/13 oversight, custodial & other asset related costs* (£000s)									

Your 2012/13 oversight, custodial & other asset related costs* (£000s)	
Oversight of the fund	163
Custodial	9
Consulting and Performance Measurement	134
Audit	21
Other	20
Total oversight, custodial & other asset related costs	347
Total investment cost (excluding private asset performance fees and transaction costs)	2,281
	45.3 bp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Total cost excludes carry/performance fees for infrastructure, natural resources, real estate and private equity. Performance fees are included for the public market asset classes.

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes non-investment costs, such as pension administration.

## Your 2013/14 investment costs

Your 2013/14 total investment cost was 49.8 basis points. It is comprised of asset management fees and costs plus oversight, custodial and other costs. It excludes transaction costs, private asset performance fees and non-investment pension costs such as actuarial costs and benefit administration.

Your 2013/14 investment management costs in £000s								
<u>Internal &amp; Co-Inv.</u> <u>External Passive</u> <u>External Active</u>							<u> </u>	
	Passive Active		Monitoring	Base	Under-	Perf.	Monitoring	
Asset Category		Fees	& Other	Fees	lying	Fees <sup>1</sup>	& Other	Total
Stock								
UK		70	)					70
Global				769		43		812
Fixed Income								
UK				101				101
UK Gov't				25			_	25
Real Estate ex-REITs - Fund of Funds				93	326			419
Global TAA				378				378
Diversified Priv. Equity - Fund of Funds				299	250			549
Overlay Programs				20				20
Total asset management cost excluding	g private asset perfo	ormance	fees					2,374
Your 2013/14 o	versight, custo	dial & d	other asset	t relate	d costs*	(£000s	s)	
Oversight of the fund								160
Custodial								9
Consulting and Performance Measuren	nent							187
Audit								21
Other								23
Total oversight, custodial & other asset related costs								

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Total cost excludes carry/performance fees for infrastructure, natural resources, real estate and private equity. Performance fees are included for the public market asset classes.

2,774 49.8 bp

Total investment cost (excluding private asset performance fees and transaction costs)

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{*}}$  Excludes non-investment costs, such as pension administration.

## Your 2014/15 investment costs

Your 2014/15 total investment cost was 50.8 basis points. It is comprised of asset management fees and costs plus oversight, custodial and other costs. It excludes transaction costs, private asset performance fees and noninvestment pension costs such as actuarial costs and benefit administration.

Your 2014/15 investment management costs in £000s									
	<u>Internal</u>	& Co-Inv.	Extern	al Passive		Extern	al Active	2	
	Passive	Active		Monitoring	Base	Under-	Perf.	Monitoring	
Asset Category			Fees	& Other	Fees	lying	Fees 1	& Other	Total
Stock									
UK			45						45
Emerging					224				224
Global			48	.	637		166	5	851
Fixed Income									
UK					112				112
UK Gov't					28				28
Real Estate ex-REITs - Fund of Funds					92	341	0	1	433
Global TAA					428		C	)	428
Diversified Priv. Equity - Fund of Funds					299	227			526
Overlay Programs					21				21

Total asset management cost excluding private asset performance fees

2,668

Your 2014/15 oversight, custodial & other asset related costs* (£000	s)
Oversight of the fund	238
Custodial	10
Consulting and Performance Measurement	175
Audit	19
Other	66
Total oversight, custodial & other asset related costs	508
Total investment cost (excluding private asset performance fees and transaction costs)	3,176
	50.8 bp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Total cost excludes carry/performance fees for infrastructure, natural resources, real estate and private equity. Performance fees are included for the public market asset classes.

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes non-investment costs, such as pension administration.

## Your cost increased from 45.3 bps in 2012/13 to 50.8 bps in 2014/15.

	£k	Bps	Notes
Investment cost in 2012/13	2,280.7	45.3	
Impact of change in scale	555.9		1
Impact of change in asset mix	474.9	7.6	2
Impact of change in overlays	-3.9	-0.1	
Impact of other changes:			
Implementation Style:  Less active management	-319.5	-5.1	
What you pay for similar assets / services:			
Public equity			
Lower base fees	-6.7	-0.1	
Higher performance fees	155.7	2.5	
Fixed income			
Lower base fees	-3.3	-0.1	
Real Assets*			
Lower base fees	-38.1	-0.6	
Private Equity			
Higher base fees	4.0	0.1	
Higher oversight costs	76.4	1.2	_ 3
Total	895.3	5.4	
Investment cost in 2014/15	3,176.0	50.8	_

<sup>\*</sup> Real assets includes commodities, natural resources, infrastructure, real estate and other real assets.

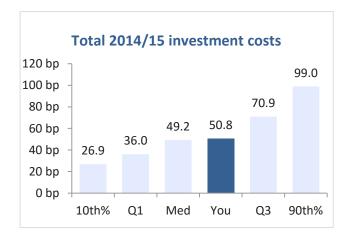
<sup>1.</sup> Assuming your asset mix, implementation style and how much you pay in bps for similar assets and services remained constant, your costs in £ would have risen in line with assets (by 18%).

<sup>2.</sup> An increasing allocation towards higher cost assets will push your total cost up (and vice versa).

<sup>3.</sup> Oversight includes custody, performance measurement, legal and other professional fees and internal oversight costs (e.g., any CIO) that cannot be attributed at an asset class level.

## Total 2014/15 investment costs

Your plan's total investment cost, excluding transaction costs and private asset performance fees, was £3,176,000 or 50.8 bps. This was above the Global median of 49.2 bps.



Your total investment cost consists of asset management costs and oversight, custodial and other costs. A breakdown of these costs can be found on page 19.

Total investment cost excludes transaction costs, private asset performance fees and actuarial costs.

Pension administration costs are also excluded.

Comparisons of total investment cost must be interpreted with caution because differences are often due to differences in size and asset mix. Therefore, CEM calculates a benchmark cost for each fund to help them understand whether they are high or low cost after adjusting for differences in size and asset mix. The benchmark cost is determined using regression analysis on all participating funds in the CEM database.

## Benchmark cost analysis

Your fund's benchmark cost was 58.7 bps in 2014/15. Your benchmark cost can be thought of as the average cost for a fund with your size, asset mix and country of origin. Your actual total cost of 50.8 bps was below your benchmark cost.

	Benchmark cost anal	ysis	
		(£000)	basis points
	Your fund's benchmark cost	3,670	58.7 bps
less	Your investment cost	3,176	50.8 bps
equals	Your fund's cost savings	494	7.9 bps

The primary reasons why a fund's costs might be high (or low) compared to their benchmark cost are:

- Using a higher (or lower) cost implementation style For example, passively indexing tends to be lower cost than active management. Similarly, internal management tends to be lower cost than using external managers, which in turn is lower cost than using fund of funds. See page 24 for style comparisons. Differences in implementation style are not taken into account in the benchmark equation, because they are considered to be within the control of sponsors.
- Paying more (or less) than similar size funds for same-style, same-asset-class investment management.
- Paying more (or less) than similar size funds for oversight, custodial and other costs.

CEM determines a benchmark cost using regression analysis on its entire database. The R<sup>2</sup> for the benchmark cost equation was 67%. This means that fund size, asset mix and country of origin explain more than 67% of the differences in investment cost (excluding transaction costs and private asset performance fees) between funds. This is good explanatory power, but not perfect. Your benchmark cost is intended to be used only as an indicator and should not be interpreted too precisely.

## The benchmark cost equation

2014/15 Benchmark cost regression								
	Co-	t						
Variables	efficients	statistic						
Constant	84.4	19.2						
Size in US\$ millions (Log 10)	-15.7	-14.6						
Stocks (incl. REITs) as % of assets	14.3	3.3						
Real estate as % of assets	56.7	3.7						
Hedge funds & private equity as % of assets	205.2	27.4						
Country variable	-6.9	-4.0						
Standard Error	14.5							
R <sup>2</sup>	67%							
F statistic	186							
Sample size	449							

CEM determines a benchmark cost for all funds using regression analysis. The 2014/15 regression equation is:

Benchmark Cost = 84.4bp + (-15.7bp x log of size) + (14.3bp x % stocks) + (56.7bp x % real estate) + (205.2bp x % hedge funds & private equity) + (-6.9bp x country variable) + ((hedge fund assets x universe average hedge fund performance fees in bps) / total average holdings)

#### Using your fund's data:

Your 58.7 bp Benchmark Cost = 84.4bp +  $(-15.7bp \times 2.98 \log of size)$  +  $(14.3bp \times 67.5\% stocks)$  +  $(56.7bp \times 7.6\% real estate)$  +  $(205.2bp \times 3.4\% hedge funds & private equity)$  +  $(-6.9bp \times 0 country variable)$  +  $((0.0 million hedge funds \times 100.0 bps average hedge fund performance fees) / total average holdings of 625.7 million)$ 

#### where:

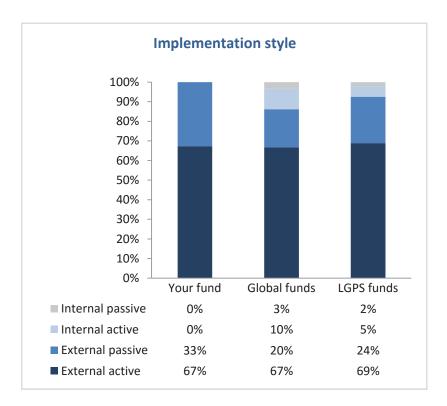
- Size in US\$ millions = Log10 (fund size in US\$ millions).
- % Stocks (incl. REITs) = proportion of actual holdings in stocks plus REITs.
- % Real estate = proportion of actual holdings in direct/pooled real estate (REITs are excluded) and infrastructure.
- % Hedge funds & private equity = proportion of actual holdings in hedge funds, venture capital, LBO and other private equity.
- Country variable = 1 if your fund is Canadian, otherwise 0. (Canadian funds are on average lower cost)

The R<sup>2</sup> for the benchmark cost equation was 67%. This means that fund size, asset mix and country of origin explain more than 67% of the differences in investment cost (excluding transaction costs and private asset performance fees) between funds. This is good explanatory power, but not perfect. Your benchmark cost is intended to be used only as an indicator and should not be interpreted too precisely.

## Implementation style

One reason why funds are high (or low) cost compared to their benchmark cost is differences in implementation style. Implementation style is defined as the way in which you implement your asset allocation. It includes internal, external, active, passive and fund-of-funds styles.

- Internal: managed by in-house investment managers.
- External: managed by outside or external investment managers.
- Passive: managed with the aim of replicating an index, immunising liabilities, etc.
- Active: managed with the intention of outperforming an index.



The greatest cost impact is usually caused by differences in the use of either:

- External active management External active management tends to be much more expensive than either passive or internal management. Your fund was 67% externally actively managed. This was below the Global average of 67%.
- Fund of funds usage Fund of funds tend to be the most expensive type of external active management because costs include the management fee of the fund of fund manager plus the management fees to the managers of each of the underlying funds invested in by the fund of fund manager. Your fund used fund of funds for 100% of its hedge funds, real estate and private equity investments. This was more than the Global universe average of 31%.

The benchmark cost analysis does not adjust for the cost impact of implementation style because this is considered to be a choice within your control.

# Comparison of asset management costs by asset class

Comparisons of your costs to the universe must be interpreted with caution, given the breadth of the universe, which encompasses funds with widely varying size and asset mix. Peer-based analysis is needed to truly understand where you are paying more and where you are paying less on a comparable basis. See page 6.

	2014/15 Asset management costs in basis points										
	Global median 2014 LGPS Median 2014/15										
	Your fund 2014/15 Internal External		Inte				ernal	Internal		ernal	
Asset class	Passive Active Passive Active LP	FoF <sup>1</sup>		Active I	Passive			Passive Active			FoF <sup>1</sup>
Stock											
Europe			5.6	6.2	11.8	37.9					
Europe Small Cap				9.5	25.5	60.3					
Japan				2.1	8.6	36.0		2.1	8.6 36.0		
Asia-Pacific			7.6	12.5	11.8	48.2		2.6	7.5 43.6		
Asia-Pacific ex-Japan				1.9	10.8	40.8		1.9	11.5 40.8		
UK	3.5		2.6	3.0	4.5	42.6		2.5 2.5	4.5 38.4		
EAFE ex-UK			2.7	5.1	9.9	25.1		2.5 2.1	9.7 24.4		
U.S.			1.1	8.6		46.5		2.4 1.6	7.9 22.0		
EAFE			4.7	7.7		50.2					
ACWIxU.S.			10.8	1.5		48.8					
Emerging	73.4		4.6	11.1	15.8	72.4		1.9			
Global	4.4 41.8		6.5	10.3	7.9			0.8	9.3 42.8		
Global Small Cap Other			2.1	10.7	12	31.1 28.9		3.2	17.8 7.7 64.6		
Fixed Income			2.1	10.7	4.5	20.9		5.2	7.7 04.0		
Euro			2.1	3.9	3.6	23.9					
Euro Gov't			5.9	3.7	14.0	7.2					
Euro Credit			0.5	5.7	9.9	24.4					
Asia-Pacific			0.7	6.4							
UK	17.7		1.2	3.6	6.0	19.5		2.0	5.5 19.4		
UK Gov't	17.7			2.9	5.5	17.5		2.9	5.5 17.5		
UK Credit				3.8	8.4	14.5		3.8	8.4 14.5		
EAFE ex-UK						30.6			30.6		
Long Bonds			0.6	3.9	4.1	18.8					
EAFE				3.7		28.3					
Emerging			11.0	6.3	16.1			29.1			
Global			6.6	1.9	5.8	31.3		4.0	7.0 33.6		
Global Gov't			6.3	2.7	6.8	18.0			6.8 19.6		
Global Credit			4.0	3.2	6.5	31.9			6.5 30.0		
Inflation Indexed			1.2	2.7	4.3	16.7		2.3	3.7 29.3		
High Yield			17.2	6.8	27.5	50.0		13.1	211.1		
Mortgages Private Debt			4.8	11.6 29.2	8.4	39.9 80.9		3.2	64.0		
Other			0.9	3.7	5.0	20.2			19.9 28.8		
Commodities			3.8	4.9	35.1			1.0	97.9		
Infrastructure <sup>2</sup>			5.0	25.5	55.1		133.5 213.3			122.0	223.6
Natural Resources <sup>2</sup>				22.6			116.0 167.4		200		149.2
REITs			1.8	5.4	12.0				65.2		
Real Estate ex-REITs <sup>2</sup>		90.6		22.4			119.1 132.9	20.0		120.0	119.1
Other Real Assets <sup>2</sup>				50.0		95.4		1.8	136.1		
Hedge Funds Total*						255.0	318.1		215.7	'	336.1
<ul> <li>Base fees top layer</li> </ul>						155.0	71.9		134.5		93.1
<ul> <li>Perf. fees top layer</li> </ul>						81.3	20.0		43.4		20.0
<ul> <li>Underlying base &amp; perf</li> </ul>	n/a					n/a	225.0		n/a		225.0
Global TAA	75.1			19.5		59.5			59.1		
Diversified Private Equity <sup>2</sup>		221.0		20.4		165.0	247.9		165.7		248.8
Venture Capital <sup>2</sup>				127.5		200.0			218.1		283.8
LBO <sup>2</sup>				69.2		165.0	241.7		174.1		
Other Private Equity <sup>2</sup>		42.2		3.7		138.2			147.4		47.0
Total before overlays	as a % of total assets)	42.3					44.5				47.2
Overlay management costs ( Total direct investment management		0.3 42.6					0.0 44.5				0.0 47.2
rotal un ect investment man	agement cost	42.0					44.5				47.2

<sup>1.</sup> FoF stands for Fund-of-Funds. Fund of funds costs include management fees paid to the fund of funds manager plus fees paid to the managers of each of the underlying funds selected by the fund of funds manager.

<sup>2.</sup> External performance fees are excluded from private asset costs. Costs are as a percentage of the amount fees are based on; usually the committed amount during the commitment period, and unreturned invested capital afterwards.

<sup>\*</sup> Medians will not add to the total because the median fund is not the same for each part, and the internal cost of oversight and selection is not shown.

# Comparison of oversight, custodial and other investment costs

		Global	LGPS
Oversight, custodial and other costs	You	median	Median
Oversight	3.8 bps	1.6 bps	1.3 bps
Custodial	0.2 bps	0.8 bps	0.5 bps
Consulting, performance measurement	2.8 bps	0.5 bps	0.6 bps
Audit	0.3 bps	0.1 bps	0.2 bps
Other	1.1 bps	0.2 bps	0.2 bps
Total	8.1 bps	4.0 bps	3.3 bps

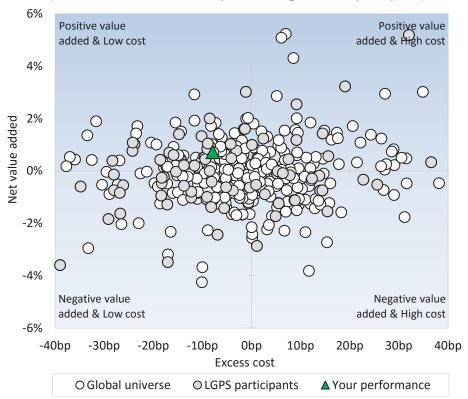
## Cost effectiveness ranking

Being high or low cost is neither good nor bad. The more important question is, are you receiving sufficient value for your excess cost? At the total fund level, we provide insight into this question by combining your value added and your excess cost to create a snapshot of your 2014/15 cost effectiveness performance relative to that of the survey universe.

In an ideal world, the more you pay (i.e., the higher your excess cost) the more you would get (i.e., the higher your value added). If this were true, you would see an upward sloping trend in the scatter chart below. Clearly, this is not the case. Our research over the past 25 years shows no consistent relationship between excess costs and the net value added they achieve.

### 2014/15 Net Value Added versus Excess Cost





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# **Investment and plan structures**

### **Performance-based fees**

Were any of your stock, bond or TAA external managers subject to performance-based fee arrangements in 2014?

	# of funds	%	%
	with data	Yes	No
Your fund	1	-	No
Global	407	47%	53%

## **Type of plans**

What type of plan(s) do you have?

		Types of plans							
	# funds with				Other (or				
	data	Flat benefit	Career average	Final average	multiple)				
Your fund	1	-	Yes	-	-				
Global	367	3%	17%	72%	7%				

### **Plan liabilities**

#### Indexation of retired members' benefits

To what extent are your retired members' benefits indexed to inflation?

	Average	% of Funds with
	contractual <sup>1</sup>	contr. indexation > 0
	indexation	where indexation
	as % of CPI	is subject to a cap
Your fund	100%	-
Global	43%	55%

<sup>1.</sup> Several funds had contractual inflation protection subject to caps (ranging from 2% to 8%). Most of these funds have had close to 100% inflation protection during the last 5 years of low inflation and this is how we have recorded their inflation protection. However, in high inflation environments, we will have grossly overestimated their true inflation protection.

### Plan membership

How many plan members/beneficiaries do you have?

	# of Funds	Average #				Avg Assets
	with data	members	% Active	% Retired	% Other	per Member
Your fund	1	17,143	32%	31%	37%	38,894
Global	362	148,266	38%	39%	24%	148,569

#### **Actuarial fees**

What were your 2014 actuarial fees in £000s?

		Avera	ge Fees
	# of Funds	(£000s)	% of Total
	with data		assets
Your fund	0		
Global	358	467	1.4bp

### Other plan data - Plan liabilities

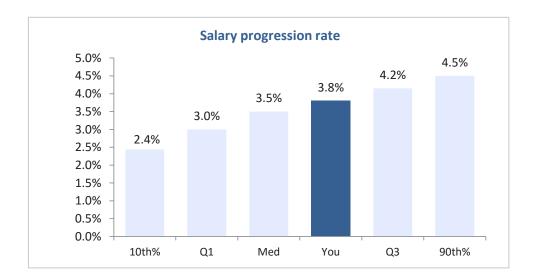
What % of the plan's liabilities are in respect to retired members?

	# of Funds with data	% Plan liabilities for retired members
Your fund	1	46.0%
Global	292	48.7%

# **2014 Valuation assumptions**

Actuarial assumptions for funding purposes during 2014.





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## **Appendix A - Glossary of terms**

**Average** - All averages are fund weighted (i.e., each fund is given equal weight, regardless of size).

**Benchmark cost** - Can be thought of as the predicted operating cost for a fund given its size, asset mix and country of origin. It is calculated using the cost function, which is determined from the survey database using regression analysis.

**Benchmark return** - Rate of return on an index of investable assets (such as the S&P500) designated as the benchmark portfolio against which the fund measures its own performance for that asset class.

**Category benchmarks** - Policy-weighted average of passive and active benchmarks given for each asset class.

#### Direct investment management costs -

a) For externally managed assets, it is the sum of all investment management fees, participation fees, commitment and carrying fees and should include all hidden fees netted from commingled asset pools.
b) For internally managed assets, it is the costs directly traceable to internally managed investments and should include: compensation and benefits of investment employees and support staff, related overhead (office rent, telephone, computer systems, etc.) and associated costs (conference, research, travel, subscriptions and memberships, etc.).

**Excess cost** - Difference between actual cost and benchmark cost.

**F statistic** - Measure of the statistical significance of the regression coefficients taken as a group. Generally, a regression equation with 5 coefficients and sample size greater than 20 is statistically significant if its F-statistic is greater than 3.

Oversight, custodial and other costs, the sum of:
a) Oversight costs which are (i) the salaries and
benefits of executives and their assistants and
clerical staff, carrying out duties directly associated
with the oversight of plan assets, (ii) fees/salaries of
Board of Trustees or Investment Committee based
on the amount of time spent in this capacity, and (iii)
office overhead (rent, utilities, telephone, office,
computer systems, etc.) and associated costs
(travel, subscriptions, memberships, etc.) all of
which should be allocated on a pro rata governance
and administration.

- b) Custodial costs before any reductions relating to securities lending. Note that custodial costs for preparing benefit checks or relating to other asset pools should not be included.
- c) Consulting and performance.
- d) Audit and other measurements costs.

**Operating costs** - Sum of overlay, direct investment management and oversight, custodial and other costs.

**Overlay** - Derivative-based program, that is unfunded other than margin requirements.

**Passive** - Assets managed passively, i.e., indexed to broad capital market benchmarks or dedicated to matching a specific set of liabilities.

Policy mix - Reflects long term policy or target asset weights. Policy mix is often established by an investment committee or board and is determined by such long-term considerations as liability structure, risk tolerance and long-term capital markets prospects. If asset mix policy is expressed in ranges, our default is the midpoint of those ranges.

**Policy return** - The return a fund would have earned if it had passively implemented its policy mix through its benchmark indices. Policy return equals the sum of policy weights multiplied by benchmarks for each asset class.

 $R^2$  (Coefficient of determination) - The percentage of the differences in the dependent variable explained by the regression equation. For example, an  $R^2$  of 1 means 100% of the differences are explained and an  $R^2$  of 0 means that none of the differences are explained.

**Value Added -** Difference between actual return and policy return.

## **Appendix B - Data quality**

We recognize that the value of the information contained in these reports is only as good as the quality of the data we receive. Our procedures for checking and improving the data include:

- Constant improvement in survey clarity Years of feedback from survey participants has led to improved definitions and survey clarity.
- Client confirmation A five-page summary of each respondent's data as it appears in our database was sent to all survey participants for confirmation prior to preparing this report. Your data is summarized in Appendix C (which begins on the following page).
- Automated & manual checks We compare responses to norms for the survey universe and to each sponsor's prior year data when available. This typically results in questions that we email back to each survey respondent and follow up on by phone.

In addition, the quality of our data continues to improve as the universe of participants grows. Our confidence in the results improves with universe size as unbiased errors tend to average themselves out.

## Appendix C - Your data

Your data is summarized on the following pages. As discussed with you or the person who provided the data for your fund during the data confirmation process, there may be changes to your original survey responses for the following reasons:

**1. Gross versus net returns** - Participants report returns on either a net or gross basis. In order to ensure apples-to-apples comparisons, we grossed up net returns as follows:

Gross return = Net return + Netted costs /Holdings.

- 2. Returns not available We requested that you enter N/A if full year returns for an asset class were unavailable. The default for an unavailable return is to set it equal to your benchmark return for the same asset class, thereby effectively neutralizing that asset class when determining your in-category value added.
- **3.** Costs not given The costs of non-traditional assets and real estate are often buried in commingled funds and may not be worth the effort to obtain if their asset value is immaterial relative to your total fund. Therefore, if you report assets but do not report costs/fees we impute a figure using industry data. See the last page of Appendix C for any defaults used for your fund.

# **Appendix C - Your Data**

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Plan info	2014	2013	2012
Contact	Shelley Jones	Shelley Jones	Shelley Jones
Type of fund (corporate, public, other)	Public	Public	Public
Total fund size (Millions)	666.8	584.7	528.7
Are assets provided year end or average?	Year End	Year End	Year End
Total return for year ended	9.50%	16.20%	10.70%
Is the return net or gross?	Net of manager fees	Net of manager fees	Net of manager fees
If net, what do you normally deduct?			
Total fund policy or benchmark return	8.70%	17.00%	11.00%
Ancillary data	2014	2013	2012
What is your hedging policy for:			
Foreign non-U.S. Holdings?	50%	50%	50%
U.S. Holdings?	50%	50%	50%
Were your stock/bond/TAA managers under performance-based fees?	No	Yes	Yes
What were your actuarial fees in 000s?			
How many plan members/beneficiaries do you have:			
Active?	5,526	5,582	5,562
Active - not accruing benefits?			
Retired?	5,294	5,087	4,873
Other?	6,323	6,023	5,569
What type of plans do you have?	Career Average	Final Average	Final Average
To what extent are your retired members' benefits indexed to inflation?			
Contractual %	100	100	100
Ad hoc %			
If the indexation is subject to a cap, describe the cap			
What % of the plan's liabilities pertain to retired members?	46	47	47
Actuarial valuation assumptions for funding purposes:	+0	7/	7/
Liability discount rate	4.6	6.1	6.1
Salary progression rate	3.8	4.8	4.8
What was your actuarial assumption for expected rate of return?	4.6	6.1	6.1
virial was your actuarial assumption for expected rate of return?	4.0	0.1	0.1

# Appendix C - Your data: Policy weights and benchmarks Harrow

		Policy		
Asset class	Year	weight	Benchmark description	Return
Stock - UK	2014		Your Stock: UK benchmark	1.2
	2013	26.0	Your Stock: UK benchmark	20.8
	2012	27.0	Your Stock: UK benchmark	12.3
Stock - Emerging	2014	10.0	MSCI Emerging Market Index	3.9
	2013			
	2012			
Stock - Global	2014	52.0	MCSI All World Index (59%) / MSCI World NDR (20%) / MSCI World (Local) TR Net (21%) -(No BM as not full year in Fund)	10.0
	2013	36.0	MSCI All Countries World Index GDR (79% of BM 21.1%) & MSCI World (Local) TR Net (21% of BM 28.9%)	22.8
	2012	47.0	MSCI All Countries World Index GDR (85% @ BM of 11.7%) MSCI World (Local) TR Net (15% @ BM 15.7%)	12.3
Fixed Income - UK	2014	10.0	iBoxx Sterling Non Gilt Only 10+ Yr Index	18.0
	2013	10.0	iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts Over 10 Year	-0.6
	2012	10.4	iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts Over 10 Year	14.5
Fixed Income - UK Gov't	2014	3.0	Your Bonds:UK Gov't benchmark	21.4
	2013	3.0	Your Bonds:UK Gov't benchmark	0.6
	2012	2.6	Your Bonds:UK Gov't benchmark	0.5
Global TAA	2014	10.0	3 Month LIBOR + 4%	4.5
	2013	10.0	3 Month LIBOR + 4%	14.9
	2012			
Real Estate ex-REITs	2014	10.0	IPD UK PPF All Balanced Funds	17.2
	2013	10.0	IPD UK PPF All Balanced Funds	9.1
	2012	10.0	IPD UK PPF All Balanced Funds	1.0
Diversified Private Equity	2014	5.0	Your Diversified or All benchmark	10.8
	2013	5.0	GBP 7 Day Libid	0.4
	2012	3.0	GBP 7 Day Libid	0.4

# **Appendix C - Your Data: Assets, Returns and Costs**

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				Assets	(millions)							F	ees/Cos	ts in 000s					
		Exterr	nally mana	aged	Exter	nally mai	naged		Externally managed					Externally managed					
		<u>Indexed</u>			<u>Active</u>				Indexed					<u>Active</u>					
											Over-	Total		Base	Perform	Internal	Total		
Asset class		Assets	Assets	Return	Assets	Return	# of mgrs		Fees		sight	000s	bps <sup>1</sup>	Fees	Fees	& Other	000s	bps <sup>1</sup>	
Stock - UK	2014	0.0		n/a						45.0		45.0	3.5						
	2013	155.5		20.9			1	.		70.0		70.0	4.7						
	2012	142.6		12.4			1			61.0		61.0	4.5						
Stock - Emerging	2014				76.5		1	.						224.0			224.0	73.4	
	2013																		
	2012																		
Stock - Global	2014	220.6		6.2	152.8	11.4	3	:		48.0		48.0	4.4	637.0	166.0		803.0	41.8	
	2013				231.8	23.0	3	:						769.0	42.6		811.6	33.8	
	2012				248.1	11.9	3							774.0	12.7		786.7		
Fixed Income - UK	2014				69.3	17.3	1	.						112.0			112.0	17.7	
	2013				57.6	-0.5	1	.						101.0			101.0	17.6	
	2012				57.5	16.5	1							99.0			99.0		
Fixed Income - UK Gov't	2014				17.1	21.3	1	.						28.0			28.0	17.7	
	2013				14.5	0.9	1	.						25.0			25.0		
	2012				14.5	1.2	1							25.0			25.0		
Global TAA	2014				59.5	5.8	2							428.0			428.0	75.1	
	2013				54.5	n/a	2	!						378.0			378.0	105.0	
	2012																		

<sup>1.</sup> Cost in basis points = total cost / average of beginning and end of year holdings

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# **Appendix C - Your Data: Private Market Assets, Returns and Costs**

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				Asse	ets (millions) and																		
		Anr	nual	annual gross returns											Investme	ent fees and cos	sts in 000s <sup>1</sup>						
		Internal	Co-Investment		External	<u>Fun</u>	d of Fu	nds		<u>#</u>	Internal &	Co-Inv			Externa	<u> </u>				Fund of	Fund of Funds		
				Amt fees		Amt fees				Ext	Total		Base	Perf.	Internal	Total <sup>1</sup>	bps (% of	Underlying <sup>2</sup>	Base	Perf.	Internal	Total <sup>1</sup>	bps (% of
Asset class		Assets Return	Assets Return	based on	Assets Return	based on		Assets F	Return	Mgrs	000s	bps	fees	fees	& other	000s	fee basis)	Fees	Fees	Fees	& Other	000s	fee basis)
Real Estate ex-		<u>Direct</u>																					
REITs	2014					50.6	50.6		17.5	1								341.0	92.0			433.0	90.6
	2013					45.1	45.1		10.7	1								326.0	93.0			419.0	96.4
	2012					41.9	41.9		3.5	1								306.0	87.0			393.0	98.5
Diversified											<u>Oversight</u>												
Private Equity	2014					23.0	23.0		21.7	1								227.0	299.0			526.0	221.0
	2013					24.6	24.6		10.9	1								250.0	299.0			549.0	215.5
	2012					26.3	26.3		3.3	1								250.0	299.0			549.0	219.3

<sup>1.</sup> Cost in basis points = total cost / average of beginning and end of year holdings. Total cost excludes private asset performance fees because of comparability issues.

<sup>2.</sup> Default for fees paid to underlying partnerships have been applied.

# Appendix C - Your Data: Oversight, custodial and other costs

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Oversight, custodial an	d othe	r costs	
		000s	bps
Oversight of the fund assets <sup>1</sup>	2014	238.0	3.8bp
	2013	160.0	2.9bp
	2012	163.0	3.2bp
Custodial total	2014	10.0	0.2bp
	2013	9.0	0.2bp
	2012	9.0	0.2bp
Consulting / performance measurement	2014	175.0	2.8bp
	2013	187.0	3.4bp
	2012	134.0	2.7bp
Audit	2014	19.0	0.3bp
	2013	21.0	0.4bp
	2012	21.0	0.4bp
Other (legal etc)	2014	66.0	1.1bp
	2013	23.0	0.4bp
	2012	20.0	0.4bp
Total	2014	508.0	8.1bp
	2013	400.0	7.2bp
	2012	347.0	6.9bp

1. Oversight includes the salaries and benefits of executives and their staff responsible for overseeing the entire fund or multiple asset classes and the fees / salaries of the board or investment committee. All costs associated with the above including fees / salaries, travel, director's insurance and attributed overhead should be included.

Summary of total inv	estment	costs <sup>2</sup>	
		000s	bps
Investment management costs	2014	2,647.0	42.3bp
	2013	2,353.6	42.3bp
	2012	1,913.7	38.0bp
Overlay costs	2014	21.0	0.3bp
	2013	20.0	0.4bp
	2012	20.0	0.4bp
Oversight, custodial & other costs	2014	508.0	8.1bp
	2013	400.0	7.2bp
	2012	347.0	6.9bp
Total	2014	3,176.0	50.8bp
	2013	2,773.6	49.8bp
	2012	2,280.7	45.3bp

2. Total investment cost excludes transaction costs and performance fees for private assets.

# Appendix C - Your data: Overlays Harrow

Overlays		Internal							External								
		Market	Notional	Profit/		% of		Market	Notional	Profit/	Base	Perf.	Over-		% of		
		value	amount	Loss	Cost	Notion.	Duration	value	amount	Loss	fees	fees	sight	Total	Notion.	Duration	
		(mils)	(mils)	(000s)	(000s)	(bps)	(years)	(mils)	(mils)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(bps)	(years)	
Currency Hedge	2014							-2.6	-2.6 179.5					21.0 1.2			
	2013							1.1	105.0		20.0			20.0	1.9		
	2012							-2.3	111.6		20.0			20.0	1.8		



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#### LONDON COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT VEHICLE

I would like thank you and all the authorities involved in the London Collective Investment Vehicle for submitting your initial proposal by 19 February. I was pleased to see that all 90 authorities made a commitment to pooling, with the overwhelming majority already involved in developing a pool. The move towards collective investment represents a significant opportunity for administering authorities to deliver substantial savings and efficiencies, and your contribution is much appreciated.

I welcome the initial proposal from the London Collective Investment Vehicle (CIV) and encourage you to continue to develop a detailed submission that fully addresses the criteria by 15 July. The London Boroughs have pioneered the use of collective investment within the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) and I congratulate the London CIV on securing its first assets under management and the initial fee savings.

Your initial group clearly meets the scale criterion and the existing governance of the London CIV will provide a strong foundation upon which a more detailed proposal can be built. However, as you know, there remains a significant amount of work to do before July. In particular, some authorities have indicated that they would prefer to use more than one pool, often to ensure that their investment strategy can be fully implemented. I do not consider that this approach should be necessary as the governance structure should enable authorities to hold the pool to account and ensure that their investment strategy is implemented effectively. However, one pool may of course procure services from another, especially if a particular asset class is not yet available. The use of multiple pools should certainly not be considered as a means to access a preferred manager or very specific asset class not available through your pool.

My expectation is that all investments should be made through the pool, and I am glad to note that you expect to move towards this position over time. I recognise that there may be a limited number of existing investments that may be less suitable for pooled arrangements, such as local initiatives or some products tailored to specific liabilities. However, these should be the exception rather than the norm. The rationale for retaining any existing investments outside of the pool will need to be set out in the final proposal, making clear how this offers value for money. Any exemptions should be minimal and kept under review. I also recognise that a similar approach will need to be taken for illiquid assets with high penalty costs for early exit of a contract. Such investments should not be wound up early as a result of pooling but instead transferred across when practicable, taking into account value for money.

In your July submission I will want to see more detail against the infrastructure criteria, including setting out your constituent fund's ambition for infrastructure investment where the right opportunities exist. You and other pools committed to exploring a national vehicle to access infrastructure investment at a larger scale and at lower cost. We will therefore work with administering authorities to establish a new LGPS infrastructure investment platform that meets the specific needs of LGPS investors.

I will also expect the final proposal to address the reporting requirements in the criteria and guidance in detail. Reporting will need to cover progress in establishing the pool and moving assets into it, implementation costs, fees and other costs incurred, including hidden costs, estimated savings, and net performance in each asset class.

I strongly encourage you to continue dialogue with officials as you develop your thinking over the coming months. For the final assessment, the panel will include members with specific expertise in investment management, and you may be asked to present at a meeting of the assessment panel well ahead of your July submission. I look forward to receiving your detailed proposals.

I am copying this letter to the chairs of Pension Committees in all the participating authorities.

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#### Local Government Pension Scheme: final proposals for investment pooling

I am writing to confirm formally that funds will not be expected to make individual submissions in July as set out in the Investment Reform Criteria and Guidance (paragraph 2.2). We will require only a single submission from each pool with an annex from each participating fund on assets to be held outside the pool. I appreciate the substantial time and effort which is going into to the development of the final proposals across the scheme and pools and hope that this will reduce the burden.

You will be aware that the LGA have worked with the Cross-Pool Collaboration Group to create a template for submissions and I commend the template to you. Supplementary information may of course be included if necessary.

Following the submission of final proposals by 15 July we expect to be working with the pools over the summer to deal with any questions which arise and to ensure that expected progress is being made. We will let you know whether Ministers are content for you to proceed as soon as possible in the autumn.

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# Proposal for asset pooling in the LGPS – 15 July 2016

Name of pool	London CIV				
Participating authorities	London Borough of Barking and Dagenham				
	London Borough of Barnet				
	London Borough of Bexley				
	London Borough of Brent				
	London Borough of Camden				
	City of London Corporation				
	London Borough of Croydon				
	London Borough of Ealing				
	London Borough of Enfield				
	Royal Borough of Greenwich				
	London Borough of Hackney				
	London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham				
	London Borough of Haringey				
	London Borough of Harrow				
	London Borough of Havering				
	London Borough of Hillingdon				
	London Borough of Hounslow				
	London Borough of Islington				
	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea				
	Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames				
	London Borough of Lambeth				
	London Borough of Lewisham				
	London Borough of Merton				
	London Borough of Newham				
	London Borough of Redbridge				
	London Borough of Richmond upon Thames				
	London Borough of Southwark				
	London Borough of Sutton				
	London Borough of Tower Hamlets				

London Borough of Waltham Forest

London Borough of Wandsworth

Westminster City Council

#### Criterion A: Asset pools that achieve the benefits of scale

#### 1. The size of the pool once fully operational.

(a) Please state the total value of assets (£b) to be invested via the pool once transition is complete (based on asset values as at 31.3.2015).

£29.096 bn. Inc Bromley £28.351 bn. Ex Bromley Nb – assumes all assets transferred by 2033

#### 2. Assets which are proposed to be held outside the pool and the rationale for doing so.

(a) Please provide a summary of the total amount and type of assets which are proposed to be held outside of the pool (once transition is complete, based on asset values at 31.3.2015).

Total Value ££0bn – Pending fund responses

Rationale – additional fund structures to be established alongside the ACS to hold other investments which either can't be held in ACS or aren't economical to do so. However in the interim, we anticipate that around 10% of the assets may be in illiquid assets and are therefore likely to remain outside of the pool in the short to medium term.

NB comments to be updated post Authority responses

Asset types:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- (b) Please attach an ANNEX for each authority that proposes to hold assets outside of the pool

Attached as ANNEX number

Will attach as an annex once fund

detailing the amount, type, how long they will be held outside the pool, reason and how it demonstrates value for money. template responses are received back

#### 3. The type of pool including the legal structure.

Pending responses from Funds

- (a) Please set out the type of pool, including legal structure, and confirm that it has been formally signed off by all participating authorities:
- Details of the FCA authorised structure that will be put in place, and has been signed off by the participating authorities.
  - London LGPS CIV Limited ("London CIV") is fully authorised by the FCA as an Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM) with permission to operate a UK based Authorised Contractual Scheme fund (ACS Fund). FCA firm registered as London LGPS CIV Ltd, Reference Number 710618.
  - Approval for the structure has been signed off by the 32/33 participating London Local Authorities with each authority formally approving the decision to join the London CIV
- Outline of tax treatment and legal position, including legal and beneficial ownership of assets.
  - The London CIV is a UK authorised and regulated tax transparent fund (TTF) structured as an ACS open to qualified investors. The legal and beneficial ownership of the assets will remain with each of the investing local authorities; the CIV will be the fund manager.
- The composition of the supervisory body.
  - Annex 2 sets out the governance structure for the London CIV

    The governance structure of the CIV has been designed to ensure that there are both formal and informal routes to engage with all the Authorities as both shareholders and investors. This is achieved through a combination of the London Councils' Sectoral Joint Committee, comprising nominated Member representatives from the London Local Authorities (in most cases the Pensions Committee Chair), and the Investment Advisory Committee ("IAC") formed from nominated borough officers, which includes both London Local Authority Treasurers and Pension Officers from a number of Authorities.

At the company level for London CIV, (second chart), it is the Board of Directors that is responsible for decision making within the company, which will include the decisions to appoint and remove

investment managers.

Please confirm that all participating authorities in the pool have signed up to the above. If not, please provide in an Annex the timeline when sign-off is expected and the reason for this to have occurred post July submission date.

Bromley – decision to be taken on joining the CIV in June/July? Will include in final submission if decision taken by 15<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Attached as ANNEX number

- 1 Shareholders Agreement
- 2. London CIV Articles of Association
- 3. London CIV Governance Structure

4. How the pool will operate, the work to be carried out internally and services to be hired from outside.

Please provide a brief description of each service the pool intends to provide and the anticipated timing of provision.

- (a) To operate in-house (for example if the pool will have internal investment management from inception):
  - 1. Selection, appointment and termination of 3<sup>rd</sup> party fund managers (in-house fund management is an option that will be considered in future)
  - 2. Investment Oversight of external 3<sup>rd</sup> party fund managers
  - 2. Operations Management and oversight of 3<sup>rd</sup> party service providers
  - 3. Compliance and Risk Management (fund and company)
  - 4. Client Reporting
  - 5. Website Management
  - 6. Financial Management and Budgeting
  - 7. Fund Oversight, controlled functions support (2018?)
- (b) To procure externally (for example audit services):
  - 1. External Fund Managers to be procured as and when required
  - 2. Audit Services (Deloitte) Contract in place
  - 3. Legal Services (Eversheds) Contract in place
  - 4. Asset Service Provider (Northern Trust) Contract in place

- 5. Depository (Northern Trust) Contract in place
- 6.Fund Oversight, controlled functions support (Capita) Contract in place likely to move internal over a period of time
- 7. Communications support (London Councils) Contract in place
- 8. ICT Support Services (London Councils) Contract in place
- 9. Payroll and Pension Services (City of London) Contract in place
- 10. Bookkeeping Services (PWC) Contract in place
- 11. Investment Consultancy to be procured as and when required
- 12. Transition Management to be procured as and when required
- 5. The timetable for establishing the pool and moving assets into the pool. Authorities should explain how they will transparently report progress against that timetable and demonstrate that this will enable progress to be monitored.

(a) Please provide assurance that the structure summarised in 3 above will be in place by							
01.04.2018 assuming: x, y and z (add caveats).							
Confirmed YES/NO	Anticipated date structure will be in						
YES – Structure already in place and operational	place:						
If NO please state the expected date the structure	Already in place 2015						
will be in place and attach an ANNEX detailing the							
reasons for not being able to have the structure in	Reasons attached as ANNEX number						
place by 01.04.2018.							
(b) Please provide as an ANNEX a high level timetable	Attached as ANNEX number						
for the establishment of the structure and	Annex to be included – awaiting						
transition of assets as well as the proposed	borough responses						
methodology for reporting progress against this							
timetable.							
(c) Please provide as an ANNEX an outline of how you	Attached as ANNEX number						
will approach transition over the years and where	Annex to be included – awaiting						
possible by asset class (any values given should be	borough responses						
as at 31.3.2015.)							

(d) Based on the asset transition plan, please provide a summary of the estimated value of assets (in £b and based on values as at 31.3.2015 and assuming no change in asset mix) to be held within the pool at the end of each 3 year period starting from 01.4.2018.

Total value of assets estimated to be held in pool as at: - Pending responses from Authorities Please note that of necessity any forecasts have to be heavily caveated due to the fact that it will depend on the timing of assets being transferred, the ability to source and implement sub-funds, the complexity of the requirements for different assets classes including that of infrastructure. It also assumes that AUM will continue to grow steadily but this will be heavily dependent on market movements and also the structures for local government going forwards, how quickly individual funds become cashflow negative and also any future changes to the benefit and cost structure of the LGPS.

31.3.2021: £23.02bn Est

31.3.2024: £23.71bn Est

31.3.2027: £24.43bn Est

31.3.2030: £25.17bn Est

31.3.2033: £29.09bn Est

#### **Criterion B: Strong governance and decision making**

- The governance structure for their pool, including the accountability between the pool
   and elected councillors and how external scrutiny will be used.
  - a) Please briefly describe the mechanisms within the pool structure for ensuring that individual authorities' views can be expressed and taken account of, including voting rights.

The governance structure of the CIV and the role that Authorities play in this is crucial to understanding how decisions are made in the CIV and the interaction that there has to be. All participating London Local Authorities are both shareholders and investors in the London CIV company and as such the CIV is accountable to the Authorities at both levels. The governance structure of the CIV has been designed to ensure that there are formal and informal routes to facilitate engagement with all the Authorities. This is achieved through a combination of the London Councils' Pensions Sectoral Joint Committee (PSJC), comprising nominated elected Member representatives Authorities(in most cases the Pensions Committee Chair), and the Investment Advisory Committee ("IAC") formed from nominated borough officers, which includes both Treasurers and Pension Officers from a representative sample of Authorities.

The share structure of London CIV provides for equal voting rights for each authority on a one share one vote basis, this is a key tenet of the decision making process.

- b) Please list and briefly describe the role of those bodies and/or suppliers that will be used to provide external scrutiny of the pool (including the Pensions Committee and local Pension Board).
- As an AIFM London CIV must comply with the Alternative Investment Manager Directive
   ("AIFMD") and falls under the regulatory scrutiny and reporting regime of the Financial Conduct
   Authority ("FCA"). This includes the requirement for robust systems and processes and for these
   to be documented appropriately in policies and manuals. Risk management is a particular focus for
   the FCA and London CIV has developed a risk framework and risk register covering all areas of its
   operations, including fund management.
- The Pensions Sectoral Joint Committee ("PSJC") has been established under the governing arrangements of London Councils. The PSJC effectively fulfils two roles, one is as a mechanism for convening elected Member representation from each borough (generally the borough's Pension Committee Chair), and the other is as the route to convening the Authorities as shareholders in London CIV. This Committee will provide scrutiny and oversight of the CIV for the Authorities, with

- each Borough represented on the Committee with voting rights.
- Borough Pension Committees In most instances the Chair of the Pensions Committee at a Borough level will be the delegated representative on the PSJC and will be able to provide an overview back to the individual Committee on the work of the London CIV and its effectiveness from attending the PSJC. In addition the London CIV will provide regular updates to Authorities through its written reports and will also attend Committee meetings as and when required and in this way will help to ensure that the individual Pensions Committee are able to provide scrutiny of the London CIV.
- Pensions Boards The role of Pension Boards is to assist the Administering Authority in ensuring compliance with the regulatory framework which the Fund operates in. Whilst in the first instance the CIV will be accountable to the relevant Pensions Committees of its shareholders and investors, if they are unable to receive the necessary assurance, then the Pensions Board can in turn seek to gain that assurance direct that the Administering Authority is compliant with the regulations.
- External Audit Deloittes have been appointed to undertake external audit of both the company (London CIV) and the ACS Fund and will provide an annual governance statement which will be publicly available on the website.
- Depositary The formal structures that the London CIV has put in place including FCA registration and the appointment of a Depositary (Northern Trust) helps to provide additional scrutiny on the CIV in providing monitoring and regulatory oversight of the company and a range of services including:
  - Safe custody of assets
  - Oversight of key systems and processes
  - > Due-diligence review of the Operator (London CIV), and the Custodian, Fund Accountant, and Transfer Agent (Northern Trust)
- The mechanisms by which authorities can hold the pool to account and secure assurance that their investment strategy is being implemented effectively and that their investments are being well managed in the long term interests of their members.
  - (a) Please describe briefly the type, purpose and extent of any formal agreement that is intended to be put in place between the authorities, pool and any supervisory body.
    - London CIV has gone beyond 'intention' and has formal agreements and arrangement in place and is already in the process of pooling investments for the London Local Authorities.

- As already described above there are three levels of interaction between investing
  authorities and London CIV as the operating company; the PSJC, the IAC and regular
  contact through formal and informal interaction at borough level. It is embedded in the
  culture of London CIV that everything is being done 'for and on behalf of' the investing
  authorities and, while London CIV must ultimately take decisions independently of
  investors (for regulatory reasons) those decisions will be taken with appropriate levels of
  collaboration and the best interest of the investing authorities at heart. Formal
  agreements and documentation include:
  - The Shareholders Agreement which sets out the terms and conditions of the joint venture and regulates their relationship with each other and certain aspects of the affairs of and dealings with the Company. The Company has agreed with the Shareholders that it will comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement insofar as it relates to the company and provided it is legal to do so. (See annex)
  - The PSJC is established under London Councils' governance arrangements and London Councils Governing Agreement is included as an annex for information.
  - The PSJC has specific Terms of Reference which include the following:

    "....to receive and consider reports and information from the ACS Operator

    particularly performance information and to provide comment and guidance in

    response (in so far as required and permitted by Companies Act 2006 requirements

    and FCA regulations).

In addition, members of the Pensions CIV Joint Committee will meet at least once each year at an Annual General Meeting of the ACS Operator to take decisions on behalf of the participating London local authorities in their capacity as shareholders exercising the shareholder rights in relation to the Pensions CIV Authorised Contractual Scheme operator (as provided in the Companies Act 2006 and the Articles of Association of the ACS Operator company) and to communicate these decisions to the Board of the ACS Operator company. These include: the appointment of directors to the ACS Operator board of directors; the appointment and removal of auditors of the company; agreeing the Articles of Association of the company and consenting to any amendments to these;

receiving the Accounts and Annual Report of the company;
exercising rights to require the directors of the ACS Operator company to call a
general meeting of the company;"

- As an FCA authorised contractual scheme, the CIV is required to publish a prospectus which details how the CIV will operate including the valuation, pricing and administration of the Scheme.
- A service level agreement is also currently being drafted which will set out in more detail agreed service levels between the CIV and the Authorities which will help to further enable the CIV to be held to account for ensuring that borough investment strategies are being implemented and the timescales.
- (b) If available please include a draft of the agreement between any supervisory body and the pool as an ANNEX.

#### Attached as ANNEX number

- 1. Shareholders Agreement
- 2. Articles of Association
- London Councils Governing Agreement
- 4. Terms of reference PSJC
- Prospectus of London LGPSCIV ACS
- (c) Please describe briefly how that agreement will ensure that the supervisory body can hold the pool to account and in particular the provisions for reporting back to authorities on the implementation and performance of their investment strategy.
  - See comments above and relevant Annexes
- Decision making procedures at all stages of investment, and the rationale underpinning this. Confirm that manager selection and the implementation of investment strategy will be carried out at the pool level.
  - (a) Please list the decisions that will be made by the authorities and the rationale underpinning this.

The overall control of each individual authority pension fund stays at the local level and Authorities will continue to set their fund investment strategy and decide the most appropriate asset allocation mix in conjunction with advice from their officers, Consultants and Advisors. Therefore, Individual Pension Committees will continue to

make all the key decisions as they do now in relation to asset allocation and investment strategy.

Funds will therefore continue to make decisions around:

- Funding
- Asset Allocation
- Investment Strategy
- > Appointment of advisers
- Governance structures for the Fund
- Setting their own Responsible investment strategy
- Preparing and ratifying relevant Fund policy statements in accordance with the regulations e.g. Funding Strategy Statement, Investment Strategy Statement, etc.
- (b) Please list the decisions to be made at the pool level and the rationale underpinning this.

The London CIV will be responsible for making decisions covering the appointment and removal of any 3<sup>rd</sup> party fund managers to be appointed to sub-funds (in the first instance in the ACS). As an FCA regulated AIFM, the decisions in respect of investment have to be made by the company.

(c) Please list the decisions to be made by the supervisory body and the rationale underpinning this.

The London CIV Board of Directors will make decisions on the following:

- Development of the Company
- Decisions on sub-fund launch and whether to open additional fund structure
- Company Budget including fee structures
- Development of strategy in respect of timescales for fund development
- The shared objectives for the pool and any policies that are to be agreed between participants.
  - (a) Please set out below the shared objectives for the pool.

## **Principles:**

The shared principles of the London CIV established when the London Local Authorities came together are unchanged despite the government's more mandatory stance, namely:

- Investment in the ACS should be voluntary, both entry and withdrawal (although it
  is recognised that the voluntary nature is now more constrained by the
  forthcoming investment regulations).
- 2. Authorities choose which asset classes to invest into and how much.
- 3. Authorities should have sufficient control over the ACS Operator
- 4. Investing authorities will take a shareholding interest in the operator
- 5. Shareholders will have membership of the Pensions Sectoral Joint Committee
- 6. ACS Operator will provide regular information to participating Authorities
- 7. ACS will not increase the overall investment risk faced by the Authorities.
- (b) Please list and briefly describe any policies that will or have been agreed between the participating authorities.

#### Policies:

- High level policy on responsible investment to include compliance statement with the Stewardship Code
- Voting Policy
- The London CIV is working closely with other Pools to consider approaches to responsible investment and ESG issues can be addressed by the pools to ensure effective stewardship
- (c) If available please attach as an ANNEX any draft or agreed policies already in place.

Attached as ANNEX number
PSJC report and minutes showing
agreement to join LAPFF

 The resources allocated to the running of the pool, including the governance budget, the number of staff needed and the skills and expertise required. (a) Please provide an estimate of the operating costs of the pool (including governance and regulatory capital), split between implementation and ongoing. Please list any assumptions made to arrive at that estimate. Please include details of where new costs are offset by reduced existing costs.

Ongoing work in Progress

£1.7m Ongoing costs Currently subject to review

Implementation costs TBC

## Assumptions:

Please note that of necessity any forecasts have to be heavily caveated due to the fact that it will depend on the timing of assets being transferred, the ability to source and implement sub-funds, the complexity of the requirements for different assets classes including that of infrastructure. It also assumes that AUM will continue to grow steadily but this will be heavily dependent on market movements and also the structures for local government going forwards, how quickly individual funds become cashflow negative and also any future changes to the benefit and cost structure of the LGPS.

- As the CIV is now operational, the long term high level forecast budget is attached as an appendix (to be confirmed)
- Assumes staffing levels remain constant, but are currently being reviewed by the Company Board and participating local authorities.
- capital adequacy is based on either 25% of annual expenditure or 0.02% of AUM subject to a max of £10m whichever is the higher in line with regulatory requirements
- Reduced costs at a Borough level will come through in terms of resources allocated to managing investments and the relationships with individual managers. However, in London, there are very limited numbers of staff dedicated solely to the function of pension investments, it usually forms part of an individual's job role, estimated at 0.35 FTE for most authorities for this exercise, which could lead to 11 FTE's over the course of pooling (approximate saving of £660k p.a. based on a staff cost of £60k p.a.) However, it should be noted that this is unlikely to follow through given additional regulatory requirements elsewhere, for example increased oversight requirements

from Pensions Board and the Pensions Regulator.

Reduced costs at a Borough level should also follow through from a reduction of
investment manager searches at individual fund authorities as this will now be
conducted at a pool level. It has been assumed that this will give rise to savings at a
London-wide level in the region of £825k p.a. (based on a search costing £25k and
approximately 33 investment management searches being conducted on behalf of
London funds each year based on historic data)

#### Comments

- The current forecasts assume no increase in staffing levels after 2017, however, it
  is recognised that this is unlikely to be the case given increase in AUM, servicing
  requirements to individual borough funds and the increased complexity of
  investment types including infrastructure and real assets.
- Surplus funds can be used to support additional resource requirements going forwards.
- Reduced costs at a Borough level will include reduced investment management
  fees, but this will also be dependent on the types of assets that Authorities may
  choose to allocate to and in some instances could actually increase, e.g. a move of
  assets from passive to infrastructure.
- (b) Please provide an estimate of the staff numbers and the skills/expertise required, split between implementation and ongoing. Please state any assumptions made to arrive at that estimate.

# Work in Progress

#### Assumptions

Business plan currently assumes 12 Full Time staff – structure chart included as an
annex – it is recognised that as assets under management increase and the complexity
of those assets increases, there will be additional resourcing requirements which could
see staffing at least double over the next few years.

• Staffs in key roles are required to have the requisite skills and expertise to be able to fulfil FCA regulated functions, e.g. CF1, CF3, CF10, CF11 and CF30.

#### Comments

- With the London CIV having been established and transition of assets underway, it is more a case of business as usual going forwards, although there will be additional implementation costs in the next 2-3 years.
- However, it is likely that going forwards any release of resource from implementation will transfer to other areas and to ensure that switching of asset allocation and investment strategy by the London Funds is carried through in a timely efficient manner.
- In addition the ongoing monitoring of both existing managers and potential new managers and investment opportunities, means that going forwards the addition and removal managers will still require resources to undertake strategic implementation decision.
- How any environmental, social and corporate governance policies will be handled by the pool. How the authorities will act as responsible, long term investors through the pool, including how the pool will determine and enact stewardship responsibilities.
  - (a) Please confirm there will be a written responsible investment policy at the pool level in place by 01.4.2018.

#### Confirmed YES

If no please attach an ANNEX setting out how the pool will handle responsible investment and stewardship obligations, including consideration of environmental, social and corporate governance impacts.

Attached as ANNEX number

- How the net performance of each asset class will be reported publicly by the pool, to encourage the sharing of data and best practice.
  - (a) Please confirm that the pool will publish annual net performance in each asset class

on a publicly accessible website, and that all participating authorities will publish net performance of their assets on their own websites, including fees and net performance in each listed asset class compared to a passive index.

Confirmed Yes

Attached as ANNEX number

If no please attach an ANNEX setting out how the pool will report publically on its performance.

# The extent to which benchmarking is used by the authority to assess their own governance and performance and that of the pool.

(a) Please list the benchmarking indicators and analysis that the participating authorities intend to implement to assess their own governance and performance and that of the pool.

TBC but to include comments on the FCA regulated structure of the CIV, oversight by PSJC, CIV Board, use of external providers, e.g. Duff & Phelps.

Criterion C: Reduced costs and excellent value for money

1. A fully transparent assessment of investment co	osts and fees as at 31 March 2013.
(a) Please state the total investment costs and	
fees for each of the authorities in the pool	£90.83m (Published costs)
as reported in the Annual Report and	
Accounts for that year ending 31.03.2013.	
(b) Please state the total investment costs and	
fees for each of the authorities in the pool	Awaiting CEM Benchmark data
as at 31.03.2013 on a fully transparent	
basis.	
(c) Please list below the assumptions made for t	he purposes of calculating the
transparent costs quoted.	
All London Local Authorities have provided data	to CEM Benchmarking to ensure that
costs are measured in the same way and to make	ke investment costs fully transparent

2. A fully transparent assessment of current inve	stment costs and fees, prepared on
the same basis as 2013 for comparison, and ho	ow these will be reduced over time.
(a) Please state the total investment costs and	
fees for each of the authorities in the pool	£107.19m (Published costs)
as reported in the Annual Report and	
Accounts for that year ending 31.03.2015.	
(b) Please state the total investment costs and	
fees for each of the authorities in the pool	Awaiting CEM Benchmark data
as at 31.03.2015 on a fully transparent	
basis.	
(c) Please list below any assumptions made for	the purposes of calculating the
transparent costs quoted that differ from the	nose listed in 1(c) above.
All London Local Authorities have provided da	ta to CEM Benchmarking to ensure tha
costs are measured in the same way and to ma	ake investment costs fully transparent

# 3. A detailed estimate of savings over the next 15 years.

(a) Please provide a summary of the estimated savings (per annum) to be achieved by each of the authorities in the pool at the end of each 3 year period starting from 01.04.2018.

Currently Work in progress, also pending data received from CEM

Total value of savings (per annum) estimated to be achieved by each of the authorities in the pool as at

Please note that of necessity any forecasts have to be heavily caveated due to the fact that it will depend on the timing of assets being transferred, the ability to source and implement sub-funds, the complexity of the requirements for different assets classes including that of infrastructure. It also assumes that AUM will continue to grow steadily but this will be heavily dependent on market movements and also the structures for local government going forwards, how quickly individual funds become cashflow negative and also any future changes to the benefit and cost structure of the LGPS.

31.3.2021: £

31.3.2024: £

31.3.2027: £

31.3.2030: £

31.3.2033: £

(b) Please list below the assumptions made in estimating the savings stated above (for example if you have used a standard assumption for fee savings in asset class please state the assumption and the rationale behind it).

Standard assumptions based on asset class currently being worked through.

(c) Alternatively you may attach an ANNEX showing the assumptions and rationale made in estimating the savings shown.

Attached as ANNEX number

4. A detailed estimate of implementation costs and when they will arise, including transition costs as assets are migrated into the pool, and an explanation of how

#### these costs will be met.

- (a) Please provide a summary of estimated implementation costs, including but not limited to legal, project management, financial advice, structure set-up and transition costs. Please represent these costs in a table, showing when these costs will be incurred, with each type of cost shown separately. Please estimate (using information in Criteria C Section 3) the year in which the pool will break even (i.e. the benefits will exceed additional costs of pooling).
- (b) Please list below the assumptions made in estimating the implementation costs stated above (for example if you have assumed a standard cost for each asset class please state the assumption and the rationale behind it).
- (c) Alternatively you may attach an ANNEX showing the assumptions and rationale made in estimating the implementation costs shown.

Attached as ANNEX number

- (d) Please explain how the implementation costs will be met by the participating authorities.
- London Local Authorities provided initial set up capital of £75k per participating authority to establish the London CIV and cover the initial implementation costs including legal and advisers' costs.
- 5. A proposal for reporting transparently against forecast transition costs and savings, as well as for reporting fees and net performance.
  - (a) Please explain the format and forum in which the pool and participating authorities will transparently report actual implementation (including transition) costs compared to the forecasts above.
    - As assets are transferred either in-specie or in cash into a sub-fund, individual authorities will be provided with the costs of transition.
    - The CIV will look to disclose at a pool level the costs of transition and savings to its investors on an annual basis –
  - (b) Please explain the format and forum in which the pool and participating authorities

will transparently report actual investment costs and fees as well as net performance.

- Authorities will be provided with quarterly reporting from the London CIV
  which will encompass both their investment performance and the fees paid by
  them, including any fund charges
- At a pool level, shareholders will be provided with an annual report setting out performance and costs for each individual sub-fund including net performance as well as at a pool level
- Quarterly reporting and annual reporting will be provided to individual
   Authorities in a written report
- In addition performance of sub-funds will be covered on the CIV website.
- Quarterly and Annual reporting will also be reviewed at the IAC and PSJC meetings as well as at the Company Board meetings and the Company Investment Oversight Committee.
- (c) Please explain the format and forum in which the pool and participating authorities will transparently report actual savings compared to the forecasts above.
  - As above



## Criterion D: An improved capacity to invest in infrastructure

1. The proportion of the total pool asset allocation	currently allocated to / committed
to infrastructure, both directly and through fund	ls, or "funds of funds"
(a) Please state the pool's committed allocation to	
infrastructure, both directly and indirectly, as	0.7%
at 31.3.2015.	0.7%
(b) Please state the pool's target asset allocation	
to infrastructure, both directly and indirectly,	TBA %
as at 31.3.2015.	TBA 78
Please use the definition of infrastructure agreed	d by the Cross Pool Collaboration
Group Infrastructure Sub-Group. Awaiting final o	definition from Cross Pool Group

- 2. How the pool might develop or acquire the capacity and capability to assess infrastructure projects, and reduce costs by managing any subsequent investments through the combined pool, rather than existing fund, or "fund of funds" arrangements.
  - (a) Please confirm that the pool is committed to developing a collaborative infrastructure platform that offers opportunities through the utilisation of combined scale, to build capability and capacity in order to offer authorities (through their Pools) the ability to access infrastructure opportunities appropriate to their risk appetite and return requirements more efficiently and effectively.

# Aim of the Cross Pool Collaboration Infrastructure Group:-

To develop a collaborative infrastructure framework that offers opportunities through the utilisation of combined scale, to build capability and capacity in order to offer Funds (through their Pools) the ability to access infrastructure opportunities appropriate to their risk appetite and return requirements more efficiently and effectively.

(b) Please confirm that the pool is committed to continuing to work with all the other Pools (through the Cross Pool Collaboration Infrastructure Group) to progress the development of a collaborative infrastructure initiative that will be available to all Pools and include a timescale for implementation of the initiative.	Confirmed Yes  Details attached as ANNEX number
(c) [If different to above] Please attach an ANNEX setting out how the pool might develop the	Attached as ANNEX number

capability and capacity in this asset class, through developing its own resources and / or accessing shared resources of other Pools and include a timescale for implementation of the initiative.

- 3. The proportion the pool could invest in infrastructure, and their ambition in this area going forward, as well as how they have arrived at this position.
- (a) Please state the estimated total target
   allocation to infrastructure, or provide a
   statement of potential strategic investment,
   once the capacity and capability referred to in
   2 above is in full operation and mature.

   Awaiting responses from Authorities

%

(b) Please describe the conditions in which this allocation could be realised.

The allocation to infrastructure will be a decision which is made at the London Local Authority level when deciding asset allocation, however the CIV will ensure that it has the mechanisms in place and the opportunities for the relevant Funds to meet their asset allocation requirements when deciding to invest in infrastructure.

The CIV will target infrastructure opportunities that offer the appropriate levels of risk/return for the London Local Authorities to be able to make informed decisions about their asset allocation to this asset class. The CIV will ensure that it works closely with other pools and with individual funds and their advisors to ensure that the requisite knowledge and skills are available to make informed decisions.

# **LONDON CIV - INDIVIDUAL BOROUGH RESPONSE**

# London Borough of

£'000

<u>Total Assets Under Management - Please</u> <u>insert net assets @31/03/15</u>

Liquid Assets Total Liquid Assets Global Equities (Active) Global Equities (Passive) UK Equities (Active) UK Equities (Passive) Multi Asset / DGFs Fixed Interest Products Property (unitised funds) Alternative products Other including cash	£'000	) ) ) ) )	Please provide any additional comments on transition timeline for the individual fund  Additional Comments?	
Illiquid Assets Total Illiquid Assets Hedge Funds Private Equity Partnerships Infrastructure Property Real Assets Others - please specify	£'000	) ) ) )	Please provide detail e.g. any maturity dates, further subscriptions, etc.  Additional Comments?	
Assets to remain outside the CIV Total Assets to remain outside the CIV Asset A Asset B Asset C	£'000	) )	Please provide detail for holdings outside CIV - including timescales for later transition  Additional comments?	
Infrastructure Current Allocation Actual Committed Funds Existing Target Allocation Long Term Target Allocation	£'000 ( ( (	0.00%		
CEM Benchmarking Data Investment Costs £'000 and basis points Benchmark Cost analysis £'000 and basis points	2013 - £000	2013 bps	2015 - £000 2015 bps <u>Additional Comments?</u>	
CEM Benchmarking Data Net Total Return Policy Return Net Value Added Asset Risk	2013 - %	2015 - %		
Estimated Transition Costs Expected to Transition 2016 Expected to Transition 2017 Expected to Transition 2018 Expected to Transition 2019 Expected to Transition 2020 Expected to Transition 2021 Assets remaining for transition	£'000	Basis Points	The CIV will work on some broad guidelines on transition costs - given past experience and advice received. However, if you did want to comment on what you expect your individual costs will be, please feel free to do so here.	

Additional Comments on Pooling - Please put any additional comments here - these will be included as an annexe in the CIV Pool submission with reference made to individual responses in the main submission document:

# **LONDON CIV - INDIVIDUAL BOROUGH RESPONSE**

London Borough of

# Please note the assumptions and notes comments highlighted in the text boxes below

2033 is where the gov has asked us to forecast out to

Indicative Sub-Funds Available on CIV	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2033	Additional Comments?
Clab at Faulting (Action)	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Global Equities (Active)	1	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	C	) <b> </b>
Global Equities (Passive)		4	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	
UKEquities (Active)			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
UKEquities (Passive)		2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Multi Asset / DGFs		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	<b>!</b>
Fixed Interest & income/cashflow generating		1	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Property				2	3	4	4	4	4	
Alternative products				2	2	4	5	5	5	5
Private Equity					2	3	3	3	3	3
Real Assets				2	2	3	3	4	4	
Infrastructure			1	2	2	3	4	5	6	
Total Sub-Funds open	1	14	23	29	32	38	40	42	43	

Assumptions: Sub-fund openings will be spread over the year. The majority of sub-funds will be through the ACS struture, where it is practical and financially beneficial to do so and where this isn't practical, the CIV will look to set up another fund structure (2017/18) that will accommodate assets outside of the ACS. Sub-funds will provide a wide range of investment options within individual asset classes and will be based on meeting the needs of the London Boroughs, based on their asset allocation and investment strategy decisions. Please note that the managers in sub-funds will be kept under constant review and will be changed as and when appropriate to do so. It should be noted that the number and types of sub-fund may vary significantly from the above to reflect changing asset allocation requirements

# Estimated Assets to be transitioned based on 2015 Total Assets Under Management

Total Assets Under Management -	£'000	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2033	Please provide any additional comments on transition timeline for the individual fund
Please insert net assets @31/03/15	0	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Global Equities (Active) Global Equities (Passive) UKEquities (Active) UKEquities (Passive) Multi Asset / DGFs Fixed Interest & income/cashflow generating Property Alternative products Private Equity Real Assets Infrastructure Other including cash										
Total Assets to be transitioned £m	- -	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	

NOTE: The transition of assets is indicative only to provide an indication for the 15th July submission and it is recognised that Funds will need to take decisions on transitioning assets as and when suitable products are available to meet their strategic asset allocation and investment decisions. Individual fund data will not be submitted to DCLG, but will be aggregated to provide an indicative value of assets at a whole fund level for the London CIV Pool submission

# **Exemptions from pooling of LGPS assets**

The default position should be to pool assets. If it is not immediately possible to pool assets, a clear transition timetable should be in place. Any proposed exemptions must include a detailed value for money justification, drawing on estimated transition costs and forecasts of ongoing administration and investment costs.

The table below sets out the asset classes that funds have suggested could be possible exemptions, alongside our position in principle.

Life Policies	We recognise there are difficulties in moving life policies into a structured fund, including valuation, tax and legal uncertainties. Using a depositary as the insured party may risk the favourable tax treatment for pension funds.
	Pools may therefore continue to hold existing life funds in the name of the current insured party but it is expected that the management and reporting regarding these life funds is done within the pool.
	It is our understanding that the advantages of life funds within certain asset classes (principally current lower cost due to very large scale of life funds) will be eroded over a reasonably short period of time and therefore pools will be expected not to write any new life fund business after April 2018 without having gone through a detailed VFM process that demonstrates a clear financial case for doing so.
Existing directly held property investment	The November guidance accepted there was a case for holding property that is already directly owned outside of the pool but that this should be kept under review and that new property holdings should be held within the pool.
	As a result of recent tax changes, for initial seeding transactions only, UK property can be transferred into an ACS without attracting Stamp Duty Land Tax. Funds are therefore asked to review their proposals taking this new situation into account.
	If these assets are currently internally managed, it will need to be clear who will manage them in the future and what costs are associated with this.
Illiquid assets	The default position should be to pool illiquid assets over a timescale that allows for the most beneficial fund structure and transaction cost scenario. Redemption penalties and other costs of early termination should be a primary consideration in the timing of the transition of long dated contractual arrangements.
	Although the ACS structure is capable of holding some forms of illiquid assets there are a variety of other fund structures, which are compared in the <u>advice from PwC</u> that was published in

Local investments	tandem with the pooling criteria and guidance; it states "establishing the ACS as a QIS provides a vehicle which can invest in a wide range of alternative assets and thereby may enable use of one type of CIV structure for all investment types".  There are a variety of fund structures available to the pool which would make it possible to bring local investments within the pool. However there may be occasions when such holdings need to be ear-marked to particular funds even though the management and
	reporting in relation to them is done within the pool.  If these are currently internally managed, it will need to be clear who will manage these assets in the future and what cost are associated with this.
	We accept there may be justification to retain some local investments completely outside of the pool. This will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and any submission for an exemption should include a clear VFM case.
Buy-ins + risk management assets	These assets can be pooled once skills and resources are available.
	When they are managed within pools, we recognise that they may need to be ear-marked to particular funds.
Hedging instruments	Many funds will have hedging instruments. As a default these would be expected to move into the pool and be reconsidered in the context of any overall hedging strategy for the pool. However requests for exemptions will be reviewed on submission of a clear VFM case.
Working Capital / cash	We recognise cash is used to ensure funds have the liquidity available to pay pensions and drawdowns as-and-when required.
	We expect there will be some cash management within the pool, for example due to dividend receipts etc. Pools should confirm in their submissions that participant funds will continue to hold, outside of the pool, the necessary level of cash to meet the requirements of prudent operational cash flow forecasts.

REPORT FOR: PENSION FUND

**COMMITTEE** 

**Date of Meeting:** 21 June 2016

**Subject:** London Borough of Harrow Pension Fund:

Draft Annual Report and Financial

Statements for the year ended 31 March

2016

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

**Exempt:** No

Wards Affected: All

Enclosures: Appendix – London Borough of Harrow

Pension Fund: Draft Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended

31 March 2016

# **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation**

# Summary

This report presents the draft Pension Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016.

# Recommendation

The Committee are recommended to:

 Consider the draft Pension Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 and comment as they see fit.



# **Section 2 - Report**

- 1. Attached is the Pension Fund draft Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016.
- 2. The audit of the Accounts by KPMG LLP will commence in July and approval will be sought as part of the Council's overall Accounts from Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee on 8 September 2016. The audited accounts together with the auditor's report to the will be presented to the Committee at their November 2016 meeting.
- 3. To assist in the Committee's consideration they are advised of the following key points:

# Introduction (Page 3)

Provided by Director of Finance highlighting that during the year the net assets of the Fund decreased from £674.8m to £660.8m and the Fund was ranked 87<sup>th</sup> (out of approximately 90) in the local authority annual league table of investment returns for the year.

## Audit Statement (Page 4)

To be provided in September 2016.

# Scheme Overview (Page 7)

Number of pensioners showing an increase from 4,873 in 2012-13 to 5,438 in 2015-16.

Number of deferred pensioners showing an increase from 5,569 in 2012-13 to 6,700 in 2015-16.

Number of active members remaining stable at 5,562 in 2012-13 to 5,561 in 2015-16

# Accounts for year ended 31 March 2016 (Page 18)

	£m
Contributions by members and employers including transfers	- 34.4
Benefits paid including transfers	34.5
Investment income	-10.4
Management expenses (including fees charged by	
investment managers of £3.5m)	4.8
Decrease in market value of investments	19.6

The Fund continues to mature in that benefit payments exceed contributions. This shortfall is smaller in 2015-16 than in recent years due to the large inflow of funds arising from the transfer of Legal staff from the London Borough of Barnet Fund to the Council's Fund. This trend towards maturity can be expected to continue as the number of pensioners grows and active membership either stabilises or falls. However, when investment income is taken into account, cashflow remains positive. The impact of falling

membership, longevity and pension increases will steadily increase future cash outflows which, in the longer term, may have to be factored into the investment strategy. Discussions with the Actuary on longer term cashflow modelling are ongoing and will be reported to the Committee later in the year.

4. The appendices to the Accounts will be reviewed as appropriate by the Committee during the next few months.

# **Financial Implications**

5. Whilst this report discusses all aspects of the financial standing of the Pension Fund there are no financial implications arising directly from it.

# **Legal Comments**

6. Regulation 57 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 requires that an administering authority must produce an annual report containing certain specified matters. The report must be published before 1 December of the scheme year end.

# **Risk Management Implications**

7. All risks are included within the Pension Fund Risk Register.

# **Equalities implications**

8. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

## **Council Priorities**

9. The financial health of the Pension Fund directly affects the resources available for the Council's priorities

# **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name:	Dawn Calvert	$\checkmark$	Chief Financial Officer
Date:	7 June 2016		
			on behalf of the
Name:	Alison Burns	$\checkmark$	Monitoring Officer
Date:	8 June 2016		

Ward Councillors notified: Not applicable

# **Section 4 - Contact Details**

**Contact:** Ian Talbot, Treasury and Pension Fund Manager 0208 424 1450

# **Background Papers - None**

# **London Borough of Harrow Pension Fund**

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016



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## INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of the Pension Fund Annual Report is to account for the income, expenditure and net assets of the London Borough of Harrow Pension Fund ('the Fund') for the financial year to 31 March 2016. This Report also explains the administration and management of the Fund, the investment and funding policy objectives and asset allocation, as well as highlighting market and Fund performance.

Information about the economic resources controlled by the Fund is provided by the net assets statement. The actuarial funding level is reported in Note 15 and in the Statement of the Consulting Actuary on page 45.

The Pension Fund Committee is responsible for overseeing the management, administration and strategic direction of the Fund. The Committee reviews quarterly the Fund's investment strategy seeking to achieve returns within acceptable risk parameters. This in turn minimises the amount the Council and other employers will need to make in contributions to the Fund to meet future liabilities.

During 2015-16, most major asset classes, particularly UK equities, performed poorly with only overseas bonds and property realising significant growth. The Fund's investments reflected this disappointing performance producing an investment return of -1.9%.

The net assets of the Fund as at 31 March 2016 were £660.8m compared to £674.8m as at 31 March 2015. The Fund was ranked 87<sup>th</sup> in the local authority annual league table of investment returns for the year.

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Dawn Calvert - CPFA
Director of Finance
30th September 2016

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS OF LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW ON THE PENSION FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



# SCHEME MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORS

Administering Authority London Borough of Harrow

Pension Fund Committee Councillor Adam Swersky (Chairman)

Councillor Bharat Thakker(Vice Chairman)

Councillor Keith Ferry

Councillor Norman Stevenson

Independent Advisers Colin Robertson

Richard Romain

Co-optee Howard Bluston

Trade Union Observers John Royle - UNISON

Pamela Belgrave - GMB

Officer Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

Actuary Hymans Robertson LLP

Investment Consultant Aon Hewitt Limited

Investment Managers Aviva Investors Global Services Limited

BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited

**GMO LLC** 

Insight Investment Longview Partners Oldfield Partners Pantheon Ventures

Record Currency Management Limited

Standard Life Investments

State Street Global Advisors Limited

AVC Providers Clerical Medical

Equitable Life Assurance Society

Prudential Assurance

Custodian JP Morgan

Auditor KPMG LLP

Performance Measurement State Street Global Services

Bankers The Royal Bank of Scotland

# **SCHEME OVERVIEW**

The Harrow Pension Fund ('the Fund') is part of the Local Government Pension Scheme ("LGPS") and is administered by the London Borough of Harrow. The Council is the reporting entity for the Fund.

## a) General

The Scheme is governed by the Public Service Pensions Act 2013.

The Fund is administered in accordance with the following secondary legislation:

- The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended)
- The Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014 (as amended)
- The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 (as amended).

It is a contributory defined benefit pension scheme designed to provide pensions and other benefits for pensionable employees of the Council and a range of other scheduled and admitted bodies. Teachers, police officers and firefighters are not included as they come within other national pension schemes.

The Fund is overseen by the Harrow Pension Fund Committee, which is a committee of the Council.

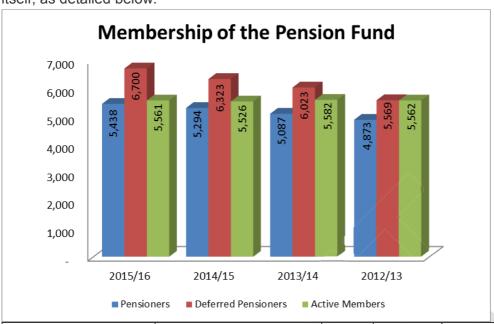
## b) Memberships

Membership of the LGPS is voluntary and employees are free to choose whether to join the Scheme, remain in the Scheme or make their own personal arrangements outside the Scheme.

Organisations participating in the Fund are:

- Scheduled Employer: These are statutorily defined bodies listed within the LGPS Regulations and have a statutory obligation to participate in the LGPS (e.g. a local authority, a further or higher education establishment).
- **Community Admission Body:** These are typically charities or other not-for-profit public sector bodies providing a public service which has sufficient links with the administering employer to be regarded as having a community of interest.
- **Transferee Admission Body:** These are typically private sector companies or charities which will have taken on staff from a local authority as a result of an outsourcing of services.

There are 30 employer organisations within the Harrow Pension Fund including the Council itself, as detailed below.



Employer	Status	Actives	Deferred	Pensioners	Total	%
Harrow Council	Scheduled Body	4,086	5,660	5,087	14,833	83.80
Alexandra School	Scheduled Body	23	3	1	27	0.15
Avanti Free School	Scheduled Body	28	4	0	32	0.18
Aylward Primary School	Scheduled Body	77	6	0	83	0.47
Bentley Wood School	Scheduled Body	61	60	7	128	0.72
Canons High School	Scheduled Body	101	37	7	145	0.82
Harrow College	Scheduled Body	142	271	142	555	3.13
Harrow High School	Scheduled Body	63	45	6	114	0.64
Hatch End School	Scheduled Body	86	117	11	214	1.21
Heathland and Whitefriars	Scheduled Body	153	18	2	173	0.98
Krishna Avanti Primary	Scheduled Body	22	7	0	29	0.16
Nower Hill High School	Scheduled Body	124	99	7	230	1.30
Park High School	Scheduled Body	88	50	4	142	0.80
Pinner High Academy	Scheduled Body	1	0	0	1	0.01
Rooks Heath College	Scheduled Body	107	40	7	154	0.87
Salvatorian College	Scheduled Body	42	44	6	92	0.52
St Bernadettes	Scheduled Body	30	0	0	30	0.17
St Dominics College	Scheduled Body	53	27	33	113	0.64
Stanmore College	Scheduled Body	78	144	69	291	1.64
NLCS	Community Admission Body	77	34	28	139	0.79
Birkin	Transferee Admission Body	10	0	0	10	0.06
Carillion Services	Transferee Admission Body	55	19	18	92	0.52
Chartwells	Transferee Admission Body	16	2	1	19	0.11
Engie (Cofely)	Transferee Admission Body	2	0	0	2	0.01
Govindas	Transferee Admission Body	5	0	0	5	0.03
Granary Kids	Transferee Admission Body	1	1	1	3	0.02
Jubilee Academy	Transferee Admission Body	14	11	0	25	0.14
Linbrook	Transferee Admission Body	4	1	0	5	0.03
Sopria Steria	Transferee Admission Body	9	0	1	10	0.06
Taylor Shaw	Transferee Admission Body	3	0	0	3	0.02
	Total	5,561	6,700	5,438	17,699	100.00

#### c) Funding

Full-time, part-time and casual employees, where there is a mutuality of obligation and who have a contract of more than three months, are brought into the Fund automatically but have the right to "opt out" if they so wish. Casual employees with no mutuality of obligation are not eligible for membership.

Employee contribution rates are set by regulations and are dependent upon each member's full time equivalent salary. Employee contributions attract tax relief at the time they are deducted from pay and the employee also pays lower National Insurance contributions between the Lower and Upper Earnings Limits, unless the employee has opted to pay the married woman's reduced rate.

Employers participating in the Fund pay different rates of contributions depending on their history, their staff profile and any deficit recovery period agreed with the Fund. Employer contribution rates are reviewed as part of the triennial actuarial valuation. The last valuation took place as at 31 March 2013 and showed that the Fund was 70% Funded. The deficit is to be funded by additional employer contributions over the course of 20 years.

Benefits are funded by contributions and investment earnings. Contributions are made by active members of the Fund in accordance with the LGPS Regulations 2013 and range from 5.5% to 12.5% of pensionable pay. Employee contributions are matched by employers' contributions which are set based on triennial actuarial funding valuations. Currently almost all, employer contribution rates fall within the range 15% to 28% of pensionable pay with most of the largest employers paying approximately 20.85%

#### d) Benefits

Prior to 1 April 2014, pension benefits under the LGPS were based on final pensionable pay and length of pensionable service, summarised below.

	Service pre 1 April 2008	Service post 31 March 2008
Pension	Each year worked is worth 1/80 x final pensionable salary	Each year worked is worth 1/60 x final pensionable salary
Lump Sum	Automatic lump sum of 3 x salary. In addition, part of the annual pension can be exchanged for a one-off tax-free cash payment. A lump sum of £12 is paid for each £1 of pension given up	No automatic lump sum. Part of the annual pension can be exchanged for a one-off tax-free cash payment. A lump sum of £12 is paid for each £1 of pension given up

From 1 April 2014, the Scheme became a career average scheme, whereby members accrue benefits based on their pensionable pay in each year at an accrual rate of 1/49th. Accrued pension is updated annually in line with the Consumer Prices Index.

There are a range of other benefits provided under the Scheme including early retirement, disability pensions and death benefits. For more details, please refer to the 'Brief Guide to the Local Government Pension Scheme' attached as Appendix 3.

## **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Council has delegated to the Pension Fund Committee various powers and duties in respect of its administration of the Fund. The Committee met five times during the year.It comprises four Councillors with full voting rights. Representatives from the trade unions are able to participate as observers of the Committee and do not have voting rights.

The Pension Fund Committee has the following terms of reference:

- 1) to exercise on behalf of the Council, all the powers and duties of the Council in relation to its functions as Administering Authority of the LB Harrow Pension Fund (the Fund), save for those matters delegated to other Committees of the Council or to an Officer;
- 2) the determination of applications under the Local Government Superannuation Regulations and the Teachers' Superannuation Regulations;
- 3) to administer all matters concerning the Council's pension investments in accordance with the law and Council policy;
- 4) to establish a strategy for the disposition of the pension investment portfolio;
- 5) to appoint and determine the investment managers' delegation of powers of management of the Fund;
- 6) to determine cases that satisfy the Early Retirement provision under Regulation 26 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997 (as amended), and to exercise discretion under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (as amended), subject to the conditions now agreed in respect of all staff, excluding Chief Officers;
- 7) to apply the arrangements set out in (6) above to Chief Officers where the application has been recommended by the Chief Executive, either on the grounds of redundancy, or in the interests of the efficiency of the service, and where the application was instigated by the Chief Executive in consultation with the leaders of the political groups.
- 8) to approve any severance packages for Officers of £100,000 or over irrespective of the grade of Officer. The definition of severance package is in accordance with the DCLG supplementary statutory guidance 'Openness and accountability in local pay: Guidance under section 40 of the Localism Act 2011 issued in February 2013

The Committee is advised by two independent advisers, a co-optee and an investment consultant.

The dates of the Pension Fund Committee meetings, along with meeting agendas, reports and minutes are available on the Harrow Council website: http://www.harrow.gov.uk/www2/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1297

The Local Pension Board assists the Council and the Pension Fund Committee in the administration of the Fund.

# INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

# Investment Market Commentary (provided by State Street Global Services Performance Services, 2016)

All equity markets, with the exception of North America, produced negative returns over the year. In spite of a surprise outright majority being returned in May's general election, domestic equities lost ground in the early part of the period. After rebounding to some extent in the December quarter, they ended the period down 4%, reflecting the high exposure to oil majors and commodities, which continued to suffer as oil prices fell.

In sterling terms, North America was the strongest performing of the major overseas markets returning 3%. In contrast, the poorest performing areas were the emerging and lesser Asia Pacific markets which gave up between 7 and 8%. Elsewhere, Europe lost 3% and Japan 4%. Currency had a major influence on international equity returns with the weakness of sterling insulating UK investors against much lower base currency returns.

After the double-digit returns of the previous year, bond performance was much more subdued with an aggregate return in low single figures. Yields fell at the outset of the year and by Christmas, returns were looking quite negative. Central government comments and risk aversion generally in the closing quarter however saw yields pick up. Long dated bonds produced the best of the returns whilst corporate issues were marginally down over the period. Index-Linked gilts returned 2% and overseas bonds 4%.

Alternative investments in aggregate enjoyed a good year, however fortune was mixed. Private equity returned 14%, whilst hedge fund performance was flat. Pooled multi-asset (diversified growth) investments had a disappointing year, returning -3%. Property continued its strong run, returning 11%.

# **Investment Policy**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve a return that is sufficient to meet the primary funding objective of minimising the level of employer contribution in order to meet the cost of Fund benefits as required by statute, subject to an appropriate level of risk (implicit in the target) and liquidity.

The Council has delegated the management of the Fund's investments to professional investment managers, appointed in accordance with the LGPS regulations, whose activities are specified in detailed investment management agreements and regularly monitored.

The Fund Statement of Investment Principles specifies that the Fund may invest in accordance with the Regulations in equities, fixed interest and other bonds and property, in the UK and overseas markets. The Regulations specify other investment instruments that may be used, for example, financial futures, traded options, insurance contracts, stock lending and sub-underwriting contracts.

To support the Fund's objective of achieving a return that is sufficient to meet the cost of benefits within acceptable risk parameters the Committee, in conjunction with the Fund's investment advisor, set the strategic asset allocation on 6 March 2013.

The Committee aims to achieve its investment objective by maintaining a high allocation to growth assets, mainly equities, reflecting the security of the sponsor's covenant, the funding level, the long time horizon of the Fund and the projected asset class returns and volatility.

Diversifying investments reduces the risk of a sharp fall in one particular market having a substantial impact on the whole Fund.

The following table compares the actual asset allocation as at 31 March 2016 to the agreed allocation

Investment assets	Actual Percentage of Fund	Agreed Allocation
	%	%
Fixed interest securities	11	10
Index-linked securities	3	3
Developed world equities-active	23	21
Emerging markets equities-active	11	10
Global equities-passive	34	31
Pooled property	8	10
Private equity	3	5
Diversified growth funds	8	10
Forward currency contracts	(1)	0
Total	100	100

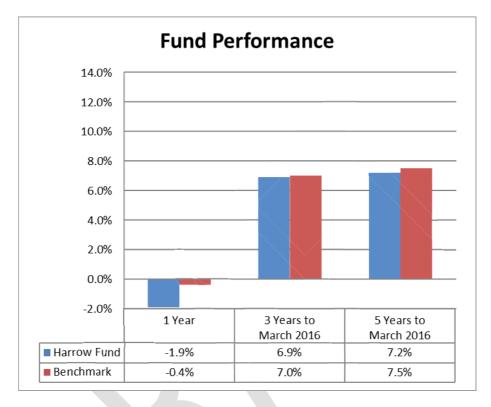
The Committee believes in appointing Fund managers with clear performance benchmarks that place maximum accountability for performance against that benchmark with the investment manager. Fund managers are set risk parameters to provide them with some flexibility in achieving the asset allocation to allow them to make the most of market conditions. They must seek approval for any positions that go beyond the agreed risk parameters set for their strategies. The Fund has ten investment managers to give diversification of investment style and spread of risk. The Committee will continue to monitor the ability of the investment managers to achieve their target returns.

## **Investments held by Fund Managers**

Market value 31 March 2015	Percentage of Fund	Manager	Investment assets	Market value 31 March 2016	Percentage of Fund
£'000	%			£'000	%
69,247	10	BlackRock	Fixed interest securities	69,401	11
17,130	3	BlackRock	Index-linked securities	17,577	3
76,541	11	GMO	Emerging markets equities-active	71,463	11
75,561	11	Longview	Developed world equities-active	75,499	12
77,276	12	Oldfields	Developed world equities-active	70,701	11
220,601	33	State Street	Global equities-passive	219,424	34
50,562	8	Aviva	Pooled property	53,481	8
22,954	3	Pantheon	Private equity	20,571	3
28,857	4	Insight	Diversified growth fund	27,071	4
30,678	5	Standard Life	Diversified growth fund	29,216	4
(2,649)	0	Record	Forward currency contracts	(6,388)	(1)
865	0	BlackRock	Cash deposits	44	0
272	0	JP Morgan	Cash deposits	0	0
667,895	100		Total	648,060	100

# **Fund performance**

The Committee uses State Street Global Services as its independent investment performance measurer. Investment returns over 1, 3 and 5 years are shown below.



Source: State Street Global Services

The Fund's return of -1.9% during 2015-16 was due to the relatively poor performance of equities generally and the UK in particular and the disappointing performance of some of the fund managers. Returns over the longer time periods were broadly in line with the expected performance benchmarks.

The average local authority fund (as measured by State Street Global Services Performance Services) returned 0.2% on its assets during the year. The Council's Fund was ranked 87th (2014-15: 14th) in the local authority annual league table of investment returns for the year. This was almost entirely due to the relatively high commitment to equities and in particular to emerging markets.

#### STATEMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

#### **Governance Compliance Statement**

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 Regulation 31 require all administering authorities to produce a Governance Compliance Statement. This Statement must set out whether the Administering Authority delegates its function and if so what the terms, structure and operation of the delegation are. The Administering Authority must also state the extent to which a delegation complies with guidance given by the Secretary of State. The current Statement can be found in Appendix 1.

#### **Communications Policy Statement**

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 require all administering authorities to produce a Communications Policy Statement. This statement sets out the Fund's strategy for communicating with members, members' representatives, prospective members and employing authorities, together with the promotion of the Scheme to prospective members and their employing authorities. The latest Statement can be found in Appendix 2.

#### **Local Government Pension Scheme Guide**

A brief guide to the Local Government Pension Scheme can be found in Appendix 3

#### **Statement of Investment Principles**

Regulation 12 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 requires administering authorities to publish a Statement of Investment Principles. This Statement provides details of the Fund's investment policies including:

- The types of investment to be held;
- The balance between different types of investment; and
- Risk measurement and management.

The Statement also details the Fund's compliance with the six principles set out in the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's publication 'Investment Decision Making and Disclosure in the Local Government Pension Scheme 2009 – a guide to the application of the 2008 Myners Principles to the management of LGPS Funds'. The current version can be found in Appendix 4.

#### **Funding Strategy Statement**

Regulation 35 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 requires all administering authorities to produce a Funding Strategy Statement. The purpose of the Funding Strategy Statement is to explain the funding objectives of the Fund, in particular:

- How the costs of the benefits provided under the LGPS are met through the Fund;
- The objectives in setting employer contribution rates; and
- The funding strategy that is adopted to meet these objectives.

The Funding Strategy Statement is reviewed every three years at the same time as the triennial actuarial valuation of the Fund. An interim review of the Statement may be carried out and a revised Statement published if there has been a material change in the policy matters set out in the Statement or there has been a material change to the Statement of Investment Principles. The current full Statement can be found in Appendix 5.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Fund's primary long term risk is that the assets will fall short of its liabilities (i.e. promised benefits payable to members). The Pension Fund Committee is responsible for managing and monitoring risks and ensuring that appropriate risk management processes are in place and operating effectively. The aim of risk management is to limit risks to those that are expected to provide opportunities to add value.

The most significant risks faced by the Fund and the procedures in place to manage these risks are described below:

#### **Governance and Regulatory Risk**

The failure to exercise good governance and operate in line with regulations can lead to financial as well as reputation risk. These risks are managed through:

- Regular reviews of the Statement of Investment Principles and Funding Strategy Statement that set out the high level objectives of the Fund and how these will be achieved;
- Tailored training for members;
- Reviews of the Pension Fund Committee agenda and papers by Harrow's Legal Department; and.
- Establishment of the Pension Board.

#### i) Sponsor Risk

The Fund is currently in deficit and achieving a fully funded status may require the continued payment of deficit contributions. The Actuary reviews the required level of contributions every three years. To protect the Fund and the Administering Employer, bonds and other forms of security are received from Admitted employers.

#### ii) Investment Risk

The Fund is invested in a range of asset classes as detailed in Note 12. This is done in line with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 which require pension funds to invest any monies not immediately required to pay benefits. These Regulations require the formulation of a Statement of Investment Principles which sets out the Fund's approach to investment including the management of risk. The predominant asset class is listed equities, which has both a greater expected return and volatility than the other main asset classes. Potential risks affecting investments include:

#### Pricing Risk

The valuation of investments is constantly changing, impacting on the potential realisation proceeds and income. For example, the value of the Fund's investments decreased by 3% in 2015-16 compared to increasing by 14% in the previous year. Most of the price changes relate to the value of global equities. Changes of a similar magnitude are possible in future.

Procedures in place to manage the volatility of investments include:

 Diversification of the investments between asset classes and geographical areas to include fixed interest and index linked bonds, property, multi assets mandates and private equity. The investment strategy is reviewed by the Pension Fund Committee and

- market conditions are reviewed to monitor performance at every meeting to determine if any strategic action is required;
- Global equities are managed by three active and one passive manager and diversified growth funds by two managers to reduce the risk of underperformance against benchmarks. The Investment Adviser provides quarterly reports on the performance and skills of each manager to the Pension Fund Committee; and
- The benefit liabilities are all Sterling based and to reduce the currency risk from non Sterling investments, 50% of the overseas currency exposures are hedged to Sterling.

#### Liquidity Risk

Investments in some asset classes e.g. private equity and property can be illiquid in that they cannot be realised at short notice. Around 11% of Harrow's Fund is in illiquid assets. This is deemed appropriate for a fund that continues to have a positive cashflow. All cash balances are managed in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement and are all currently on overnight deposit and readily accessible.

#### Counterparty Risk

The failure by a counterparty, including an investee company, can lead to an investment loss. This risk is mainly managed through wide diversification of counterparties and also through detailed selection of counterparties by external fund managers.

#### iii) Actuarial Risk

The value of the liability for future benefits is impacted by changes in inflation, salary levels, life expectancy and expected future investment returns. Although there are opportunities to use financial market instruments to manage some of these risks, the Pension Fund Committee does not currently believe these to be appropriate. Recent changes to the benefits structure have reduced some of these risks. All are monitored through the actuarial valuation process and additional contributions required from employers should deficits arise.

#### iv) Operational Risk

Operational risk relates to losses (including error and fraud) from failures in internal controls relating to investment managers and internally e.g. administration systems.

Controls at external fund managers are monitored through the receipt of audited annual accounts for each manager together with annual assessments of the control environment including reviews of internal controls reports certified by reporting auditors.

Controls within the Administering Authority are reviewed by Harrow's Internal Audit Team.

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## STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### The Council's Responsibilities

The Council is required:

- To make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In Harrow, that officer is the Chief Financial Officer, i.e., the Director of Finance;
- To manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets; and
- To approve the Financial Statements.

#### The Director of Finance's Responsibilities

The Director of Finance is responsible for the preparation of the Fund's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices set out in the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting.

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Director of Finance has:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- Made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- Complied with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting;
- Kept proper accounting records which were up to date; and
- Taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

I certify that these Financial Statements present fairly the financial position of the London Borough of Harrow Fund of the Local Government Pension Scheme as at 31 March 2016 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

D. Calvert

**Dawn Calvert – CPFA**Director of Finance
30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Harrow Pension Fund Account for the year ended 31 March 2016

2014/15		Notes	2015/16
£'000			£'000
	Dealings with members, employers and others directly involved in the fund		
(28,013)	Contributions receivable	6	(28,333)
(1,267)	•	7	(5,839)
(35)	Other income	_	(261)
(29,315)			(34,433)
32,008	Benefits payable	8	31,265
2,266	• •	9	3,239
34,274			34,504
	Net additions/reductions from dealings with		
4,959	members		71
3,958	Management expenses	10	4,780
	Return on investments		
(10,863)	Investment income	11	(10,425)
(82,082)	Profit/losses on disposal of investments and changes in the market value of investments	12A	19,568
(92,945)	Net return on investments	_	9,143
(84,028)	Net (increase)/decrease in the net assets available for benefits during the year		13,994
(590,817)	3 ,		(674,845)
(674,845)	Net Assets at end of year	-	(660,851)

## Net Assets Statement as at 31 March 2016

2014/15		Notes	2015/16
£'000			£'000
	Investment assets		
669,407	Pooled investment vehicles	12B	654,404
1,459	Derivative contracts	12B	878
670,866			655,282
	Investment liabilities		
(4,108)	Derivative contracts	12B	(7,266)
666,758			648,016
1,137	Cash with investment managers		44
667,895			648,060
5,793	Cash deposits		11,485
673,688			659,545
2,051	Current assets	17	2,069
(894)	Current liabilities	18	(763)
	Net assets of fund available to fund benefits		
674,845	at the period end		660,851

The accounts summarise the transactions of the Fund and deal with the net assets. The Net Assets Statement does not take account of the obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the Fund year. The actuarial position of the Fund, which does take account of such obligations, is dealt with in the actuarial statement included on pages 45 and 46 and these Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with it.

D. Calvert

**Dawn Calvert – CPFA**Director of Finance
30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

# Notes to the Harrow Pension Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016

#### **NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The Statement of Accounts summarises the Fund's transactions for the 2015/16 financial year and its position at year-end as at 31 March 2016. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 which is based upon International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as amended for the UK public sector.

The accounts summarise the transactions of the Fund and report on the net assets available to pay pension benefits. The accounts do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the financial year.

#### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Fund account - Revenue Recognition

#### a) Contributions income

Normal contributions, both from the members and from employers, are accounted for on an accruals basis at the percentage rate recommended by the Fund actuary in the financial year to which they relate.

Employer deficit funding contributions are accounted for on the due dates on which they are payable under the schedule of contributions set by the Fund actuary or on receipt if earlier than the due date.

Employers' augmentation contributions and pensions strain contributions are accounted for in the period in which the liability arises. Any amount due in year but unpaid will be classed as a current financial asset. Amounts not due until future years, if significant, are classed as long term financial assets.

#### b) Transfers to and from other schemes

Transfer values represent the amounts received and paid during the year for members who have either joined or left the Fund during the financial year and are calculated in accordance with The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (see notes 7 and 9).

Individual transfers in/out are accounted for when received/paid, which is normally when the member liability is accepted or discharged.

Transfers in from members wishing to use the proceeds of their additional voluntary contributions to purchase Scheme benefits are accounted for on a receipts basis.

Bulk (group) transfers are accounted for on an accruals basis in accordance with the terms of the transfer agreement.

#### c) Investment income

- i) Interest income is recognised in the Fund account as it accrues, using the effective interest rate of the financial instrument as at the date of acquisition or origination
- ii) Distributions from pooled funds are recognised at the date of issue.
- iii) Changes in the net market value of investments are recognised as income and comprise all realised and unrealised gains/losses during the year.

#### Fund account – Expense items

#### a) Benefits payable

Pensions and lump-sum benefits payable include all amounts known to be due as at the end of the financial year. Any amounts due but unpaid are disclosed in the net assets statement as current liabilities.

#### b) Taxation

The Fund is a registered public service scheme under section 1(1) of Schedule 36 of the Finance Act 2004 and as such is exempt from UK income tax on interest received and from capital gains tax on the proceeds of investments sold. Income from overseas investments suffers withholding tax in the country of origin, unless exemption is permitted. Irrecoverable tax is accounted for as a Fund expense as it arises.

#### c) Management expenses

The Code does not require any breakdown of pension fund administrative expenses. However in the interest of greater transparency, the Council discloses its Pension Fund management expenses in accordance with the CIPFA guidance *Accounting for Local Government Pension Scheme Management Costs*.

#### Administrative expenses

All administrative expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. All staff costs of the Pension's Administration Team are recharged to the Fund. Associated management, accommodation and other overheads are apportioned to this activity and recharged as expenses to the Fund.

#### Oversight and governance costs

All oversight and governance expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. All staff costs of the Pension's Administration Team are recharged to the Fund. Associated management, accommodation and other overheads are apportioned to this activity and recharged as expenses to the Fund.

#### <u>Investment management expenses</u>

All investment management expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Fees of the external investments managers and custodian are agreed in the respective mandates governing their appointments. Broadly, these are based on the market value of the investments under their management and therefore increase or reduce as the value of these investments change

Where an investment manager's fee invoice has not been received by the balance sheet date an estimate based on the market value of their mandate as at the end of the year is used for inclusion in the Fund account in 2015/16.

The costs of the Council's in-house Fund Management Team are recharged to the Fund and a proportion of the Council's costs representing management time spent by officers on investment management are also charged to the Fund.

#### Net assets statement

#### a) Financial assets

Financial assets are included in the Net Assets Statement on a fair value basis as at the reporting date. A financial asset is recognised in the Net Assets Statement on the date the Fund becomes party to the contractual acquisition of the asset. From this date any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of an asset are recognised in the Fund account.

The values of investments as shown in the Net Assets Statement have been determined as follows:

#### i) Market-quoted investments

The value of an investment for which there is a readily available market price is determined by the bid market price ruling on the final day of the accounting period.

#### ii) Fixed interest securities

Fixed interest securities are recorded at bid market price ruling on the final day of the accounting period.

#### iii) Unquoted investments

Investments in unquoted property pooled funds are valued at the net asset value as advised by the fund manager.

Investments in private equity funds and unquoted listed partnerships are valued based on the Fund's share of the net assets in the private equity fund or limited partnership using the latest financial statements published by the respective fund managers in accordance with the *International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines 2012*. The Fund's private equity investments are valued by the manager at 31 December 2015 and are adjusted to take into account distributions/contributions and exchange rate movements taking place up to 31 March 2016

#### iv) Pooled investment vehicles

Pooled investment vehicles are valued at closing bid price if both bid and offer prices are published; or if single priced, at the closing price available. In the case of pooled investment vehicles that are accumulation funds, change in market value also includes income which is reinvested in the Fund, net of applicable withholding tax.

#### b) Derivatives

The Fund uses derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to specific risks arising from its investment activities. The Fund does not hold derivatives for speculative purposes.

Derivative contract assets are fair valued at bid prices and liabilities are fair valued at offer prices. Changes in the fair value of derivative contracts are included in change in market value.

The future value of forward currency contracts is based on market forward exchange rates at the year-end date and determined as the gain or loss that would arise if the outstanding contract were matched at the year end with an equal and opposite contract.

#### c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash in hand and demand deposits and includes amounts held by the Fund's external managers and custodians.

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to minimal risk of changes in value.

#### d) Financial liabilities

The Fund recognises financial liabilities at fair value as at the reporting date. A financial liability is recognised in the Net Assets Statement on the date the Fund becomes party to the liability. From this date any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the liability are recognised by the Fund.

#### e) Actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits

The actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits is assessed on an annual basis by the Fund actuary in accordance with the requirements of IAS 19 and relevant actuarial standards.

As permitted under the Code, the Fund has opted to disclose the actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits by way of a note to the net assets statement (Note 16).

#### f) Additional Voluntary Contributions

The Fund provides an additional voluntary contribution (AVC) scheme for its members, the assets of which are invested separately from those of the Fund. The Fund has appointed Prudential Assurance, Clerical Medical and Equitable Life Assurance Society as its AVC providers. AVCs are paid to the AVC provider by employers and are specifically intended for providing additional benefits for individual contributors. Each AVC contributor receives an annual statement showing the amount held in their account and the movements in the year.

AVCs are not included in the accounts in accordance with section 4 (2)(b) of The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investments of Funds) Regulations 2009 but are disclosed as a note only (Note 19)

## NOTE 3: CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Unquoted private equity investments

It is important to recognise the subjective nature of determining the fair value of private equity investments. They are inherently based on forward-looking estimates and judgements involving many factors. Unquoted private equities are valued by the investment managers using the *International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines 2012*. The value of unquoted private equities at 31 March 2016 was £20.6m (31 March 2015 £23.0m).

#### **Pension Fund liability**

The Pension Fund liability is calculated every three years by the appointed actuary. Annual updates in the intervening years use the methodology in line with accepted guidelines and in accordance with IAS 19. Assumptions underpinning the valuations are agreed with the actuary and are summarised in notes 15 and 16. Valuations are subject to significant variances based on changes to the underlying assumptions.

## NOTE 4: ASSUMPTIONS MADE ABOUT THE FUTURE AND OTHER MAJOR SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for the revenues and expenses during the year. Estimates and assumptions are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, the nature of estimation means that the actual outcomes could differ from the assumptions and estimates.

The items in the net assets statement at 31 March 2016 for which there is a significant risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

Item	Uncertainties	Effect if actual results differ from assumptions
Actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits	Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide the fund with expert advice about the assumptions to be applied.	The effects on the net pension liability of changes in individual assumptions can be measured. For instance: • a 0.5% increase in the discount rate assumption would result in an decrease in the pension liability of £XXm • A 0.25% increase in assumed earnings inflation would increase the value of liabilities by approximately £XXm
		<ul> <li>a one-year increase in assumed life expectancy would increase the liability by approximately £xxm</li> </ul>

Private equity  Private equity investments are valued at fair value in accordance with International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines 2012. These investments are not publicly listed and as such there is a degree of estimation involved in the valuation.	The total private equity investments in the financial statements are £20.6m. There is a risk that this investment may be under- or overstated in the accounts.
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#### **NOTE 5: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE**

These are events that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

The Fund is not aware of any such events.

#### **NOTE 6: CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE**

### By category

2014/15		2015/16
£'000		£'000
(6,561)	Employees' contributions	(6,599)
	Employer's contributions:	
(17,518)	Normal contributions	(17,185)
(3,934)	Deficit recovery contributions	(4,549)
(21,452)	Total employer's contributions	(21,734)
(28,013)		(28,333)

## By authority

2014/15		2015/16
£'000		£'000
(21,243)	Administering Authority	(21,504)
(5,410)	Scheduled bodies	(5,667)
(504)	Community admission body	(519)
(856)	Transferee admission bodies	(643)
(28,013)		(28,333)

#### **NOTE 7: TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER PENSION FUNDS**

2014/15		2015/16
£'000		£'000
0	Group transfers	(3,304)
(1,267)	Individual transfers	(2,535)
(1,267)		(5,839)

#### **NOTE 8: BENEFITS PAYABLE**

## By category

2014/15		2015/16
£'000		£'000
25,188	Pensions	26,454
6,068	Commutation and lump sum retirement benefits	4,074
752	Lump sum death benefits	737
32,008		31,265

## By authority

2014/15		2015/16
£'000		£'000
30,268	Administering Authority	29,070
1,398	Scheduled bodies	1,508
203	Community admission body	290
139	Transferee admission bodies	397
32,008		31,265

#### **NOTE 9: PAYMENTS TO AND ON ACCOUNT OF LEAVERS**

2014/15		2015/16
£'000		£'000
44	Refunds to members leaving service	60
2,222	Individual transfers	3,179
2,266		3,239

#### **NOTE 10: MANAGEMENT EXPENSES**

2014/15		2015/16
£'000		£'000
823	Administrative costs	642
2,570	Investment management expenses	3,452
566	Oversight and governance costs	686
3,959		4,780

External audit fees of £21,000, the same as in the previous year, were charged.

#### **NOTE 11: INVESTMENT INCOME**

2014/15		2015/16
£'000		£'000
(5,723)	Private equity income	(6,030)
(1,940)	Pooled property investments	(1,708)
(3,200)	Pooled investments - units trusts and other managed funds	(2,687)
(10,863)		(10,425)

#### **NOTE 12: INVESTMENTS**

4	Market value		Market value
	31 March 2015		31 March 2016
	£'000		£'000
		Investment assets	
	69,247	Fixed interest securities	69,401
	17,130	Index-linked securities	17,577
	449,979	Pooled equity investments	437,087
	50,562	Pooled property investments	53,481
	22,954	Private equity	20,571
	59,535	Alternative investments	56,287
	1,459	Derivative contracts: forward currency	878
	1,137	Cash deposits	44
	672,003	Total investment assets	655,326
		Investment liabilities	
	(4,108)	Derivative contracts: forward currency	(7,266)
	(4,108)	-	(7,266)
	667,895	Net investment assets	648,060
		27	

NOTE 12A: RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN INVESTMENTS AND DERIVATIVES

	Market value 31 March 2015	Purchases during the year and derivative payments	Sales during the year and derivative receipts	Net change in market value during the year	Market value 31 March 2016
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Investment assets					
Fixed interest securities	69,247	3,130	(231)	(2,745)	69,401
Index-linked securities	17,130	1,032	(422)	(163)	17,577
Pooled equity investments	449,979	0	0	(12,892)	437,087
Pooled property investments	50,562	0	0	2,919	53,481
Private equity	22,954	0	0	(2,383)	20,571
Alternative investments	59,535	0	0	(3,248)	56,287
Derivative contracts:net					
forward currency	(2,649)	3,867	(3,405)	(4,201)	(6,388)
Cash - JP Morgan Transition	268	0	(268)	Ó	
-	667,026	8,029	(4,326)	(22,713)	648,016
Cash - BlackRock / other	869	(3,512)	(4)	2,691	44
	869	(3,512)	(4)	2,691	44
Total investment assets	667,895	4,517	(4,330)	(20,022)	648,060

The net change in market value during the year 2015/16 comprises the gross reduction in market value of £16.878m less fees charged directly by the fund managers of £3.144m

	Market value 31 March 2014	Purchases during the year and derivative payments	Sales during the year and derivative receipts	Net change in market value during the year	Market value 31 March 2015
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Investment assets					
Fixed interest securities	57,567	3,302	(106)	8,484	69,247
Index-linked securities	14,468	683	(791)	2,770	17,130
Pooled equity investments	387,311	363,811	(357,708)	56,565	449,979
Pooled property investments	45,051	0	0	5,511	50,562
Private equity	24,648	731	(6,476)	4,051	22,954
Alternative investments	54,520	27,925	(27,924)	5,014	59,535
Derivative contracts:net					
forward currency	1,113	1,282	(1,713)	(3,331)	(2,649)
Cash - JP Morgan Transition	0	0	0	268	268
	584,678	397,734	(394,718)	79,332	667,026
Cash - BlackRock / other	602	(2,938)	0	3,205	869
	602	(2,938)	0	3,205	869
Total investment assets	585,280	394,796	(394,718)	82,537	667,895

The net change in market value during the year 2014/15 comprises the gross increase in market value of £85.287m less fees charges directly by the fund managers of £2.750m

#### **NOTE 12B: ANALYSIS OF POOLED INVESTMENTS**

31 March 2015			31 March 2016
£'000			£'000
	UK		
69,247	Fixed Interest Securities	Corporate	69,401
17,130	Index Linked Securities	Public Sector	17,577
50,562	Managed Funds - Property	Unit Trusts	53,481
136,939			140,459
	Global		
30,678	Managed Funds - Other	Unit Trusts	29,216
220,601	Managed Funds - Other	Unitised Insurance Policy	219,424
22,954	Managed Funds - Other	Private Equity	20,571
258,235	Managed Funds - Other	Other	244,734
532,468			513,945
669,407			654,404

#### **Analysis of derivatives**

#### Objectives and policies for holding derivatives

Most of the holding in derivatives is to hedge liabilities or hedge exposures to reduce risk in the Fund. Derivatives may be used to gain exposure to an asset more efficiently than holding the underlying asset. The use of derivatives is managed in line with the investment management agreement agreed between the Fund and the various investment managers.

In order to maintain appropriate diversification and to take advantage of overseas investment returns, a significant proportion of the Fund's equity portfolio is in overseas stock markets. To reduce the volatility associated with fluctuating currency rates, the Fund has a passive currency programme in place managed by Record Currency Management Limited. The Fund hedges 50% of the exposure in various developed world currencies within the equities portfolio.

## **Open forward currency contracts**

Settlement	Currency bought	Local value	Currency sold	Local value	Asset value	liability value	
		000		000	£'000	£'000	
Up to one month	GBP	2,360	AUD	(4,967)		(299)	
Up to one month	GBP	3,136	CAD	(6,507)		(365)	
Up to one month	GBP	4,143	CHF	(6,112)		(300)	
Up to one month	GBP	5,100	EUR	(6,878)		(356)	
Up to one month	HKD	40,399	GBP	(3,651)		(27)	
Up to one month	GBP	3,493	HKD	(40,399)		(132)	
Up to one month	GBP	12,164	JPY	(2,204,400)		(1,486)	
Up to one month	GBP	26,631	USD	(40,405)		(1,484)	
One to six months	GBP	2,634	AUD	(4,967)		(13)	
One to six months	GBP	3,469	CAD	(6,507)		(31)	
One to six months	GBP	4,416	CHF	(6,112)		(44)	
One to six months	GBP	5,037	EUR	(6,878)		(432)	
One to six months	GBP	9,885	JPY	(1,797,900)		(1,276)	
One to six months	GBP	23,283	USD	(34,707)		(860)	
Over six months	GBP	5,429	EUR	(6,878)		(55)	
Over six months	GBP	11,137	JPY	(1,797,900)		(54)	
Over six months	GBP	21,473	USD	(30,965)		(52)	
Up to one month	AUD	4,967	GBP	(2,646)	13		
Up to one month	CAD	6,507	GBP	(3,470)	31		
Up to one month	CHF	6,112	GBP	(4,400)	43		
Up to one month	EUR	6,878	GBP	(5,402)	53		
Up to one month	JPY	2,204,400	GBP	(13,320)	330		
Up to one month	USD	40,405	GBP	(27,791)	325		
One to six months	USD	3,742	GBP	(2,546)	57		
One to six months	GBP	3,651	HKD	(40,399)	26		
Open forward curren	878	(7,266) (6,388)					
Open forward curre	Prior year comparative Open forward currency contracts at 31 March 2015 Net forward currency contracts at 31 March 2015						

## The following investments represent more than 5% of the net assets of the Fund

Market value 31 March 2015	% of total fund	Investment	Market value 31 March 2016	% of total fund
£'000			£'000	
220,601	33	SSGA MPF All World Equity Index Sub-Fund	219,424	34
75,561	11	Longview Partners - Global Pooled Equities FD K Class	75,499	12
76,541	11	GMO Emerging Domestic Opportunities Equity Fund	71,463	11
77,276	12	Overstone Global Equity CCF (USD Class A1 Units)	70,701	11
69,247	10	BlackRock Institutional Bond Fund - Corp Bond 10 yrs A Class	69,401	11
50,562	8	Aviva Investors UK Real Estate Fund of Funds	53,481	8
569,788	85	Total over 5% holdings	559,969	87

#### **NOTE 12C: STOCK LENDING**

Within the Statement of Investment Principles stock lending is permitted within pooled funds. At present, use of this facility is restricted to the State Street Global Advisors mandate.

The State Street lending programme covers equity and fixed income assets around the world and is designed to generate incremental returns for investors in a risk controlled manner.

The programme benefits from a counterparty default indemnity from State Street Bank & Trust Company pursuant to its Securities Lending Authorisation Agreement.

#### **NOTE 13: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

#### NOTE 13A: CLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Accounting policies describe how different asset classes of financial instruments are measured, and how income and expenses, including fair value gains and losses, are recognised. The following table analyses the carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities (excluding cash) by category and net assets statement heading. No financial assets were reclassified during the accounting period.

Fair value through profit and loss	Loans and receivables	Financial liabilities at amortised cost		Fair value through profit and loss	Loans and receivables	Financial liabilities at amortised cost
	31 March				31 March	
01000	2015	01000		01000	2016	01000
£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
			Financial assets			
69,247	0	0	Fixed interest securities	69,401	0	0
17,130	0	0	Index-linked Securities	17,577	0	0
449,979	0	0	Pooled equity investments	437,087	0	0
50,562	0	0	Pooled property investments	53,481	0	0
22,954	0	0	Private equity	20,571	0	0
59,535	0	0	Alternative investments	56,287	0	0
1,459	0	0	Derivative contracts	878	0	0
0	8,496	0	Cash	0	13,281	0
0	485	0	Debtors	0	317	0
670,866	8,981	0		655,282	13,598	0
•			Financial liabilities	•	•	
(4,108)	0	0	Derivative contracts	(7,266)	0	0
Ó	0	0	Other investment balances	Ó	0	0
0	0	(894)	Creditors	0	0	(763)
(4,108)	0	(894)		(7,266)	0	(763)
666,758	8,981	(894)		648,016	13,598	(763)

#### NOTE 13B: NET GAINS AND LOSSES ON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£'000		£'000
	Financial assets	
82,395	Fair value through profit and loss	(18,512)
3,473	Loans and receivables	2,691
	Financial liabilities	
(3,331)	Fair value through profit and loss	(4,201)
0	Loans and receivables	0
82,537	Total	(20,022)

The authority has not entered into any financial guarantees that are required to be accounted for as financial instruments.

## NOTE 13C: VALUATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS CARRIED AT FAIR VALUE

The valuation of financial instruments has been classified into three levels, according to the quality and reliability of information used to determine fair values.

#### Level 1

Financial instruments at Level 1 are those where the fair values are derived from unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Products classified as Level 1 comprise quoted equities, quoted fixed interest securities, quoted index linked securities and unit trusts.

As far as they are available listed investments are shown at bid prices. The bid value of the investment is based on the bid market quotation of the relevant stock exchange.

#### Level 2

Financial instruments at Level 2 are those where quoted market prices are not available; for example, where an instrument is traded in a market that is not considered to be active, or where valuation techniques are used to determine fair value and where these techniques use inputs that are based significantly on observable market data.

#### Level 3

Financial instruments at Level 3 are those where at least one input that could have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation is not based on observable market data.

Such instruments would include unquoted equity investments and hedge fund of funds, which are valued using various valuation techniques that require significant judgement in determining appropriate assumptions.

The values of the investment in private equity are based on valuations provided by the general partners to the private equity funds in which the Harrow Pension Fund has invested.

These valuations are prepared in accordance with the *International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines*, which follow the valuation principles of IFRS and US GAAP. Valuations are usually undertaken annually at the end of December. Cash flow adjustments and currency movements are used to roll forward the valuations to 31 March as appropriate.

The following tables provide an analysis of the financial assets and liabilities of the Fund grouped into Levels 1 to 3, based on the level at which the fair value is observable.

	Quoted market price	Using observable inputs	With significant unobservable inputs	
Values at 31 March 2016	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial assets Financial assets at fair value through				
profit and loss	633,833	878	20,571	655,282
Loans and receivables	13,598	0	0	13,598
Total financial assets Financial liabilities	647,431	878	20,571	668,880
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	0	(7,266)	0	(7,266)
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	(763)	0	0	(763)
Total financial liabilities	(763)	(7,266)	0	(8,029)
Net financial assets	646,668	(6,388)	20,571	660,851

	Quoted market price	Using observable inputs	With significant unobservable inputs	
Values at 31 March 2015	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial assets				
Financial assets at fair value through				
profit and loss	646,453	1,459	22,954	670,866
Loans and receivables	8,981	0	0	8,981
Total financial assets	655,434	1,459	22,954	679,847
Financial liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through				
profit and loss	0	(4,108)	0	(4,108)
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	0	0	(894)	(894)
Total financial liabilities	0	(4,108)	(894)	(5,002)
Net financial assets	655,434	(2,649)	22,060	674,845

## NOTE 14: NATURE AND EXTENT OF RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Risk and risk management

The Fund's primary long-term risk is that its assets will fall short of its liabilities (i.e. promised benefits payable to members). Therefore the aim of investment risk management is to minimise the risk of an overall reduction in the value of the Fund and to maximise the opportunity for gains across the whole Fund portfolio. The Fund achieves this through asset diversification to reduce exposure to market risk (price risk, currency risk and interest rate risk) and credit risk to an acceptable level. In addition, the Fund manages its liquidity risk to ensure there is sufficient liquidity to meet its forecast cash flows. The Council manages these investment risks as part of its overall Pension Fund risk management programme.

Responsibility for the Fund's risk management strategy rests with the Pension Fund Committee. The Committee reviews the Fund's risk register on an annual basis.

#### a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss from fluctuations in equity and commodity prices, interest and foreign exchange rates and credit spreads. The Fund is exposed to market risk from its investment activities, particularly through its equity holdings. The level of risk exposure depends on market conditions, expectations of future price and yield movements and the asset mix.

The objective of the Fund's risk management strategy is to identify, manage and control market risk exposure within acceptable parameters, whilst optimising the return on risk.

In general, excessive volatility in market risk is managed through the diversification of the portfolio in terms of geographical and industry sectors and individual securities. To mitigate market risk, the Council and its investment advisors undertake appropriate monitoring of market conditions and benchmark analysis.

#### i) Other price risk

Other price risk represents the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or foreign exchange risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all such instruments in the market.

The Fund's investment managers mitigate this price risk through diversification.

#### ii) Other price risk - sensitivity analysis

Following analysis of historical data and expected investment return movement during the financial year, in consultation with the Fund's performance advisors, the Council has determined that the following movements in market price risk are reasonably possible.

Assets type	Potential market movements (+/-)
Total equities	10.07%
Fixed interest & index linked securities	9.07%
Alternative investments	7.36%
Cash and equivalents	0.01%
Pooled property investments	2.37%

Potential price changes are determined based on the observed historical volatility of asset class returns. 'Riskier' assets such as equities will display greater potential volatility than bonds as an example, so the overall outcome will depend largely on the Fund's asset allocations. The potential volatilities are consistent with a one standard deviation movement in the change in value of the assets over the latest three years. This can then be applied to the period end asset mix.

Had the market price of the Fund investments increased/decreased in line with the above the change in the net assets available to pay benefits would have been as follows:

Asset type	Value as at 31 March 2016	Percentage change	Value on increase	Value on decrease
	£'000	%	£'000	£'000
Cash and cash equivalents	11,529	0.01	11,530	11,528
Investment portfolio assets:				
Total equities	457,658	10.07	503,744	411,572
Fixed interest & index linked securities	86,978	9.07	94,867	79,089
Alternative investments	56,287	7.36	60,430	52,144
Pooled property investments Derivative contracts: net forward	53,481	2.37	54,748	52,214
currency	(6,388)	0.00	(6,388)	(6,388)
Total	659,545		718,931	600,159

#### b) Interest rate risk

The Fund invests in financial assets for the primary purpose of obtaining a return on investments. These investments are subject to interest rate risks, which represent the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Fund's direct exposure to interest rate movements as at 31 March 2016 and 31 March 2015 is set out below.

Asset type	As at 31 March 2016	As at 31 March 2015
	£'000	£'000
Cash and cash equivalents	11,529	6,930
Fixed interest securities	69,401	69,247
Total	80,930	76,177

Interest rate risk sensitivity analysis

The Council recognises that interest rates can vary and can affect both income to the Fund and the carrying value of Fund assets, both of which affect the value of the net assets available to pay benefits.

The impact of a 1% movement in interest rates would be as follows:

Assets exposed to interest rate risk	Carrying amount as at 31 March 2016	Potential movement on 1% change in interest rates	Value on increase	Value on decrease
	£'000		£'000	£'000
Cash and cash equivalents	11,529	0	11,529	11,529
Fixed interest securities	69,401	694	70,095	68,707
Total change in assets available	80,930	694	81,624	80,236
		B 4 (0.1)		

Assets exposed to interest rate risk	Carrying amount as at 31 March 2015	Potential movement on 1% change in interest rates	Value on increase	Value on decrease
	£'000		£'000	£'000
Cash and cash equivalents	6,930	0	6,930	6,930
Fixed interest securities	69,247	692	69,939	68,555
Total change in assets available	76,177	692	76,869	75,485

This analysis demonstrates that changes in interest rates do not impact on the value of cash & cash equivalents balances but do affect the fair value on fixed interest securities.

Changes in interest rates affect interest income received on cash balances but have no effect on income from fixed income securities. However since the Fund's cash balances are low, the effect of interest changes is minimal.

#### c) Currency risk

Currency risk represents the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The fund is exposed to currency risk on its global equities pooled fund investments, some of which are denominated

in currencies other than sterling. To mitigate this risk, the Fund uses derivatives and hedges 50% of the overseas equity portfolio arising from the developed market currencies.

The table below provides the estimated total of the Fund's currency exposure as at 31 March 2016.

Currency risk sensitivity analysis

Following analysis of historical data in consultation with the Fund's performance advisers the Council considers the likely volatility associated with foreign exchange rate movements to be 3.77%

A 3.77% strengthening/weakening of the pound against the various currencies in which the fund holds investments would increase/decrease the net assets available as follows.

Currency Exposure - asset type	Asset Value as at 31 March 2016	Change to n	e to net assets	
		+3.77%	-3.77%	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Overseas Equities	390,763	405,503	376,023	

#### d) Credit risk

Credit risk represents the risk that the counterparty to a transaction or a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the Fund to incur a financial loss. The market values of investments generally reflect an assessment of credit in their pricing and consequently the risk of loss is implicitly provided for in the carrying value of the Fund's assets and liabilities.

In essence the Fund's entire investment portfolio is exposed to some form of credit risk, with the exception of the derivatives positions. However the selection of high quality counterparties, brokers and financial institutions by Fund managers should minimise the credit risk that may occur.

Cash deposits are not made with banks and financial institutions unless they are rated independently and meet the Council's Treasury Management investment criteria.

The Council believes it has managed its exposure to credit risk, and has had no experience of default or uncollectable deposits over the past five years.

The Fund's cash holding at 31 March 2016 was £11.5m (31 March 2015: £6.9m). This was held with the following institutions.

Summary	Balances at 31 March 2016	Balances at 31 March 2015
	£'000	£'000
Bank accounts		
Royal Bank of	40.040	4.000
Scotland	10,048	4,633
JP Morgan	1,437	1,432
BlackRock	44	865
	11,529	6,930

#### e) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk represents the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Council therefore takes steps to ensure that the Pension Fund has adequate cash resources to meet its commitments.

The Council has immediate access to its Pension Fund cash holdings.

The Fund considers liquid assets to be those that can be converted to cash within three months. Illiquid assets are those assets which will take longer than three months to convert in to cash. As at 31 March 2016 the value of illiquid assets was £74.05m, which represented 11% of the total Fund assets (31 March 2015: £73.5m, which represented 11% of the total Fund assets).

All financial liabilities at 31 March 2016 are due within one year.

#### f) Refinancing risk

The Pension Fund does not have any financial instruments that have a refinancing risk.

#### **NOTE 15: FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

In line with The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, the Fund's actuary undertakes a Funding valuation every three years for the purpose of setting employer contribution rates for the forthcoming triennial period. The last such valuation took place as at 31 March 2013. The next valuation takes place as at 31 March 2016.

The key elements of the Funding policy are:

- to ensure the long-term solvency of the Fund, i.e. that sufficient funds are available to meet all pension liabilities as they fall due for payment;
- to ensure that employer contribution rates are as stable as possible;
- to minimise the long-term cost of the Scheme by recognising the link between assets and liabilities and adopting an investment strategy that balances risk and return;
- to reflect the different characteristics of employing bodies in determining contribution rates where the administering authority considers it reasonable to do so; and
- to use reasonable measures to reduce the risk to other employers and ultimately to the Council Tax payer from an employer defaulting on its pension obligations.

The aim is to achieve 100% solvency over a period of 20 years and to provide stability in employer contribution rates by spreading any increases in rates over a period of time. Solvency is achieved when the funds held, plus future expected investment returns and future contributions, are sufficient to meet expected future pension benefits payable.

At the 2013 actuarial valuation, the Fund was assessed as 70.3% funded (73.5% at the March 2010 valuation). This corresponded to a deficit of £234m (2010 valuation: £157m) at that time.

For most employers within the Fund, contribution increases were phased in over the 3 years' period ending 31 March 2017.

Individual employers' rates vary depending on the demographic and actuarial factors particular to each employer. Full details of the contribution rates payable can be found in the 2013 actuarial valuation report on the Fund's website.

The valuation of the Fund has been undertaken using the projected unit method under which the salary increase for each member is assumed to increase until they leave active service by death, retirement or withdrawal from service. The principal assumptions were as follows:

#### **Financial assumptions**

Financial assumptions	2013	2010
	%	%
Price inflation (CPI)	2.5	3.3
Salary increases	3.8	4.8
Pension increases	2.5	3.3
Gilt based discount rate	3.0	4.5
Funded basis discount rate	4.6	6.1

#### **Demographic assumptions**

The life expectancy assumptions are based on the Fund's Hymans Robertson's VitaCurves with improvements in line with the CMI 2010 model, assuming the current rate of improvements has reached a peak and will converge to a long term rate of 1.25% per annum.

Future life expectancy based on the actuary's Fund-specific mortality review is as follows:

	Male	Female
Current pensioners	22.1 years	24.4 years
Future pensioners (assumed to be aged 45)	24.5 years	26.9 years

#### **Commutation assumption**

It is assumed that 50% of future retirees will elect to exchange pension for additional tax free cash up to HMRC limits for service to 1 April 2008 and 75% for service from 1 April 2008.

## NOTE 16: ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF PROMISED RETIREMENT BENEFITS

In addition to the triennial funding valuation, the Fund's actuary also undertakes a valuation of the Pension Fund liabilities, on an IAS 19 basis, every year using the same base data as the funding valuation rolled forward to the current financial year, taking account of changes in membership numbers and updating assumptions to the current year. This valuation is not carried out on the same basis as that used for setting Fund contribution rates and the Fund accounts do not take account of liabilities to pay pensions and other benefits in the future.

In order to assess the value of the benefits on this basis, the actuary has updated the actuarial assumptions (set out below) from those used for funding purposes (see Note 15). The actuary has also valued ill health and death benefits in line with IAS 19.

31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£m		£m
(959)	Present value of promised retirement benefits	(894)
602	Fair value of scheme assets	594
(357)	Net Liability	(300)

As noted above, the liabilities are calculated on an IAS 19 basis and therefore will differ from the results of the 2013 triennial funding valuation because IAS 19 stipulates a discount rate rather than a rate which reflects market rates.

#### **Assumptions used**

	2015/16	2014/15
	% pa	% pa
Inflation/pensions increase rate assumption	2.2	2.4
Salary increase rate	3.7	3.8
Discount rate	3.5	3.2

#### **NOTE 17: CURRENT ASSETS**

31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£'000		£'000
	Debtors:	
381	Contributions due - employers	297
79	Transfer values receivable (joiners)	0
25	Sundry debtors	20
1,566	Cash owed to Fund	1,752
2,051		2,069

## **Analysis of debtors**

31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£'000		£'000
1,645	Other local authorities	1,752
4	NHS bodies	4
381	Scheduled/Admitted bodies	208
21	Other entities and individuals	105
2,051		2,069

#### **NOTE 18: CURRENT LIABILITIES**

31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£'000		£'000
(355)	Sundry creditors	(167)
(212)	Transfer values payable (leavers)	(430)
(327)	Benefits payable	(166)
(894)		(763)

#### **Analysis of creditors**

31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£'000		£'000
(4)	Central government bodies	(15)
(212)	Other local authorities	(431)
(678)	Other entities and individuals	(317)
(894)		(763)

#### **NOTE 19: ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

AVC contributions of £0.31m were paid directly to the providers during the year (2014/15:  $\pm 0.36m$ )

Market value 31 March 2015		Market value 31 March 2016
£'000		£'000
1,208	Prudential Assurance	1,233
812	Clerical Medical	741
266	Equitable Life Assurance Society	237
2,286		2,211

#### **NOTE 20: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

#### **Harrow Council**

The Fund is required under IAS24 to disclose details of material transactions with related parties. The Council is a related party to the Pension Fund. Details of the contributions made to the Fund by the Council and expenses refunded to the Council are set out above.

The Pension Fund has operated a separate bank account since April 2011. However, due to the ease of administration and to avoid any undue cost to the Fund some transactions

continue to be processed through the Council's bank account and as such these balances are settled on a monthly basis.

31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£'000		£'000
(16,162)	Employer's Pension Contributions to the Fund	(16,351)
1,061	Administration expenses paid to the Council	853
1,566	Cash held by the Council	1,752

#### Governance

Each member of the Pension Fund Committee is required to declare their interests at each meeting.

#### **Key management personnel**

Paragraph 3.9.4.3 of the Code exempts local authorities from the key management personnel disclosure requirements of IAS 24, on the basis that the disclosure requirements for officer remuneration and members' allowances detailed in section 3.4 of the Code (which are derived from the requirements of Regulation 7(2)–(4) of The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 and Regulation 7A of The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005) satisfy the key management personnel disclosure requirements of paragraph 16 of IAS 24. This applies in equal measure to the accounts of the Harrow Pension Fund.

The disclosures required by Regulation 7(2)–(4) of The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations can be found in the main accounts of Harrow Council.

## NOTE 21: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

Outstanding capital commitments at 31 March 2016 totalled £2.9m (31 March 2015: £4.5m).

These commitments relate to outstanding call payments due on unquoted limited partnership Funds held by Pantheon Ventures in the private equity part of the portfolio.

#### **NOTE 22: CONTINGENT ASSETS**

Six admitted body employers in the Fund hold insurance bonds or guarantees to guard against the possibility of being unable to meet their pension obligations. These bonds are drawn in favour of the Fund and payment will only be triggered in the event of employer default. HYMANS ROBERTSON LLP

#### **Pension Fund Accounts Reporting Requirement**

#### Introduction

CIPFA's Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2015/16 requires Administering Authorities of LGPS funds that prepare pension fund accounts to disclose what IAS26 refers to as the actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits.

The actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits is to be calculated similarly to the defined benefit obligation under IAS19. There are three options for its disclosure in pension fund accounts:

- showing the figure in the Net Assets Statement, in which case it requires the statement to disclose
  the resulting surplus or deficit;
- as a note to the accounts; or
- by reference to this information in an accompanying actuarial report.

If an actuarial valuation has not been prepared at the date of the financial statements, IAS26 requires the most recent valuation to be used as a base and the date of the valuation disclosed. The valuation should be carried out using assumptions in line with IAS19 and not the Pension Fund's funding assumptions.

I have been instructed by the Administering Authority to provide the necessary information for the London Borough of Harrow Pension Fund, which is in the remainder of this note.

#### Present value of Promised Retirement Benefits

Present value of Promised Retirement Benefits	Year ended		
(£m)	31 March 2016	31 March 2015	
Active members	496	502	
Deferred pensioners	169	192	
Pensioners	351	388	
Total	1,016	1,082	

Liabilities have been projected using a roll forward approximation from the latest formal funding valuation as at 31 March 2013. The approximation involved in the roll forward model means that the split of scheme liabilities between the three classes of member may not be reliable. However, I am satisfied the aggregate liability is a reasonable estimate of the actuarial present value of benefit promises. I have not made any allowance for unfunded benefits.

The above figures include both vested and non-vested benefits, although the latter is assumed to have a negligible value.

It should be noted the above figures are appropriate for the Administering Authority only for preparation of the accounts of the Pension Fund. They should not be used for any other purpose (i.e. comparing against liability measures on a funding basis or a cessation basis).

#### Assumptions

The assumptions used are suitable for IAS19 purposes as required by the Code of Practice. They are given below. I estimate that the impact of the change of assumptions to 31 March 2016 is to decrease the actuarial present value by £96m.

May 2016

HYMANS ROBERTSON LLP

#### Financial assumptions

My recommended financial assumptions are summarised below:

Year ended	31 March 2016 % p.a.	31 March 2015 % p.a.
Inflation/pensions increase rate	2.2%	2.4%
Salary increase rate	3.7%	3.8%
Discount rate	3.5%	3.2%

#### Longevity assumptions

As discussed in the accompanying report, the life expectancy assumption is based on the Fund's VitaCurves with improvements in line with the CMI 2010 model, assuming the current rate of improvements has reached a peak and will converge to long term rate of 1.25% p.a. Based on these assumptions, the average future life expectancies at age 65 are summarised below:

Average future life expectancies at age 65 (years)	Males	Females
Current pensioners	22.1	24.4
Future pensioners*	24.5	26.9

<sup>\*</sup> Future pensioners are assumed to be aged 45 at the most recent formal valuation as at 31 March 2013.

Please note that the assumptions are identical to last year's IAS26 disclosure for the Fund.

#### Commutation assumption

An allowance is included for future retirements to elect to take 50% of the maximum additional tax-free cash up to HMRC limits for pre-April 2008 service and 75% of the maximum tax-free cash for post-April 2008 service.

#### Sensitivity Analysis

CIPFA guidance requires the disclosure of the sensitivity of the results to the methods and assumptions used. The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the liabilities are set out below:

Change in assumptions for the year ended 31 March 2016	Approximate % increase to liabilities	Approximate monetary amount (£m)
0.5% decrease in discount rate	10%	102
1 year increase in member life expectancy	3%	30
0.5% increase in salary increase rate	3%	30
0.5% increase in pensions increase rate	7%	70

#### Professional notes

This paper accompanies my covering report titled 'Actuarial Valuation as at 31 March 2016 for accounting purposes'. The covering report identifies the appropriate reliances and limitations for the use of the figures in this paper, together with further details regarding the professional requirements and assumptions.

Prepared by:-

Gemma Sefton FFA

For and on behalf of Hymans Robertson LLP

9 May 2016

May 2016

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REPORT FOR: PENSION FUND

COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 21 June 2016

**Subject:** Information Report – London Borough of

Harrow Pension Fund Annual

Performance Review

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

Exempt: No

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: London Borough of Harrow –Annual

Performance Review for periods to end of March 2016 (WM Performance Services)

#### **Section 1 - Summary**

The Committee is requested to receive a written report from the Fund's performance measurement adviser, State Street Global Services (WM Performance Services), on the performance of the Fund for periods ending 31 March 2016 and a verbal presentation from Council officers.

FOR INFORMATION



#### **Section 2 - Report**

- 1. Each year the Committee receives a report from State Street Global Services (WM Performance Services) discussing the Fund's performance over the various periods ended on the previous 31 March. Attached is a copy of the report covering the periods to 31 March 2016.
- Normally, the report is presented to the Committee by a consultant from WM Performance Services but, as the Committee are aware, the Council has been advised that State Street has made a decision to discontinue providing performance measurement services to their thirdparty clients.
- Whilst WM Performance Services have undertaken to provide the usual full range of end-of-year reports they are not able to attend pension fund committees. Officers will therefore make a presentation based on the attached report.
- 4. Both the Committee and the Pension Board have expressed concern at the cessation of this much valued service and this is a view expressed by many administering authorities and stakeholders of the Local Government Pension Scheme. Whilst the possibility of another organisation taking over the service has been rumoured the Council has been advised by the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum that "State Street do not have any plans currently to transfer the data en bloc to another provider so it is important that all funds request what data is held by State Street on their fund."
- 5. The Director of Finance has written to State Street to request the data which could then be made available to a successor provider.

#### **Financial Implications**

- 6. The report from State Street Global Services explains the financial performance of the Fund over various periods.
- 7. Whilst the performance of the Fund's investments plays an extremely important part in the financial standing of the Pension Fund there are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### **Risk Management Implications**

8. The risks arising from investment performance are included in the Pension Fund risk register.

#### **Equalities implications**

9. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

#### **Council Priorities**

10. Investment performance has a direct impact on the financial health of the Pension Fund which directly affects the level of employer contribution which then, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name: Dawn Calvert	√ Director of Finance
Date: 7 June 2016	
Ward Councillors notified:	NO

## **Section 4 - Contact Details**

**Contact:** Ian Talbot, Treasury and Pension Fund Manager 0208 424 1450

## **Background Papers - None**

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## **WM PERFORMANCE SERVICES**

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## Performance Analysis Service

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW -TOTAL COMBINED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

PERIODS TO END MARCH 2016

Produced 01 June 2016

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## **Local Authority Performance Overview**

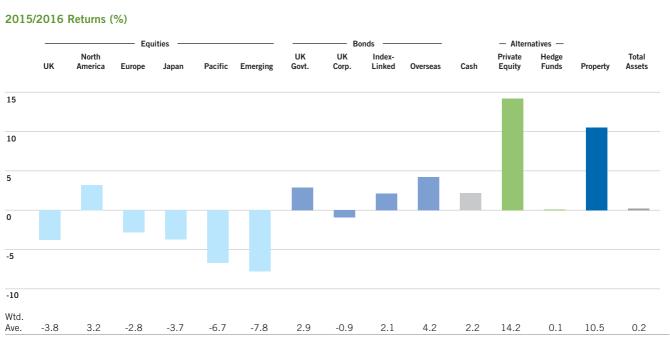
The average local authority pension fund return was just positive in 2015/16, the return being less than the income generated.

All equity markets, with the exception of North America, produced negative returns over the year. In spite of a surprise outright majority being returned in May's general election, domestic equities lost ground in the early part of the period. After rebounding to some extent in the December quarter, they ended the period down 4%, reflecting the high exposure to oil majors and commodities, which continued to suffer as oil prices fell.

In sterling terms, North America was the strongest performing of the major overseas markets returning 3%. In contrast, the poorest performing areas were the emerging and lesser Asia Pacific markets which gave up between 7 and 8%. Elsewhere, Europe lost 3% and Japan 4%. Currency had a major influence on international equity returns with the weakness of sterling insulating UK investors against much lower base currency returns.

After the double-digit returns of the previous year, bond performance was much more subdued with an aggregate return in low single figures. Yields fell at the outset of the year and by Christmas, returns were looking quite negative. Central government comments and risk version generally in the closing quarter however saw yields pick up. Long dated bonds produced the best of the returns whilst corporate issues were marginally down over the period. Index-Linked gilts returned 2% and overseas bonds 4%.

Alternative investments in aggregate enjoyed a good year, however fortune was mixed. Private equity returned 14%, whilst hedge fund performance was flat. Pooled multi-asset (diversified growth) investments had a disappointing year, returning -3%. Property continued its strong run, returning 11%.

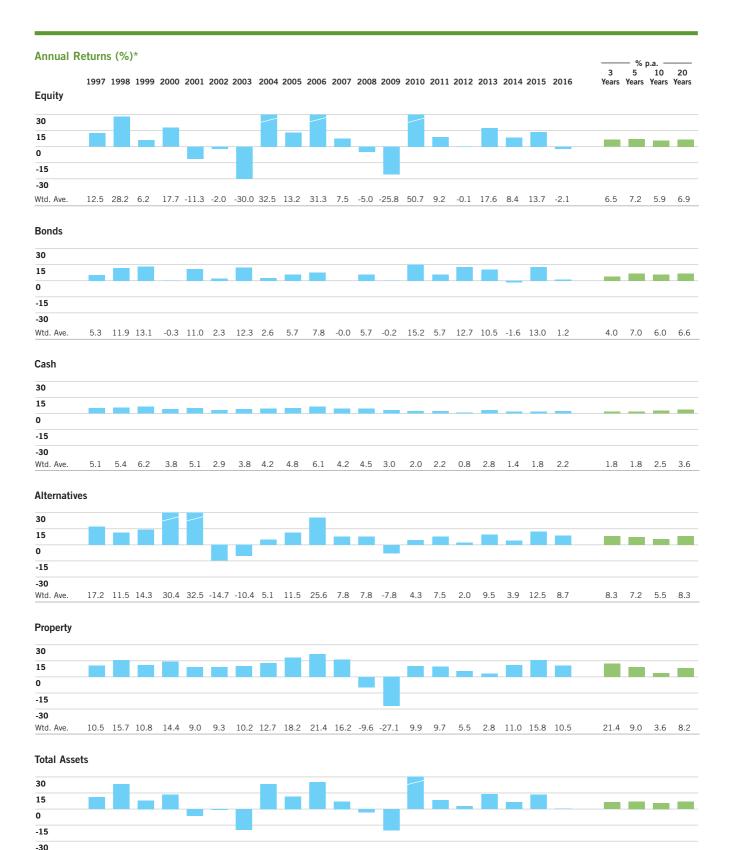


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#### LONGER TERM PERFORMANCE

The flat return in the latest year subdues the medium term returns; 6% p.a. over three years and 7% p.a. over five years. The tenand twenty-year returns remain well ahead of inflation.



<sup>\*</sup> Source: State Street Global Services Performance Services, 2016.

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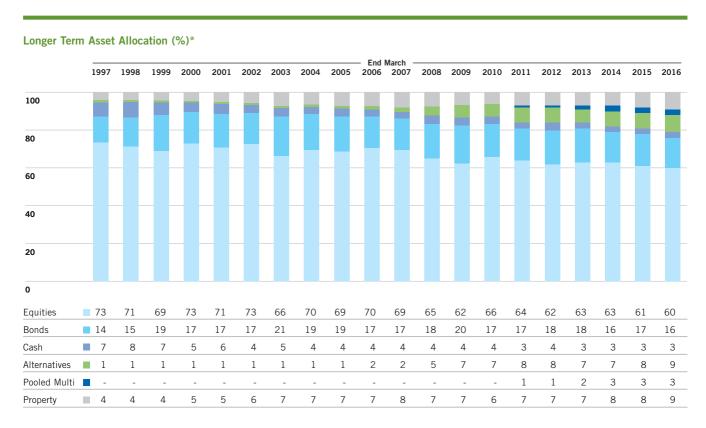
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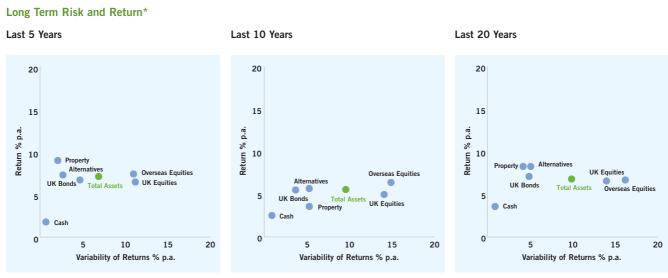
#### LONG-TERM ASSET ALLOCATION

The average asset allocation looks broadly unchanged over the last five years. Within the asset categories however, there has been some more significant shifts — the UK equity weighting is now less than 40% of the total equity weighting and many funds are now investing through global pooled vehicles. Within bonds, the average fund now has most of the UK exposure within corporate rather than government issues whilst within alternatives, we have seen investments in active currency and GTAA almost disappear whilst pooled multi-asset (diversified growth) now commands 3% of the total Universe.

#### **RISK AND RETURN**

The charts below show the relationship between the absolute level of return achieved and the risk taken in obtaining that return for the main asset classes. In theory, the more risk that is taken the more return could be expected to be delivered.

Over all periods, returns for the pattern looks quite distorted with broadly similar returns from all major asset classes.



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#### Asset Class Performance\*

	% of Asset Class			% p.a. Return							
	At end 2014/15	At end 2015/16	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	20 Yrs					
Equities	100	100									
UK Equities	34.5	33.3	4.4	6.5	5.0	6.6					
Overseas Equities	54.1	54.1	7.4	7.4	6.4	6.7					
North America	13.3	13.4	12.9	12.6	7.9	7.5					
Continental Europe	10.3	9.6	6.7	5.9	5.3	7.8					
Japan	4.7	4.2	7.2	7.6	2.1	2.1					
Pacific ex Japan	4.5	4.1	0.2	3.0	8.4	6.3					
Emerging Markets	6.1	5.9	-0.2	0.2	5.5	-					
Global ex UK	15.2	16.8	9.8	9.4	-	-					
Global inc UK	11.4	12.6	8.1	8.0	-	-					
Bonds	100	100									
UK	54.1	52.3	4.0	6.7	5.7	7.1					
Index-Linked	24.4	25.2	5.5	9.3	7.7	7.9					
Overseas Bonds	13.6	13.3	2.0	4.6	5.3	5.1					
Pooled	7.8	9.1	2.6	4.5	-	-					
Alternatives	100	100									
Private Equity	54.5	53.8	11.7	10.4	9.5	-					
Hedge Funds	27.4	25.1	4.0	3.8	3.1	-					
Other Alternatives	18.1	21.1	4.8	3.6	0.7	-					

<sup>\*</sup> Source: State Street Global Services Performance Services, 2016.

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#### **Fund Structure and Benchmarks**

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED

Benchmark - L B HARROW - COMBINED HEDGED BENCHMARK

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#### **Structure**

The London Borough of Harrow Pension Fund is externally managed as detailed in the table below: From 1/4/14 returns include management fees.

Manager	Mandate	Benchmark
SSGA	Global Equities	MSCI All World Index
Oldfield Partners	Global Equities	MSCI World NDR
Longview	Global Equities	MSCI World (Local) TR Net
GMO	Emergng Markets	MSCI Emerging Market Index
BlackRock	Bonds	Customised
Aviva	Property	IPD UK PPF All Balanced Funds
Insight	Pooled Multi Asset	3 Month LIBID + 4%
Standard Life	Pooled Multi Asset	3 Month LIBOR + 4%
Pantheon	Private Equity	FTSE All World Index
Record	Passive Currency	

#### **Benchmark**

The Fund is measured relative to a customised benchmark as detailed in the table below:

Asset Class	Weight	Index
	%	
Global Passive Equity	31.0	MSCI All World 50% Hedged
Global Active Equity	21.0	MSCI World NDR 50% Hedged
Emerging Markets	10.0	MSCI Emerging Markets
Bonds	13.0	80% BAML Eurosterling over 10 Years
		20% FTSE Index Linked Gilts Over 5 Years
Property	10.0	IPD UK PPF All Balanced Funds
Pooled Multi Asset	10.0	3 Month LIBOR +4%
Private Equity	5.0	FTSE All World Index

#### **Target**

The individual manager objectives are detailed below.

	Outperformance of Benchmark	
	Measured over three year periods	
	% pa	
Blackrock Bonds	0.5% pa over rolling 3 years	
State Street	Match benchmark	
Oldfield Partners	TBA	
GMO	TBA	
Longview	2% p.a. gross of fees over a 3 year rolling period.	

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## LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW FUND VERSUS BENCHMARK

**TOTAL COMBINED** 

## **Performance Summary**

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED

Benchmark - L B HARROW - COMBINED HEDGED BENCHMARK

Periods to end March 2016 Pound Sterling

Category - TOTAL ASSETS

This page summarises the overall value and performance of the Fund.

#### **Fund Value**

Values (GBP)'000	Mandate	Value at 31/03/2015	Transactions	Capital Gain / loss	Income	Value at 31/03/2016	% Fund
SSGA	Eq Glbl	220,705	0	-1,177	-137	219,528	33
BLACKROCK	Fixed Int	87,111	2,687	-2,690	2,545	87,108	13
LONGVIEW	Eq Glbl	75,561	0	-62	0	75,499	11
GMO GLOBAL	Eq Emer Mkt	76,541	0	-5,078	0	71,464	11
OLDFIELD	Eq Glbl	77,276	110	-6,685	0	70,701	11
AVIVA	Prop UK	50,562	0	2,920	1,708	53,481	8
ST LIFE	Structured	30,679	0	-1,463	0	29,216	4
INSIGHT	Structured	28,857	0	-1,785	0	27,071	4
PANTHEON	Private Eq	22,955	-6,031	3,647	0	20,571	3
INT FUND	Cash	6,633	5,175	0	0	11,808	2
BLACKROCK	Cash	43	0	0	0	43	0
RECORD	Curr Overlay	-2,649	463	-4,151	-28	-6,338	-1
Total Fund		674,272	2,404	-16,525	4,088	660,152	100

The table shows the value of each Portfolio at the start and end of the period.

The change in value over the period is a combination of the net money flows into or out of each Portfolio and any gain or loss on the capital value of the investments.

## **Performance Summary**

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED

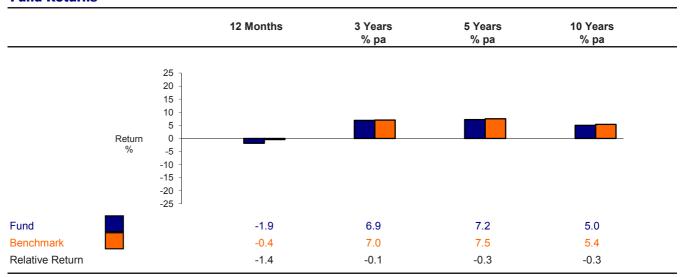
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Periods to end March 2016
Pound Sterling

**Category - TOTAL ASSETS** 

This page summarises the overall value and performance of the Fund.

#### **Fund Returns**



The graphs show the performance of the Fund and Benchmark over the latest period and longer term.

The relative return is the degree by which the Fund has out or underperformed the Benchmark over these periods

<sup># =</sup> Data not available for the full period

## **Detailed Analysis of the Latest Period Performance**

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED

31/03/2015 to 31/03/2016

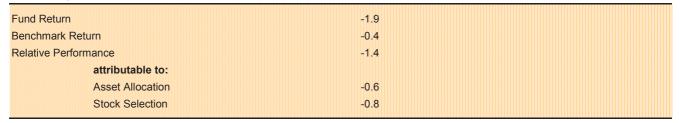
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**Category - TOTAL ASSETS** 

This page analyses in detail the Fund performance over the latest period.

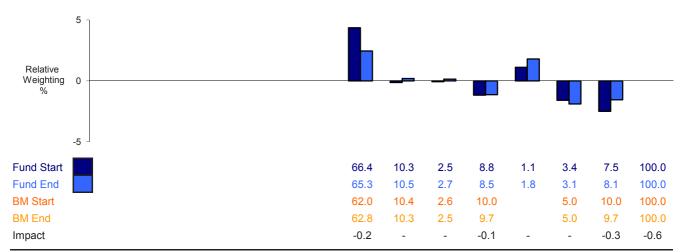
#### **Summary**



The relative performance can be attributed to the effects of stock selection and asset allocation as detailed below:



#### **Asset Allocation**



#### **Stock Selection**



An asset allocation decision will have a positive impact if a Fund is invested more heavily than its Benchmark in an area that has performed well.

Conversely, a positive benefit would be derived from having a relatively low exposure to an area that has performed poorly.

Stock selection will have a positive impact if the Fund has outperformed the Benchmark in a particular area.

The impact of both asset allocation and stock selection is weighted by the level of investment in the area.

# not invested in this area for the entire period

- indicates a value less than 0.05 and greater than -0.05  $\,$ 

## **Long Term Performance Analysis**

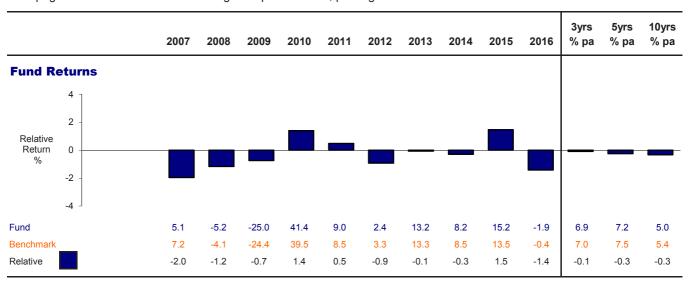
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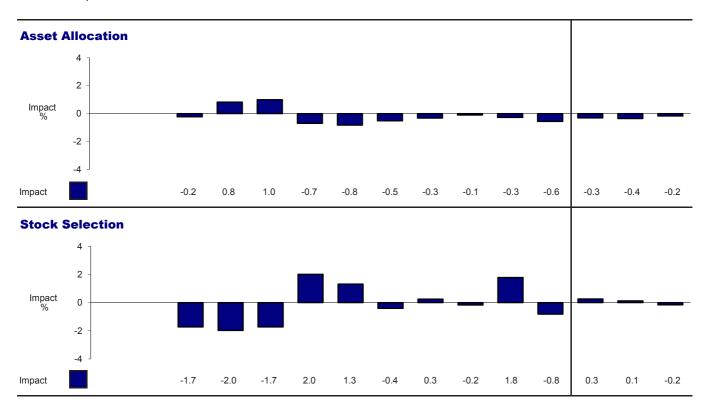
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Pound Sterling

**Category - TOTAL ASSETS** 

This page looks in more detail at the long term performance, plotting it relative to the Benchmark.



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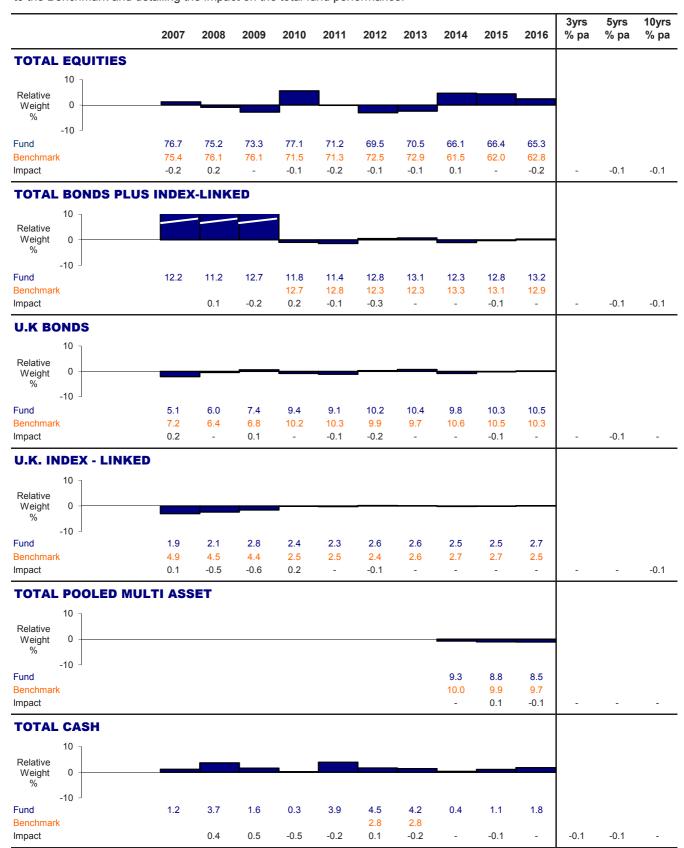
## **Long Term Asset Allocation**

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED

Benchmark - L B HARROW - COMBINED HEDGED BENCHMARK

Periods to end March 2016
Pound Sterling

This page looks in more detail at asset allocation decisions, plotting the Fund's exposure at the end of each period relative to the Benchmark and detailing the impact on the total fund performance.



For each area of investment the final weighting for the Fund and the Benchmark is shown and the difference plotted.

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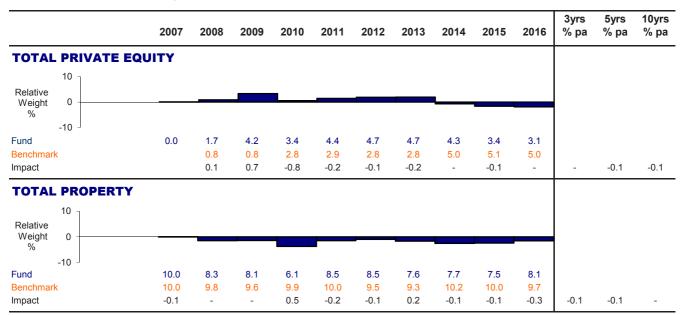
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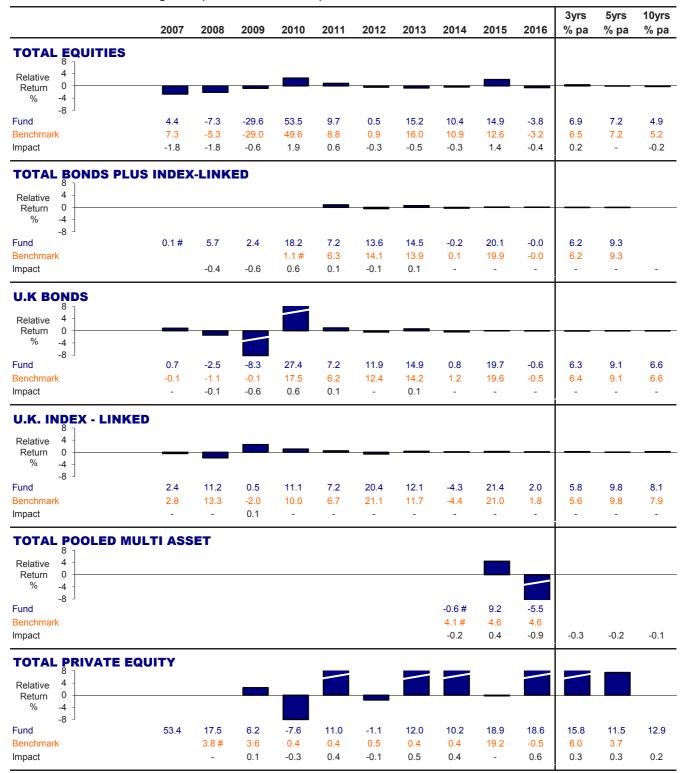
**LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED** 

Benchmark - L B HARROW - COMBINED HEDGED BENCHMARK

Periods to end March 2016

**Pound Sterling** 

This page looks in more detail at the impact of stock selection, plotting the return in each area relative to the Benchmark and detailing the impact on the total fund performance.



For each area of investment the return for the Fund and the Benchmark is shown and the relative return plotted.

The impact of stock selection is the relative return weighted by the level of investment in the area.

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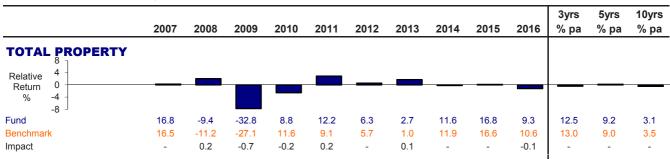
## **Long Term Stock Selection**

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Benchmark - L B HARROW - COMBINED HEDGED BENCHMARK

Periods to end March 2016
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## **Rolling Years with Relative Risk**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED** 

Benchmark - L B HARROW - COMBINED HEDGED BENCHMARK

Periods to end March 2016 **Pound Sterling** 

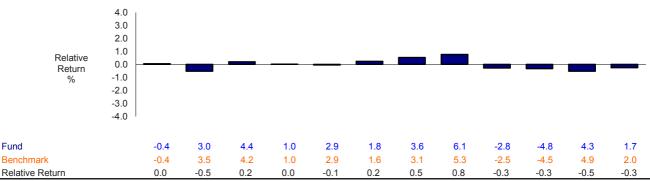
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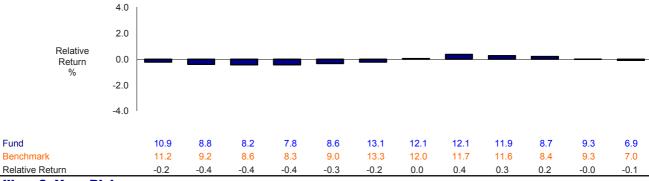
	2013				201	4			2016			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Values (GBPm's)												
Initial	551.3	549.6	565.2	585.9	587.7	603.1	609.9	634.3	674.3	654.2	620.5	648.8
Net Investment	1.7	0.3	-3.0	-2.5	0.0	-2.5	3.2	2.3	-0.1	-1.4	2.7	1.2
Capital Gain/Loss	-3.4	15.3	23.8	4.2	15.4	9.3	21.1	37.7	-19.9	-32.4	25.6	10.2
Final	549.6	565.2	585.9	587.7	603.1	609.9	634.3	674.3	654.2	620.5	648.8	660.2
Income	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.7
Proportion Of Total Fund (%)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

#### **Quarterly Returns**

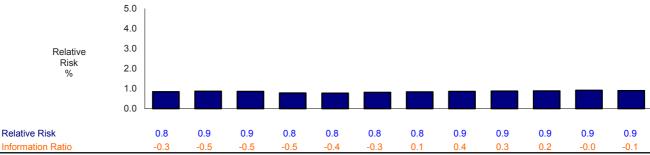
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#### **Annualised Rolling 3 Year Returns**



#### Rolling 3 Year Risk



The relative return is the degree of out or underperformance of the Benchmark over these periods.

Relative risk measures the degree of fund performance deviation from benchmark. The larger the relative risk number the greater the monthly deviation from benchmark.

Information Ratio is often interpreted as a measure of manager skill in adding value over and above the benchmark.

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW UNIVERSE ANALYSIS

TOTAL COMBINED

## **Detailed Analysis of the Latest Period Performance**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED** 

31/03/2015 to 31/03/2016

**Benchmark - LOCAL AUTHORITY UNIVERSE** 

**Pound Sterling** 

**Category - TOTAL ASSETS** 

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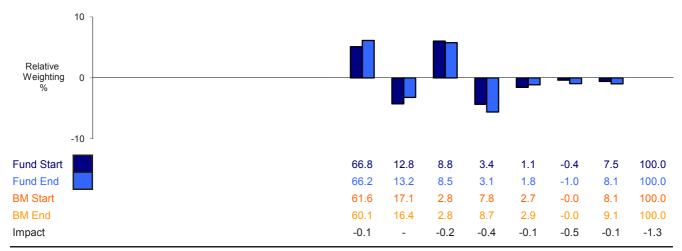
#### **Summary**

Fund Return	-1.9	
Benchmark Return	0.2	
Relative Performance	-2.1	
attributable to:		
Asset Allocation	-1.3	
Stock Selection	-0.8	

The relative performance can be attributed to the effects of stock selection and asset allocation as detailed below:

Total	Bonds +	Multi	Alternativ				Total
Equity	IL	Asset	es	Cash	Curr Instr P	Property	Fund

#### **Asset Allocation**



#### **Stock Selection**



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## **Long Term Performance Analysis**

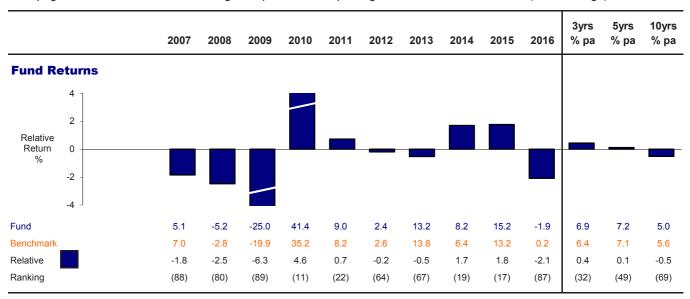
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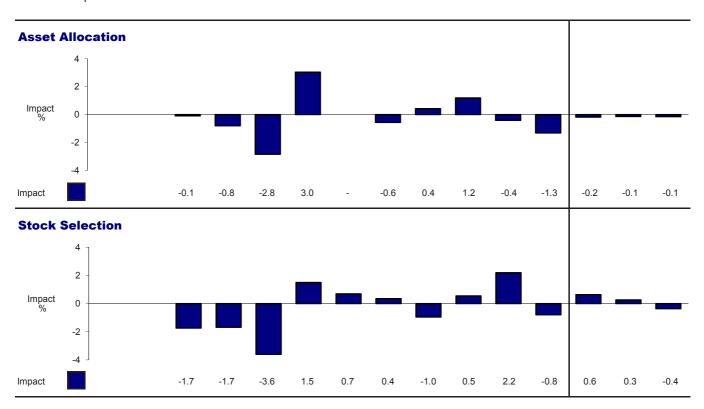
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**Category - TOTAL ASSETS** 

This page looks in more detail at the long term performance, plotting it relative to the Benchmark (with rankings).



The relative performance can be attributed to the effects of asset allocation and stock selection as detailed below:



An asset allocation decision will be positive if a Fund is invested more heavily than its Benchmark in an area that has performed well.

Conversely a positive benefit would be derived from investing less heavily in an area that has performed poorly.

Stock selection will be positive if the Fund has outperformed the Benchmark in a particular area.

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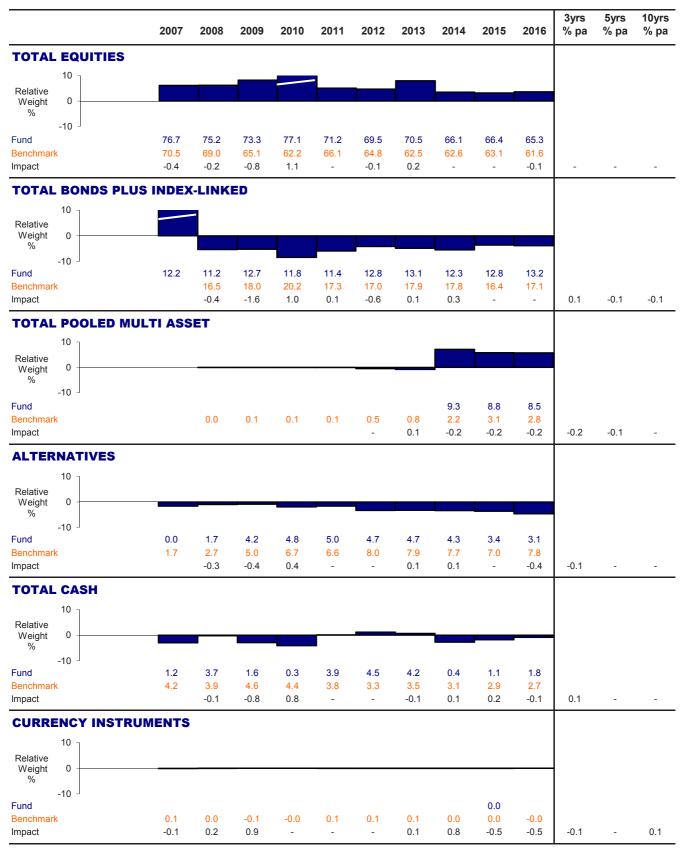
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## **Long Term Asset Allocation**

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED Benchmark - LOCAL AUTHORITY UNIVERSE

Periods to end March 2016
Pound Sterling

This page looks in more detail at asset allocation decisions, plotting the Fund's exposure at the end of each period relative to the Benchmark and detailing the impact on the total fund performance.



For each area of investment the initial weighting for the Fund and the Benchmark is shown and the difference plotted.

The impact will be positive when the Fund is overweight in an area that has outperformed or vice versa

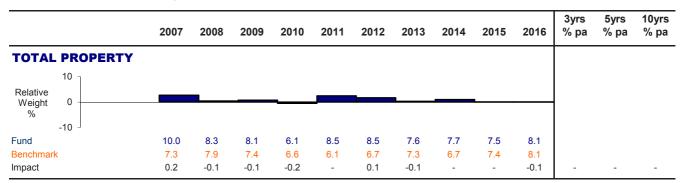
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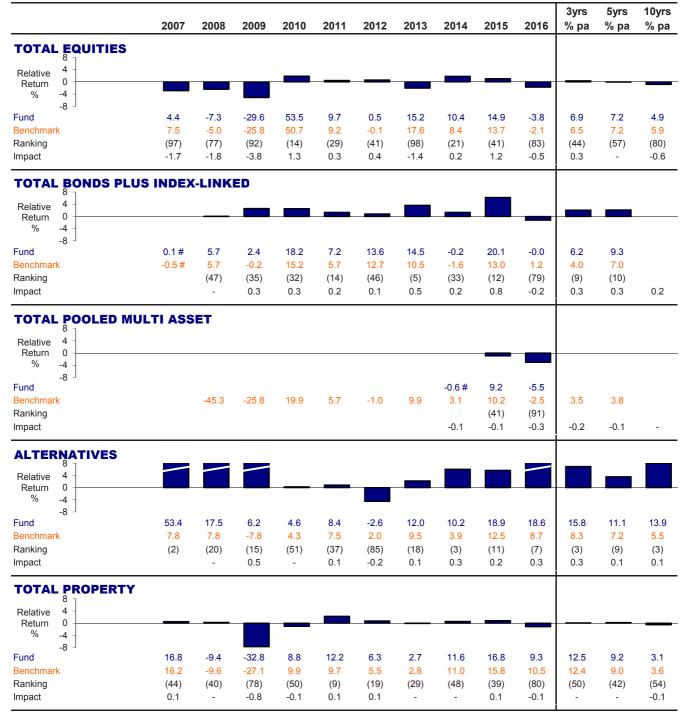
## **Long Term Stock Selection**

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED Benchmark - LOCAL AUTHORITY UNIVERSE

Periods to end March 2016

Pound Sterling

This page looks in more detail at the impact of stock selection, plotting the return in each area relative to the Benchmark and detailing the impact on the total fund performance.



For each area of investment the return for the Fund and the Benchmark is shown and the relative return plotted.

The impact of stock selection is the relative return weighted by the level of investment in the area.

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## **Summary of Long Term Returns**

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED Benchmark - LOCAL AUTHORITY UNIVERSE

Periods to end March 2016 Pound Sterling

This page summarises the long term returns at asset class level A ranking against the peer group is shown in brackets.

Return %	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	3yrs % pa	5yrs % pa	10yrs % pa
Global Eq	-0.3#	6.5	-23.1	52.9	9.6	0.4	15.5	9.6	19.0	-2.1	8.4	8.1	
		(12)	(46)	(26)	(30)	(44)	(77)	(30)	(38)	(60)	(42)	(60)	
UK Bonds	0.7	-2.5	-8.3	27.4	7.2	11.9	14.9	0.8	19.7	-0.6	6.3	9.1	6.6
	(43)	(88)	(79)	(13)	(14)	(48)	(6)	(34)	(8)	(91)	(6)	(7)	(19)
UK IL	2.4	11.2	0.5	11.1	7.2	20.4	12.1	-4.3	21.4	2.0	5.8	9.8	8.1
	(77)	(86)	(9)	(33)	(24)	(57)	(26)	(41)	(19)	(22)	(20)	(23)	(14)
Multi Asset								-0.6#	9.2	-5.5			
									(41)	(91)			
Alternatives	53.4	-1.5	-15.2	4.6	8.4	-2.6	12.0	10.2	18.9	18.6	15.8	11.1	9.4
	(2)	(77)	(62)	(51)	(37)	(85)	(18)	(3)	(11)	(7)	(3)	(9)	(9)
Private Eq	53.4	17.5	6.2	-7.6	11.0	-1.1	12.0	10.2	18.9	18.6	15.8	11.5	12.9
	(3)	(45)	(39)	(65)	(43)	(92)	(38)	(4)	(30)	(19)	(6)	(27)	(9)
Property	16.8	-9.4	-32.8	8.8	12.2	6.3	2.7	11.6	16.8	9.3	12.5	9.2	3.1
	(44)	(40)	(78)	(50)	(9)	(19)	(29)	(48)	(39)	(80)	(50)	(42)	(54)
Total Assets	5.1	-5.2	-25.0	41.4	9.0	2.4	13.2	8.2	15.2	-1.9	6.9	7.2	5.0
	(88)	(80)	(89)	(11)	(22)	(64)	(67)	(19)	(17)	(87)	(32)	(49)	(69)

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## Summary of Manager Performance - Rates of Return

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED

Periods to end March 2016

Pound Sterling

	Mkt Val (GBP 1000)	% of Fund	12 Months	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception	Incept. Date
Equity - World								
LONGVIEW	75,499	11.4	-0.1	13.7	13.0		13.4	20/11/2009
LB OF HARROW - LONGVIEW B/M			-4.6	8.8	8.4		9.3	
			4.7	4.5	4.3		3.8	
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS LTD	219,528	33.3	-0.6				4.0	28/11/2014
MSCI AC WORLD GDR			-0.6				4.0	
			0.0				0.1	
OLDFIELD	70,701	10.7	-8.6				-0.6	26/11/2014
MSCI World NDR			-0.3				4.6	
			-8.4				-5.0	
Equity - Emerging Markets								
GMO GLOBAL	71,464	10.8	-6.6				1.0	25/11/2014
MSCI EM (EMERGING MARKETS) GDR			-8.8				-4.6	
			2.4				5.8	
Fixed Interest								
BLACKROCK	87,108	13.2	-0.2	6.0	9.2	7.5	7.2	31/7/2003
LBof Harrow BlackRock FI BM			-0.1	6.2	9.3	7.6	7.4	
			-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	
Private Equity								
PANTHEON VENTURES	20,571	3.1	18.6	15.8	11.5		7.6	30/4/2007
LB HARROW PANTHEON BM			-0.5	6.0	3.7		3.1	
			19.2	9.3	7.5		4.3	
Currency Overlay								
RECORD CURRENCY MGMT	-6,338	-1.0	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	29/6/2007
GBP 7 DAY LIBID			0.3	0.3	0.4		1.2	

## Summary of Manager Performance - Rates of Return

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW - TOTAL COMBINED

Periods to end March 2016

Pound Sterling

	Mkt Val (GBP 1000)	% of Fund	12 Months	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception	Incept. Date
Cash								
BLACKROCK	43	0.0	-0.7	0.0	3.1	7.0	5.8	29/12/2000
L B OF HARROW - BLACKROCK BM			6.4	8.9	8.5	5.4	4.3	
			-6.7	-8.1	-5.0	1.5	1.5	
INTERNAL FUND	11,808	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	31/12/2010
GBP 7 DAY LIBID			0.3	0.3	0.4		0.4	
			-0.3	-0.3	-0.4		-0.3	
Property - UK								
AVIVA COMBINED FUND	53,481	8.1	9.3	12.5	9.3	3.7	6.8	29/12/2000
AREF/IPD ALL BALANCED			10.6	13.0	8.8	3.3	6.4	
			-1.2	-0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	
Structured Products								
STANDARD LIFE	29,216	4.4	-4.8				2.9	18/6/2013
GBP 3 MONTH LIBOR +4%			4.6				4.6	
			-8.9				-1.6	
INSIGHT INVESTMENTS	27,071	4.1	-6.2				-2.6	27/1/2015
GBP 3 MONTH LIBID + 4%			4.5				4.5	
			-10.2				-6.8	
TOTAL FUND								
TOTAL COMBINED	660,152	100.0	-1.9	6.9	7.2	5.0	8.7	31/12/1990
L B HARROW - COMBINED HEDGED BENCH			-0.4	7.0	7.5	5.4	8.6	
			-1.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	

REPORT FOR: PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

**Date of Meeting:** 21 June 2016

Subject: Quarterly Trigger Monitoring Q1 2016

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

**Exempt:** No

Wards affected: All

**Enclosures:** Quarterly Trigger Monitoring Q1 2016

(Aon Hewitt)

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation**

## **Summary**

The Committee is requested to receive a report from the Fund's investment advisers Aon Hewitt on Quarterly Trigger Monitoring but agree to take no derisking actions at this stage.

#### **Recommendation**

That no de-risking actions are taken at this stage



## **Section 2 - Report**

1. At their meeting on 8 September 2015 the Committee considered a report entitled "Options for Liability Driven Investments (LDI) Strategy. After discussion they resolved:

That the status quo, a 13% Bond allocation invested in a combination of corporate bonds and index-linked gilts, be retained in relation to the Fund's Bond portfolio and that Aon Hewitt be requested to provide guidance on the catalysts that would trigger a move to an LDI Strategy with Option 2 being the preferred Option.

2. On 25 November 2015 the Committee considered a further report from Aon Hewitt which set out options for taking forward the consideration of an LDI Strategy. They resolved:

That they should receive a short report on funding levels at the next meeting of the Committee and thereafter on a quarterly basis.

3. At their meeting on 9 March 2016 the Committee reiterated their request for quarterly reports and attached is the first of these for the period up to 31 March 2016. The Committee are invited to receive this report and presentation from Aon Hewitt and to accept the conclusion that "No derisking actions are recommended at the current time."

## **Financial Implications**

4. The consideration of strategy changes is an important part of the management of the Pension Fund investments and the performance of the Fund's investments plays an extremely important part in the financial standing of the Fund. The only financial implications arising from this report are those associated with not making any strategic changes and continuing to accept the current levels of risk.

## **Risk Management Implications**

5. The risks arising from investment performance are included in the Pension Fund risk register.

## **Equalities implications**

6. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

### **Council Priorities**

7. Investment performance has a direct impact on the financial health of the Pension Fund which directly affects the level of employer contribution which then, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name:	Dawn Calvert	✓	Director of Finance
Date:	7 June 2016		
	Alison Burns	<b>✓</b>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date:	8 June 2016		
Ward (	Councillors notifie	NO	

## **Section 4 - Contact Details**

**Contact:** Ian Talbot, Treasury and Pension Fund Manager 0208 424 1450

## **Background Papers - None**

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

3 June 2016

Prepared for: Pension Fund Committee ('the

Committee')

Prepared by: Colin Cartwright

Gayathri Varatharajan

## Quarterly Trigger Monitoring - Q1 2016

#### 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:

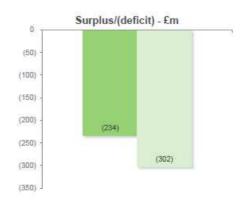
- The Fund's funding level
- Yield triggers based on the 20 year spot yield
- Aon Hewitt's view of bond yields

#### **Funding level**

The chart below shows the Fund's funding level at the end of the quarter compared with that the level at the last actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2013.

The funding level as at 31 December 2015 was 70.5%.





Source: Hymans Robertson

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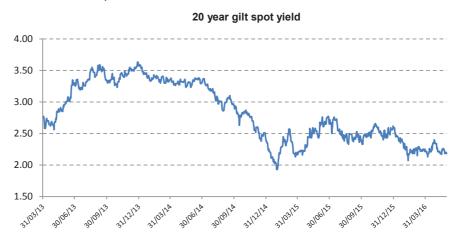
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#### 20 year spot yield

The chart below shows the movement of the 20 year spot yield since 31 March 2013 to the end of May 2016. Yields ended the first quarter of 2016 at 2.2% and finished May at around the same level despite some volatility in the interim period.



## Aon Hewitt views on bond yields

The table below sets out Aon Hewitt's views versus the market in terms of spot and forward rates as at 5 May 2016.

#### Summary of market spot and forward rates versus Aon Hewitt's views

	5 May 2016	In 3 years			In 5 years			
	20 year Spot Rate	Market	АН	Diff	Market	АН	Diff	
	20 your oper rute	Pricing	View		Pricing	View		
Real	-0.8%	-0.7%	-0.5%	+0.3%	-0.7%	-0.3%	+0.4%	
Nominal	+2.4%	+2.8%	+3.2%	+0.4%	+2.9%	+3.3%	+0.4%	
Breakeven*	+3.2%	+3.5%	+3.6%	+0.1%	+3.6%	+3.6%	-0.0%	

<sup>\*</sup> AH view on breakeven inflation includes an allowance for an inflation risk premium above expected inflation Totals may not sum exactly due to rounding

As shown by these figures, we believe that rates will rise faster than what the market is indicating.

#### Conclusion

There is no material improvement in funding level and long term bond yields remain at historically low levels. Aon Hewitt believe that yields will rise faster than indicated by the market over the next three and five year period. No de-risking actions are recommended at the current time.

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REPORT FOR: PENSION FUND

**COMMITTEE** 

**Date of Meeting:** 21 June 2016

Subject: Information Report – Investment

Strategy

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

Exempt: No

Wards affected:

Enclosures: Investment Strategy (Aon Hewitt)

### **Section 1 - Summary**

The Committee is requested to receive a report from the Fund's investment advisers Aon Hewitt on the Fund's current investment strategy including expected return and risk.

### **Section 2 - Report**

1. At recent meetings the Committee have requested that the Fund's investment advisers, Aon Hewitt provide a short quarterly report on the expected return and risk of the current investment strategy. Attached is the first of these reports as at 31 March 2016 and the Committee are invited to receive this report and presentation from Aon Hewitt.



### **Financial Implications**

2. The consideration of expected return and risk is an important part of the management of the Pension Fund investments and the performance of the Fund's investments plays an extremely important part in the financial standing of the Fund. However, there are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **Risk Management Implications**

3. The risks arising from investment performance are included in the Pension Fund risk register.

### **Equalities implications**

4. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

### **Council Priorities**

5. Investment performance has a direct impact on the financial health of the Pension Fund which directly affects the level of employer contribution which then, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities

### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name: Dawn Calvert  Date: 7 June 2016	√ Director of Finance
Ward Councillors notified:	NO

### **Section 4 - Contact Details**

**Contact:** Ian Talbot, Treasury and Pension Fund Manager 0208 424 1450

### **Background Papers - None**

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

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### **Investment Strategy**

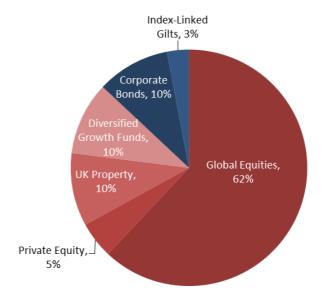
Introduction The purpose of this short paper is to provide an update on the Fund's

current investment strategy including expected return and risk as at 31

March 2016.

### **Current strategy**

The Fund currently targets a portfolio of 87% growth assets, comprising of global equities, private equity, UK property and diversified growth funds and 13% matching assets which consists of index-linked gilts and corporate bonds. As at 31 January 2016, the Fund had £674.8m invested in the following target strategy:



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Asset Class	Fund	£m as at 31 January 2016	% as at 31 January 2016	Strategic target %
	Longview – Equity Total Return	69.9	11	11
	State Street – Index Tracking Equities	208.3	32	31
Global Equities	GMO Emerging Domestic Opportunities Strategy	67.7	11	10
	Oldfield – Global Equity	67.6	11	10
Private Equity	Pantheon (Europe Fund V, Global Secondary Fund III, USA Fund VII)	21.3	3	5
UK Property	Aviva – UK Fund of Funds	53.5	8	10
Diversified	Insight – Broad Opportunities Fund	26.6	4	5
Growth Funds	Standard Life – Global Absolute Return Strategy	29.6	5	5
	BlackRock – Corporate Bonds (iBoxx Over 10 Year Non-Gilt Index)	67.2	11	10
UK Bonds	BlackRock – Index-Linked Gilts (FTSE UK Gilts Index-Linked Over 5 Years Index)	17.5	3	3
TOTAL		638.4	100	100

### Quantitative assessment of current strategy

Our quantitative assessment provides an overview of the expected risk and return profile of the strategy.

The portfolio has been modelled over a 10 year period, in order to provide a headline assessment of the expected return and volatility for each strategy.

The following assumptions have been used in our modelling:

- Liability duration has been approximated from a 0.5% stress test resulting in a duration of 16 years.
- The split between the Pension Fund's fixed and inflation-linked liabilities have been assumed to be approximately 18% and 82% respectively.
- The liabilities have been approximated using a combination of gilts and index-linked gilts with a similar duration and nature as described above.

### 50<sup>th</sup> percentile results

	Current strategy
10yr absolute return (% p.a.)	7.6
10yr absolute return volatility (% p.a.)	15.6
10yr return relative to 20yr gilts (% p.a.)	5.9
10yr volatility relative to 20yr gilts (% p.a.)	18.1
Efficiency (Absolute return per unit of risk)	48.7%
Efficiency (Relative return per unit of risk)	32.6%

### **Absolute performance**

• The very high level of absolute volatility for the strategy is driven by the significant proportion of assets in the growth portfolio.

### Performance relative to gilts

 The relatively low efficiency of the strategy relative to gilts is illustrative of the low level of interest rate and inflation hedging within the Fund.

Additionally, we have provided below the returns for the  $25^{\rm th}$  and  $75^{\rm th}$  percentiles:

	75 <sup>th</sup> percentile	25 <sup>th</sup> percentile
10 yr absolute return (% p.a.)	4.0	11.1
10yr return relative to 20yr gilts (% p.a.)	2.1	9.6

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REPORT FOR: PENSION FUND

**COMMITTEE** 

**Date of Meeting:** 21 June 2016

Subject: Pension Fund Committee - Update on

Regular Items

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

Exempt: No

Wards affected:

**Enclosures:** Appendix 1 – Fund Valuation

Appendix 2 – Fund Performance

### **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

### **Summary**

This report updates the Committee on regular items as follows:

- Draft work programme on which the Committee's comments and agreement are requested.
- Performance of fund managers for previous quarter
- Issues raised by Pension Board

### Recommendation

That, subject to any comments the Committee wish to make, the work programme for the period up to March 2017 be agreed.



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### **Section 2 - Report**

### **A Introduction**

- 1. This report updates the Committee on regular items as follows:
  - Draft work programme for 2016-17 (Sub-section B)
  - Performance of fund managers for quarter ended 31 March 2016 and valuation at 30 April 2016 (Sub-section C)
  - Issues raised by Pension Board (Sub-section D)

### **B Draft Work Programme 2016-17**

2. Below is a draft for the Committee to consider as its programme of work for the remainder of the financial year.

### 6 September 2016

Update on Regular Items:

- Draft work programme for 2016-17
- Performance of fund managers for quarter ended 30 June 2016
- Issues raised by Pension Board

Investment manager monitoring

Pooling and London Collective Investment Vehicle

Update on triennial valuation

Lead Member roles

Long term cashflow and funding

Review of Statement of Investment Principles

Investment management expenses

Monitoring of operational controls at managers - Insight

Infrastructure and local investing

**Investment Strategy** 

**Quarterly Trigger Monitoring** 

Environmental, Social and Governance Issues

Training session at 5.30 – Infrastructure and local investing

### 13 October - "Meet the Managers"

### **22 November 2016**

Update on Regular Items:

- Draft work programme for 2016-17 and 2017-18
- Performance of fund managers for guarter ended 30 September 2016
- Issues raised by Pension Board

Investment manager monitoring

Pooling and London Collective Investment Vehicle

Update on triennial valuation

Audited Annual Report and Financial Statements 2015-16 including Auditors' Report Investment Strategy

**Quarterly Trigger Monitoring** 

Environmental, Social and Governance Issues

Training session at 5.30 - tbc

### 7 March 2017

Update on Regular Items:

- Draft work programme for 2016-17 and 2017-18
- Performance of fund managers for quarter ended 31 December 2016
- Issues raised by Pension Board

Investment manager monitoring

Pooling and London Collective Investment Vehicle

Results of triennial valuation

**Funding Strategy Statement** 

Monitoring of operational controls at managers

External audit plan

Training programme 2017-18

**Investment Strategy** 

**Quarterly Trigger Monitoring** 

Environmental, Social and Governance Issues

Training session at 5.30 - tbc

- 3. The Committee will have the opportunity to update this programme at every meeting but are invited to comment on the draft above and agree it at this stage.
- 4. In addition to the Committee's work programme training opportunities will be offered for an hour prior to each meeting.

### C Performance of Fund Managers for Quarter Ended 31 March 2016 and Valuation at 30 April 2016.

- 5. Attached are tables summarising the Fund valuation at 31 March 2016 and 30 April 2016 (Appendix 1) and Fund performance as at 31 March 2016 (Appendix 2).
- 6. As calculated by State Street Global Services, the Fund return in the quarter to 31 March 2016 of 1.7% was 0.3% below benchmark due mainly to underperformance from GMO, Oldfields and Standard Life, partly offset by outperformance by Longview.
- 7. The one year return of -1.9% was below the benchmark of -0.4% due mainly to the disappointing performance of the Insight (-10.7%), Standard Life (-9.4%) and Oldfields (-8.3%) mandates partly offset by the good relative performance of Pantheon (19.1%) and Longview (4.5%).
- 8. The value of the Fund at the end of March 2016 had increased over the quarter from £651m to £661m (£675m as at 31 March 2015) and in April 2016 had increased slightly to £663m.fallen back to £638m due largely to the performance of the equities mandates.

### D Meeting of Pension Board on 22 March 2016

9. The Pension Board met on 22 March. The agenda they considered is detailed below together with the most significant points raised by them.

### **Actuarial Valuation 2016**

The Board received a presentation from the Actuary, Hymans Robertson and raised queries as follows:

- if the local authority, as administering authority of the Fund, fixed the contribution rate that was, in the view of the Board, too low the Board should raise this as an issue;
- the role of the Board was to ensure that the administering authority had been through a proper process to set the contribution rate;
- a member of the Board questioned how he could be sure that the work being done by the actuary was correct and was advised that only the process could be checked;
- the position in terms of academies was questioned and it was acknowledged that depending on its profile, the contribution rate may be higher;
- any fund could be chosen by an admitted body but it was questioned whether an academy in Harrow could choose a fund in, for example, Hillingdon or Barnet;
- some of the assumptions were questioned/ challenged.

### Management and Investment Expenses Benchmarking

The Board noted the report

### Pension Fund Committee Advisers

The Board noted the report

### **Governance Compliance Statement**

The Board received a report which detailed the existing Governance Compliance Statement. and were invited to submit comments on the Statement by no later than mid May 2016.

The Board expressed concern in relation to the lack of access of some members to the Part II papers submitted to the Pension Fund Committee. Harrow's compliance with routine practice was questioned. The Board requested that the practice used by other local authorities be researched

### Pension Fund Committee Meeting 25 November 2015

The Board resolved that:

- a letter be sent to the Scheme Advisory Board expressing the Board's concern that the services provided by StateStreet Global Services would no longer be available;
- the Board consider the process whereby the Pension Fund Committee were making decisions based on the advice provided by AON Hewitt.

### Annual Review of Internal Controls at Fund Managers

The Board noted the report

### Environmental, Social and Governance Issues in Pension Fund Investment

The Board received a report which set out the responses received to requests to the Fund managers in relation to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Issues.

The Board noted that there had not been unanimous signing up to the Codes by the managers and that they should be asked questions in relation to ESG issues at shortlisting/ an early stage. A Board member questioned the compliance if the Council invested in the Collective Investment Vehicle (CIV). It was suggested that Fund managers be questioned on ESG issues when they gave their presentation.

### **Financial Implications**

10. There are several matters mentioned in this report, particularly asset allocation and manager performance which have significant financial implications but there are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

### **Risk Management Implications**

10. The Pension Fund has a risk register which includes all the risks identified which could affect the management of the Pension Fund.

### **Equalities implications**

11. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

### **Council Priorities**

12. The financial health of the Pension Fund directly affects the level of employer contribution which, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities there are no impacts arising directly from this report.

### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name:	Dawn Calvert	$\checkmark$	Director of Finance
Date:	7 June 2016		
			on behalf of the
Name:	Alison Burns	✓	Monitoring Officer
Date:	8 June 2016		

**Ward Councillors notified:** 

Not applicable

### **Section 4 - Contact Details**

Contact: Ian Talbot, Treasury and Pension Fund Manager 0208 424 1450

### **Background Papers - None**

	Total Portfolio A	Allocation by Manag	er & Asset Class		Apper	ndix 1
		March and 30 April 2				
	Value 31.03.2015	Value 31.03.2016	Value 30.04.2016	Allocation 30.04.2016	Strategic Allocation	Strategic Range
Asset Class	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	%	wange
Global Equities						
Longview	75,561	75,499	75,870	12	11	
State Street	220,601	219,424	218,545	33	31	
GMO	76,541	71,463	70,971	11	10	
Oldfields	77,276	70,701	73,364	11	10	
					10	
Total Global Equities	449,979	437,087	438,750			
Total Equities	449,979	437,087	438,750	66	62	58-68
Private Equity						
Pantheon	22,954	20,571	20,571			
Total Private Equity	22,954	20,571	20,571	3	5	4-6
Property						
Aviva	50,562	53,481	53,421			
Total - property	50,562	53,481	53,421	8	10	8-12
Bonds						
Blackrock - FI	69,247	69,401	69,090	10	10	10
Blackrock - IL	17,130	17,577	17,062	3	3	3
Total Bonds	86,377	86,978	86,152	13	13	11-15
Alternatives						
Insight	28,857	27,071	27,263	4	5	5
Standard Life	30,678	29,216	29,353	4	5	5
Total Alternatives	59,535	56,287	56,616	9	10	8-12
Cash & NCA						
Cash Managers	865	44	797			
Cash NatWest	4,632	10,048	4,967			
Record passive currency hedge	-2,649	-6,388	-1,968			
Cash Custodian (JP Morgan)	1,433	1,437	32			
Debtors and Creditors	1,157	1,306	3,349			
Total Net Current Assets	5,438	6,447	7,177	1	0	
Total Assets	674,845	660,851	662,687	100	100	

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	ln	vestmer	nt Perform	ance –	31	March	2016		
		F	<u>Quarter</u>	D. L.C.		F	<u>Year</u>	Datar	
		<u>Fund</u>	Benchmark	Relative		<u>Fund</u>	Benchmark	<u>Relative</u>	
Asset Class		%	%	%		%	%	%	
Global Equities									
Longview		3.2	-2.0	5.2		-0.1	-4.6	4.5	
State Street		2.9	2.9	0.0		-0.6	-0.6	0.0	İ
GMO		4.0	8.4	-4.4		-6.6	-8.8	2.2	İ
Oldfields		0.4	2.2	-1.8		-8.6	-0.3	-8.3	İ
Total		2.6	2.5	0.1		-3.8	-3.2	-0.6	
Bonds									
Blackrock									
Corporate Bonds		4.4	4.2	0.2		-0.6	-0.5	-0.1	İ
Index Linked		4.8	4.7	0.1		0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total		4.7	4.7	0.0		-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	
Property									
Aviva		0.9	1.1	-0.2		9.3	10.8	-1.5	
Awiva		0.5				0.0	10.0		
Total		0.9	1.1	-0.2		9.3	10.8	-1.5	
Private Equity									
Pantheon		2.5	3.0	-0.5		18.6	-0.5	19.1	
Total		2.5	3.0	-0.5		18.6	-0.5	19.1	
Alternatives									
Insight		0.1	1.1	-1.0		-6.2	4.5	-10.7	
Standard Life		-3.3	1.1	-4.4		-4.8	4.6	-9.4	
Total		-1.7	1.1	-2.8		-5.5	4.6	-10.1	
Total Fund		1.7	2.0	-0.3		-1.9	-0.4	-1.5	

REPORT FOR: PENSION FUND

**COMMITTEE** 

Date of Meeting: 21 June 2016

Subject: Information Report – Pension Fund Risk

Register

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

**Exempt:** No

Wards affected: All

**Enclosures:** Appendix – Risk Register

### **Section 1 – Summary**

Attached to this covering report as an appendix is a revised risk register for the Pension Fund.

FOR INFORMATION



### **Section 2 - Report**

- 1. At their meetings on 25 March 2015 and 1 July 2015 the Committee considered the risk register for the Pension Fund.
- 2. It is good practice for the Committee to review the register each year but, in any event, the existing version was the subject of comment from the auditor of the 2015-16 Accounts as follows:

The pensions team have implemented a risk register following a previous recommendation made by Deloitte. Our review of the register indicated that certain significant risk definitions (namely contributions and benefits) were not sufficiently robust as to anticipate the full range of potential risk areas.

We recommend that the pensions staff with oversight of these areas have a greater level of input into detailing all potential risks and appropriate responses.

- 3. The risks involved which were numbered 30, 31 and 32 in the register considered last year were reviewed both in terms of their particular validity for Harrow but also in comparison with several other funds. The view remains that the risks as stated are largely satisfactory but, for the sake of clarity, new risks 33 and 34 have been added.
- 4. A revised version of the register is attached as an appendix.
- 5. The risk register prepared in 2015 was the first the Harrow Pension Fund had ever produced hence at that time there was no need for review. After a year's experience it has now been possible to review both the current position and the target risk rating. Since the existing register was produced fairly recently not many changes have been made and these can be identified in columns 5, 6, 8, and 9 of the attached appendix.
- 6. The Committee's views are invited.

### **Financial Implications**

7. The proper management of risk plays a key role in the successful financial management of the Pension Fund

### **Risk Management Implications**

8. Risk management is the subject of this report.

### **Equalities implications**

9. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

### **Council Priorities**

10. The performance of the Pension fund directly affects the level of employer contribution which then, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities

### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name:	Dawn Calvert	$\sqrt{}$	Director of Finance
Date:	7 June 2016		

NO

### **Section 4 - Contact Details**

**Ward Councillors notified:** 

**Contact:** Ian Talbot, Treasury and Pension Fund Manager 0208 424 1450

### **Background Papers - None**

# PENSION FUND RISK REGISTER

LIKELIHOOD
A Very high  B High  C Significant  D Low  E Very Low  A Very high  18, 19  8, 9, 16  8, 9, 16  8, 9, 16  5, 6, 25, 26, 28, 30, 1, 2, 3, 7, 15, 21, 22, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 23, 24, 27, 29, 36, 44, 46, 47
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1 Catastrophic Impact / Exceptional Benefit 2 Critical Impact / Major Benefit 3 Marginal Impact / Minor Benefit 4 Negligible Impact/Benefit IMPACT

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## **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

## LIKELIHOOD

Greater than 80% (almost certainly will occur) 51-80% (more likely to occur than not) A Very high

25-50% (fairly likely to occur) C Significant

10-24% (low, but could occur) 3-9% (extremely unlikely) E Very Low D Low

0-2% F Almost Impossible

### IMPACT

Services could not be sustained or major project fails to deliver **Catastrophic** Critical

Serious dfisruption to services

Small effect on services

Trivial effect on services Negligible Marginal

Risk number			Risk Rating 1 July 2015 (after controls)	Current risk rating (after controls)	Controls underway or planned	Control	Target risk rating	Target date	Risk owner
	GOVERNANCE								
I -	Those charged with governance of the Fund are unable to fulfil their responsibilities effectively	The Pension Fund Committee including a coopted member and as advised by an Investment Adviser, two independent advisers and officers is a properly constituted Committee of the Council and is able to exercise governance of the Fund in a robust manner.	23	E2	Whilst the governance of the Fund is considered to be of a high standard there remains an aspiration to improve	lan Talbot	П	2017	Dawn Calvert
	Pension Fund Committee members have insufficient knowledge to make correct decisions	Regular training is provided via a structured training programme to allow Members to review and challenge recommendations.  Actuarial, investment, independent and officer advice is available to assist Members in making their decisions.	E2	E2	Whilst the knowledge of the Committee Members is considered to be of a high standard there remains an aspiration to improve.	lan Talbot	Е1	2017	Dawn Calvert
	Inadequate investment and actuarial advice is available to the Pension Fund Committee	Properly considered appointment of actuary and investment adviser with relevant experience and professional standards in place. Appointment of additional independent advisers	E2	E2	The Pension Fund Committee has made a number of requests for specific reports from the Investment Adviser who is responding well to them.	lan Talbot	E1	2016	Dawn Calvert
	Officers do not have sufficient knowledge and experience to advise the Committee and manage the Fund.	Suitably qualified staff appointed. Ongoing professional development (including training and technical reading); liaison with other funds and professional bodies and other networks. Training and development needs monitored through annual and monthly meetings with managers. Use of external advisers where appropriate	D3	D3	Improvements are constantly sought and the staff currently in post exhibit the potential for improvement.	lan Talbot	E3	2017	Dawn Calvert
	Failure to adhere to relevant statutory regulations including updates from LGPS	Investment and Administration sections review DCLG website, other literature and have networking arrangements to ensure they remain up-to date. Sufficient resources are in place to implement LGPS changes while continuing to administer the scheme. Membership of relevant professional groups ensures any potential changes in statutory requirements are properly implemented	E3	E3		lan Talbot	E3		Dawn Calvert

Risk number			Risk Rating 1 July 2015 (after controls)	Current risk rating (after controls)	Controls underway or planned	Control	Target risk rating	Target date	Risk owner
ø	Non-compliance with LGPS investment regulations on permitted investments	Statement of Investment Principles and investment management mandates are structured to ensure compliance. Robust monitoring arrangements for investment managers are in place.	D3	E3	Regular review of regulations should ensure improvement	lan Talbot	E3		Dawn Calvert
	FUNDING - ASSETS AND LIABILITIES								
2	Pension Fund objectives are not defined and agreed	Objectives are defined in the Funding Strategy Statement which is reviewed regularly by the Pension Fund Committee	E2	E2		lan Talbot	E2		Dawn Calvert
ω	The Fund's assets are not sufficient to meet its long term liabilities. Fall in returns on Government bonds leading to rise in value placed on liabilities and an increase in deficit	Fund assets and liabilities are subject to regular assessment through triennial actuarial valuations.  The Fund's investment strategy, as described in the Statement of Investment Principles, is regularly reviewed to seek to ensure that optimum returns are realised to meet its liabilities.	D2	D2		lan Talbot	D2		Dawn Calvert
O	The relative movement in the value of the Fund's assets does not match the relative movement in the Fund's liabilities	Fund assets and liabilities are subject to regular assessment through triennial actuarial valuations.  Strategy Statement is regularly reviewed in line with the triennial valuation with the main objective of ensuring the long term solvency of the Fund.	D2	D2		lan Talbot	D2		Dawn Calvert
10	Pay and price inflation is higher than anticipated increasing the value of liabilities	Fund assets and liabilities are subject to regular assessment through triennial actuarial valuations	£3	C3		lan Talbot	ေ		Dawn Calvert
11	The Fund's pensioners are living longer than assumed in actuarial assumptions thereby increasing liabilities.	At each triennial actuarial valuation life expectancy assumptions are specifically reviewed taking into account both national and local longevity experience.	£3	D3	Actuarial assumptions becoming more accurate	lan Talbot	D3		Dawn Calvert
12	Other demographic factors change increasing the cost of Fund benefits thereby increasing liabilities.	At each triennial valuation assumptions are reviewed.	င္ပ	C3		lan Talbot	C3		Dawn Calvert

Risk number			Risk Rating 1 July 2015 (after controls)	Current risk rating (after controls)	Controls underway or planned	Control	Target risk rating	Target date	Risk owner
5	Increase in number of early retirements due to service reductions and/or ill-health retirements.	Employers are charged the "strain" cost of non- ill-health retirements, ill health retirement experience is closely monitored. Controls are included in admission agreements for new bodies joining the Fund. Experience between triennial valuations is monitored and incorporated in the valuation process.	D3	D3		lan Talbot	D3		Dawn Calvert
4	Structural changes in an employer's membership (eg fall in active membership) leading to non-recovery of past service deficits	Past service deficits are being recovered by cash rather than percentage of payroll.	D3	D3		lan Talbot	D3		Dawn Calvert
15	Insufficient assets to meet short and medium term liabilities	Including investment income the Fund currently achieves an annual surplus. Medium term requirements are being reviewed. Cashflow is monitored and reconciled on a daily basis. Most of the Fund's investments can be accessed relatively quickly.	E2	E2		lan Talbot	E2		Dawn Calvert
	FUNDING - INVESTMENT STRATEGY								
6	Long term investment strategy in relation to fund liabilities is inappropriate	External investment adviser, actuary and performance measurement consultant provide specialist guidance to the Pension Fund Committee. Strategy is documented, regularly reviewed and approved by Pension Fund Committee. Strategy is in accordance with LGPS investment regulations. The Pension Fund Committee has explicitly considered its tolerance of risk and this is reflected in its allocation strategy.	D2	D2		lan Talbot	D2		Dawn Calvert

Risk owner	Dawn Calvert	Dawn Calvert	Dawn Calvert	Dawn Calvert
Target date				2017
Target risk rating	S	B3	B3	E4
Control	lan Talbot	lan Talbot	lan Talbot	lan Talbot
Controls underway or planned				In June 2016 the Fund received a report from CEM Benchmarking comparing its fees and charges for investment management with other funds. This report and the requirements for pooling arrangements will be used to seek savings.
Current risk rating (after controls)	ဒိ	B3	B3	D4
Rating 1 July 2015 (after controls)	ပိ	B3	B3	D4
	Diversified investment strategy and investment management structure minimises impact at fund level of any individual investment failure. Performance measurement consultant and investment adviser supply regular review of the performance of the portfolio as a whole and of the individual managers. Asset allocation is periodically reviewed and adjustments made if required	The Committee, as advised by the actuary considers long term returns. Diversification between asset classes and regular monitoring of investment performance	Diversification of managers and asset classes mitigates the impact of a single manager underperforming.  Managers are selected via an extensive process of "due diligence."  Manager performance is reviewed by Committee at each meeting against benchmark and performance objectives and with investment adviser's report; poor performance is highlighted and addressed by the Committee and officers.  Regular dialogue is maintained with the investment advisers and managers; the Committee meets the managers once a year and officers meet them on at least one further occasion.  Procurement frameworks and adviser's advice are used to fast track the appointment of new managers if	Both at tender stage and throughout the contracts charges which are value for money are sought and challenged when appropriate. Fees and charges are identified in the Annual Financial Statement and specifically highlighted for the Pension Fund Committee to consider.
INVESTMENT	Significant allocation to any single asset category and its underperformance relative to expectation. Failure of individual investments to perform up to expectation	General fall in investment markets leading to poor performance.	Failure by fund managers to achieve benchmark (passive) or performance target (active)returns for their given mandates	Fees and charges of investment managers, actuary and investment adviser are excessive.
Risk number	17	18	19	20

Risk number			Risk Rating 1 July 2015 (after controls)	Current risk rating (after controls)	Controls underway or planned	Control	Target risk rating	Target date	Risk owner
	SECURITY								
2	Investment manager may not have appropriate control framework in place to protect Pension Fund assets	Client agreements which include the control framework are in place. Assets are held by external custodians separate from the investment managers; custodians are expected to comply with ICAEW's Audit and Assurance Faculty's guidance on internal controls of service organisations.  Each investment manager's annual audit of internal controls is reviewed by officers and the Pension Fund Committee.  Investment managers maintain an appropriate risk management framework to minimise the risk management framework to minimise the	E2	E2	Whilst this risk is outside the Fund's control, most of the annual audits reveal very few exceptions to the intended control processes operating correctly. An aspiration that the likelihood is almost impossible is therefore a reasonable aspiration but timescales are dependent on the managers.	lan Talbot	F2	Z	Dawn Calvert
22	Negligence, fraud or default by individual investment manager.		E2	E2		lan Talbot	E2		Dawn Calvert
23	Custody arrangements may not be sufficient to safeguard fund assets	Client agreements which include the control framework are in place. External custodians comply with ICAEW's Audit and Assurance Faculty's guidance on internal controls of service organisations. Regular reconciliations carried out to check external custodian records	E2	E2	The heavy fine recently imposed on one of the most significant custodians suggests that the likelihood of the risk being realised cannot be reduced	lan Talbot	E2		Dawn Calvert
24	Failure of custodian	Use custodians under banking and FSA regulation	E2	E2		lan Talbot	E2		Dawn Calvert
25	Counterparty default in stock lending programme.	Programme managed by experienced investment manager, State Street Global Advisors with risk controls over custody arrangements, counterparty credit worthiness, exposure limits and collateral agreements in place	E3	E3		lan Talbot	E3		Dawn Calvert
26	Investments may not be accurately valued	Investments are valued using best current practice as agreed with the investment managers. Valuations reported to Pension Fund Committee	E3	E3		lan Talbot	E3		Dawn Calvert
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Risk owner		Jon Turner	Jon Turner	Jon Turner	Jon Turner	Jon Turner	Jon Turner	Jon Turner
Target date								
Target risk rating		E2	E3	E2	E3	D4	E4	E4
Control		Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza
Controls underway or planned								
Current risk rating (after controls)		E2	E3	E2	E3	D4	E4	E4
Risk Rating 1 July 2015 (after controls)		E2	E3	E2	E3	D4	E4	E4
		Business Continuity Plan in place	Adequate IT systems and support in place supported by a robust Business Continuity Plan	Authentication controls including regular password changes and robust user administration procedures are in place. Access rights restricted. Data is backed up on an incremental basis daily and fully backed up weekly. Audit trails and reconciliations are in place. System is protected against viruses and other system threats.	Proper administration procedures in place supported by independent internal and external audit review of internal control arrangements	Sufficient resources are in place, structured appropriately, to carry out the necessary transaction processing.  Procedures exist to identify any non-payment of contributions.  Internal audit reviews take place regularly and there is an External Audit review of the accounts annually	Procedure notes describing all key processes are in place. Induction and training procedures are in place. Adequate staff resources are in post	Procedure notes describing all key processes are in place. Induction and training procedures are in place. Adequate staff resources are in post
	OPERATIONAL	Major emergency or system failure	Failure of pensions administration IT systems	Systems and data may not be secure and appropriately maintained	Failure to comply with LGPS pensions benefits regulations (eg as a result of incorrect benefit calculations and the holding of incorrect data)	Contributions to the Fund are not received, processed and recorded completely and accurately in accordance with scheme rules.	Life events relating to scheme members eg joining the scheme, transfers in and out and retirements are not processed and recorded properly in accordance with scheme rules	Failure to pay lump sums on time
Risk number		27	28	29	30	31	32	33

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100111			(arter controls)	(arter controls)	Controls underway or planned	Control	larget risk rating	l arget date	Risk owner
94 VO	Overpayments made	Most overpayments result from deaths not being notified. In addition to informal contacts, life certificates are regularly sent out and Harrow is a member of the National Fraud Initiative.	2	C4		Linda D'Souza	C4		Jon Turner
State day are are 35 ciri	Standing member and other data and permanent records are not accurate or do not reflect changes in circumstances	Business processes are in place to identify changes to standing data. Records are supported by appropriate documentation; input and output checks are undertaken; reconciliations are carried to between input and source records. Documentation is maintained in line with agreed policy. Data matching exercises (National fraud nitiative) identifies some discrepancies	E3	E3		Linda D'Souza	<u> </u>		Jon Turner
36 Bre	Breach of data protection legislation.	Data security protocol	E2	E2		Linda D'Souza	E2		Jon Turner
En 37 the scl	Employers' failure to carry out their responsibilities for scheme administration.	Regular communication and guidance to employers on scheme matters	E3	E3		Linda D'Souza	E3		Jon Turner
S8 pro	Failure by AVC providers to provide proper services to the Pension Fund.	Regular reviews undertaken.	E3	E3		Linda D'Souza	E3		Jon Turner
39 a s	Concentration of knowledge in a small number of officers and risk of departure of key staff	Appoint suitably qualified staff. Ensure training and succession planning in place	D3	D3		Linda D'Souza	D3		Jon Turner
lnc em 40	Increase in workload for employers	Maintain close relationships with employers to make them aware of likely changes. Encourage employers to take account of pensions issues when considering restructuring or contracting out. Keep abreast of new developments. Work closely with software suppliers and ICT services to manage developments and planned maintenance to minimise impact	E3	E3		Linda D'Souza	E3		Jon Turner
Fa en: 41 sta	Failure to communicate or engage with Pension Fund stakeholders	Maintain a communication and governance strategy and Governance Compliance Statement subject to regular review. Utilise a range of formal and informal communication routes with stakeholders	E3	E3		Linda D'Souza	E3		Jon Turner

et Risk owner	Jon Turner	Jon Turner	Jon Turner	Jon Turner	Jon Turner
Target date					
Target risk rating	E3	E3	E2	F2	E2
Control	Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza	Linda D'Souza
Controls underway or planned					
Current risk rating (after controls)	E3	E3	E2	F2	E2
Risk Rating 1 July 2015 (after controls)	E3	E3	E2	F2	E2
	Ensure all employers are aware of pensions implications and of associated legislation and guidance	Effective communication helps members to make properly informed decisions about membership ensuring that they understand the value of membership.	Ongoing liabilities managed through the triennial valuation process.  Periods allowed to repay deficits are set depending on the value of the employer's covenant and linked to contract periods for transferee employer bodies.  Any cessation lump sum required from an employer leaving the Fund is calculated on a minimum risk basis by the Actuary.  Major employers are "scheduled" in regulations and backed by long term tax receipts and the constitutional permanence of local government	System of close monitoring of employers in place	Action through courts
	Increasing use of new methods of service provision eg academies, free schools without full understanding of pensions implications	Employees opting out of the scheme voluntarily	Default by a participating employer	Administering authority failing to commission the fund actuary to carry out a termination valuation for a departing admission body and losing the opportunity to call in a debt	Inability or refusal of an employer to pay cessation valuation
Risk number	42	43	44	45	46

et Risk owner	Dawn Calvert
Target date	
Target risk rating	E2
Control	lan Talbot
Controls underway or planned	Improvements are constantly sought and with the staff currently in post are being achieved.
Risk Rating 1 July 2015 risk rating (after (after controls)	E2
Risk Rating 1 July 2015 (after controls)	E2
	Failure to comply with Pension Sufficient properly qualified and trained staff are employed to carry out processes; requirements.  Rowledge is maintained via written guidance, networks, professional press and training.  Accounting, management and administration processes are maintained in accordance with legislation and external regulations and the Council's Financial Regulations.  Regular reconciliations are carried out between in-house records and those maintained by external custodian and investment managers.  Internal audit reviews.  External Audit annual review
	Failure to comply with Pension Fund accounting requirements.
Risk number	47

REPORT FOR: PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

**Date of Meeting:** 21 June 2016

**Subject:** Information Report – Annual Review of

Internal Controls at Longview Partners

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

**Exempt:** No

Wards affected: All

**Enclosures:** None

### **Section 1 – Summary**

The report sets out in summary the contents of the latest internal controls report from Longview Partners LLP.

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### **Section 2 - Report**

- 1. The Report of the Auditor on the Pension Fund's 2009-10 Accounts recommended that due diligence be carried out on the strength of the operational controls at investment managers both through a review of internal controls reports and visits to key investment managers. At the November 2010 meeting of the, then, Pension Fund Investment Panel a template was introduced as a basis for measuring the level of assurance provided by the operational structure supporting each mandate.
- 2. Operational controls of investment managers relate to the procedures in place to safeguard the Fund's assets against loss through error or fraud and to ensure that client reporting is accurate. Poor operational controls can also hamper the management of the assets leading to reduced returns or increased costs. Should there be a lack of evidence that controls operated by investment managers are robust, the continued appointment of the manager would be questionable.
- 3. Operational control reviews focus on the key environmental, business and process issues.
- 4. At their meeting on 9 March the Committee received reports in respect of all its managers.
- 5. For eight of the Fund's managers the latest reports received were for periods of 12 months ended during 2015 but for two of them, Insight Investment and Longview Partners LLP, they were in respect of the year ended 31 December 2014. Since the Committee met a report has been received from Longview in respect of the year ended 31 December 2015 the key points from which are given below. Insight have advised that their report for the year ended 31 December 2015 will be available in July/August and a summary of this will be provided for the Committee at its next meeting.

### **Longview Partners**

The report carried out by Moore Stephens LLP entitled "Assurance Report on Internal Controls" for the period 12 months to 31 December 2015" included the following:

In the Auditor's opinion, in all material respects:

- a) the accompanying report by the members describes fairly the control procedures that relate to the control objectives referred to above which were in place as at 31 December 2015;
- the control procedures described in section 6 were suitably designed such that there is reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the specified control objectives would have been achieved if the described control procedures were complied with satisfactorily; and

c) the control procedures that were tested, as set out in the attachment to this report were operating with sufficient effectiveness for us to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the related control objectives were achieved in the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Of the 91 controls tested by the auditor, 1 exception was identified as follows:

Moore Stephens verified through observation and system configuration review that Safend Data Protection Agent is installed on all workstations and that it blocks the download of data to USB memory drives.

Exception noted: A small number of PCs had Safend Data Protection Agent deployed but it was not performing as expected.

Management response: During 2015, Longview rolled out a small number of new PCs with Safend software deployed. This deployment did not restrict USB access as expected. The impacted PCs are all contained within a secure office environment and all PC based anti-virus protection software was successfully deployed. The PCs in question have now had their Safend software updated.

### **Financial Implications**

6. Whilst the performance and effective controls of the fund managers is of paramount importance in the performance of the Pension Fund, there are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **Risk Management Implications**

7. The risks arising from the controls exercised by the Fund's investment managers are included in the Pension Fund risk register.

### **Equalities implications**

8. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

### **Council Priorities**

 Investment performance has a direct impact on the financial health of the Pension Fund which directly affects the level of employer contribution which then, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities

### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name: Daw	n Calvert	$\sqrt{}$	Director of Finance
Date: 7 Ju	ine 2016		

NO

### **Section 4 - Contact Details**

Ward Councillors notified:

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### **Background Papers - None**

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