



City of Westminster

Committee Report

Decision Maker: PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

Date: 22 March 2016

Classification: General Release

Title: Performance of the Council's Pension Fund

Wards Affected: All

Policy Context: Effective control over Council Activities

Financial Summary: There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report, although investment performance has an impact on the Council's employer contribution to the Pension Fund and this is a charge to the General Fund.

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report presents a summary of the Pension Fund's performance to 31 December 2015, together with an estimated valuation position.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Committee note the contents of this paper, the performance report from Deloitte and the current actuarial assumptions and valuation.

3. Background

Performance of the Fund

3.1 This report presents a summary of the Pension Fund's performance and estimated funding level to 31 December 2015. The investment report (Appendix 1) has been prepared by Deloitte, the Fund's investment adviser, who will be attending the meeting to present the key points and answer questions.

- 3.2 The Investment Performance Report shows that over the quarter to 31 December 2015, the market value of the assets increased by £23.3million as a result of the positive returns across the board with the exception of the gilt sub-portfolio with Insight.
- 3.3 The Funding update (Appendix 2) has been provided by the Fund Actuary, Barnett Waddingham. This indicates that the funding level has fallen from 74% to 73% over the quarter to 31 December 2015. The current funding level matches that reported at the last triennial valuation at 31 March 2013.

If you have any questions about this report, or wish to inspect one of the background papers, please contact the report author:

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 - Deloitte Investment Report, Quarter Ending 31 December 2015
Appendix 2 - Barnett Waddingham Funding Update Report as at 31 December 2015