

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

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Quarterly Trigger Monitoring – Q3 2018

Introduction

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

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

Funding level

The charts and table below show the Fund's funding level at the end of the quarter compared with the level at the last actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2016.

The funding level as at 30 September 2018 was 82.1%, compared to 80.0% as at 30 June 2018 and 74.3% as at 31 March 2016.

30 September 2018	Ongoing Basis
Assets	£847m
Liabilities	£1,031m
Surplus (deficit)	(£184m)
Funding Level	82.1%



Source: Hymans Robertson

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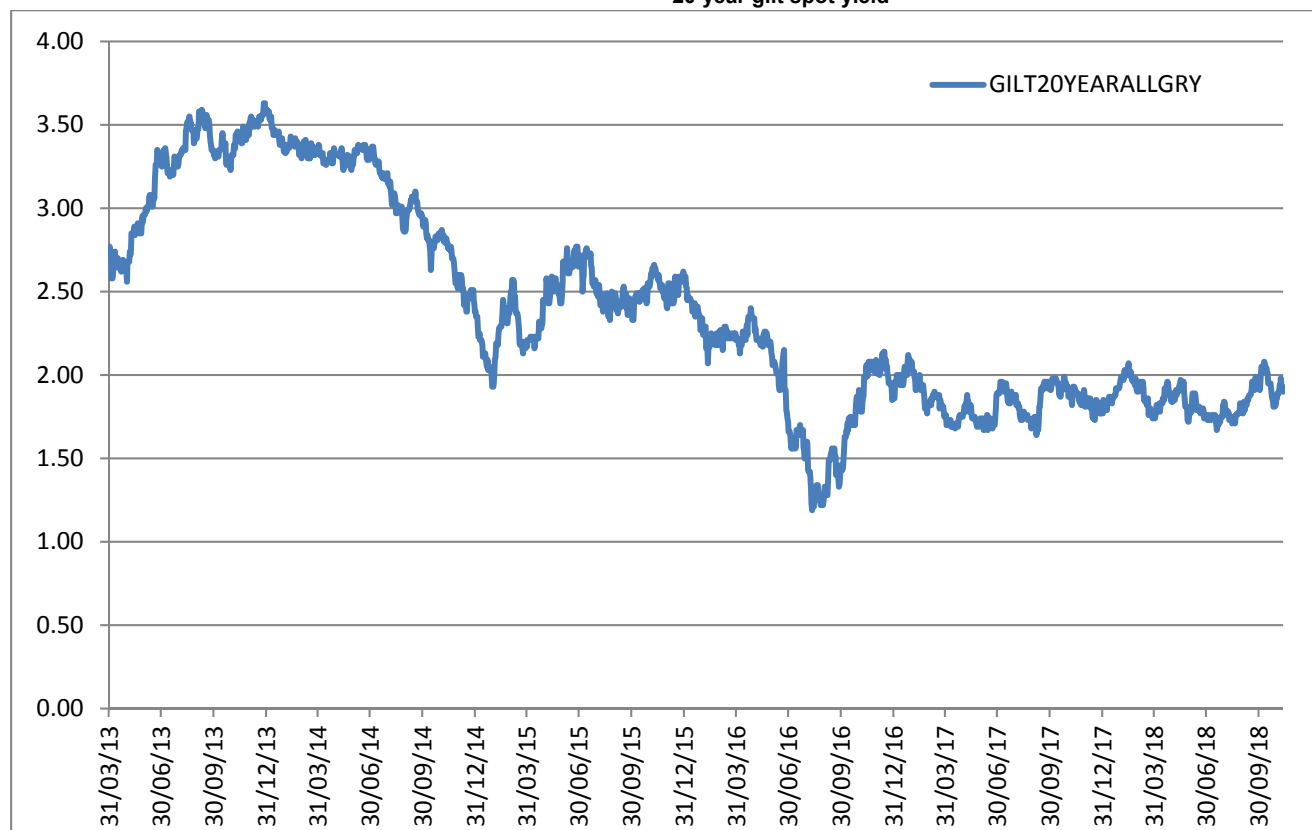
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20 year spot yield

The chart below shows the movement of the 20 year spot yield from 31 March 2013 to 12 November 2018. Yields ended the third quarter of 2018 at 1.93%, an increase from their 1.76% level at the end of Q2 2018. Yields remained relatively stable throughout July and August but then began to rise through September and into October, hitting a peak of 2.08% in mid-October. Following a subsequent fall back, yields have begun to rise again in recent weeks.

20 year gilt spot yield



Aon views on bond yields

The table below sets out Aon's views versus the market in terms of spot and forward rates as at 16 October 2018.

Summary of market spot and forward rates versus Aon's views

	16 October 2018	In 3 years			In 5 years		
	20 year Spot Rate	Market Pricing	Aon View	Diff	Market Pricing	Aon View	Diff
Real	-1.5%	-1.4%	-1.0%	+0.5%	-1.4%	-0.8%	+0.5%
Nominal	+2.1%	+2.3%	+2.9%	+0.6%	+2.3%	+2.8%	+0.4%
Breakeven*	+3.7%	+3.7%	+3.9%	0.1%	+3.8%	+3.6%	-0.2%

* Aon 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 interest rates will rise faster than the market is indicating, but believe that the market is broadly forecasting breakeven inflation expectations accurately.

Conclusion

The funding level rose over the quarter and long term bond yields remain at low levels. Aon 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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