

## **REPORT FOR: Pension Fund Committee**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	21 November 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	Pension Fund Committee - Update on Regular Items
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance
<b>Exempt:</b>	No.
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Appendix 1 – Fund Valuation and Performance

### **Section 1 – Summary and recommendation**

#### **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 periods
- 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 2018 be agreed.

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **A Introduction**

1. This report updates the Committee on regular items as follows:
  - Draft work programme for 2017-18 (Sub-section B)
  - Performance of fund managers for periods ended 30 June 2017 (Sub-section C)
  - Issues raised by Pension Board (Sub-section D)

### **B Draft Work Programme 2017-18**

2. Below is a draft for the Committee to consider as its programme of work for 2017-18.

#### **21 November 2017**

Update on regular items:

- Draft work programme for 2017-18 and 2018-19
- Performance of fund managers for periods ended 30 September 2017
- Issues raised by Pension Board
- Pooling and London Collective Investment Vehicle

Review of investment manager contract

Investment Strategy Review

Investment manager monitoring

Quarterly trigger monitoring

Environmental, social and governance Issues

Annual Report and Financial Statements

AOB Emerging risks standing item

Training session at 5.30 – tbc

#### **7 March 2018**

Update on regular items:

- Draft work programme for 2018-19
- Performance of fund managers for periods ended 31 December 2017
- Issues raised by Pension Board

Investment manager monitoring

Pooling and London Collective Investment Vehicle

Monitoring of operational controls at managers

External Audit plan

Annual review of compliance and strategy documents

Training programme 2018-19

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 Period Ended 31 August 2017 to 30 September 2017**

5. Attached is a table summarising the Fund valuation at 31 August 2017 to 30 September 2017 and movement in the fund valuation for the year to date.
6. The Committee are aware that for periods up to 31 March 2016 performance data was provided by State Street Global Services but that this service is no longer available to the Fund. The Fund now subscribes to the service provided by Pension and Investment Consultants Limited (PIRC) but they do not yet have full coverage of the LGPS and the value of the service will need to be assessed over coming months. It is understood that PIRC now have 61 pension schemes within their universe which is sufficient for comparative data to be of value. Elsewhere on the agenda is a performance report from PIRC and the information arising therefrom will be available at all subsequent committee meetings.
7. The value of the Fund at the end of March 2017 had increased over the year from £661m to £807m (22%). This increase has been due mainly to the large increases in the values of the equities portfolios with their global bias and substantial valuations in dollars, euros and yen all of which have appreciated in value against sterling. There has also been a substantial "value" increase and significant percentage increase in the bonds portfolio. The Fund's hedging strategy has, of course, mitigated some of the gains. As at 30 September 2017 the value of the Fund had increased further to £834m.
8. On 28<sup>th</sup> June the Committee agreed revisions to the investment strategy which included reducing the strategic asset allocation to global equities to 42% and to emerging market equities on a pro rata basis. The re-allocations are being made on a phased basis and recommendations are set out in the exempt report Equity and Diversified Growth Recommendation.

### **D Meeting of Pension Board on 8 November 2017**

9. The Pension Board met at 2.00 on 8 November with the following agenda:

- Information Report - London Borough of Harrow Pension Board: Revised Annual Report to Council
- Information Report - Pension Fund Committee Meeting on 12 September 2017.
- Pension Administration Performance Report to 30 September 2017

10. Any matters raised by the Board will be reported verbally

### **Financial Implications**

11. 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 it as its main purpose is to provide an update on regular items.

### **Risk Management Implications**

12. The Pension Fund has a risk register which includes all the risks identified which could affect the management of the Pension Fund.

### **Equalities implications**

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

### **Council Priorities**

14. 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director of Finance
Date: 7 November 2017		
Name: David Hodge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On Behalf of Monitoring Officer
Date: 7 November 2017		

**Ward Councillors notified:**

**Not applicable**

## **Section 4 - Contact Details**

**Contact:** Iain Millar, Treasury and Pensions Manager 0208  
424 1432

**Background Papers - None**

## Fund Valuation and Performance

31 August 2017 and 30 September 2017

Asset Class	Value 31.03.2017 £'000	Value 31.08.2017 £'000	Value 30.09.2017 £'000	Movement YTD (Mar to Sep)	Allocation 30.09.2017 %	Strategic Allocation %	Strategic Range %
<b>Global Equities</b>							
Longview (Aug17 with CIV Unhedged)	86,214	91,231	90,784	5.30%	11	11	
State Street	267,791	279,897	274,124	2.37%	33	31	
GMO	94,156	103,234	99,642	5.83%	12	10	
Oldfields	83,455	83,450	83,033	-0.51%	10	10	
<b>Total Global Equities</b>	<u>531,616</u>	<u>557,812</u>	<u>547,584</u>				
<b>Total Equities</b>	<u>531,616</u>	<u>557,812</u>	<u>547,584</u>	3.00%	<u>66</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>58-68</u>
<b>Private Equity</b>							
Pantheon	19,341	17,902	17,369	-10.20%			
<b>Total Private Equity</b>	<u>19,341</u>	<u>17,902</u>	<u>17,369</u>		<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4-6</u>
<b>Property</b>							
Aviva	64,409	65,313	65,849	2.24%			
<b>Total - property</b>	<u>64,409</u>	<u>65,313</u>	<u>65,849</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8-12</u>
<b>Bonds</b>							
Blackrock - FI	80,804	82,287	80,723	-0.10%	10	10	10
Blackrock - IL	20,079	20,997	20,131	0.26%	2	3	3
<b>Total Bonds</b>	<u>100,883</u>	<u>103,284</u>	<u>100,854</u>	-0.03%	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11-15</u>
<b>Alternatives</b>							
Insight	29,096	30,046	30,099	3.45%	4	5	5
Standard Life	29,324	29,641	29,554	0.79%	3	5	5
<b>Total Alternatives</b>	<u>58,420</u>	<u>59,687</u>	<u>59,654</u>	2.11%	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8-12</u>
<b>Cash &amp; NCA</b>							
Cash Managers	52	785	52				
Cash NatWest	30,901	34,430	33,530				
Record passive currency hedge	-241	-2,430	5,426				
Cash Custodian (JP Morgan)	12	1,644	1,644				
Debtors and Creditors	1,033	931	1,830				
CIV Investment	150	150	150				
<b>Total Net Current Assets</b>	<u>31,907</u>	<u>35,509</u>	<u>42,632</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>806,576</u>	<u>839,506</u>	<u>833,943</u>	3.39%	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	