



City of Westminster

Committee Report

Decision Maker:	Pension Fund Committee
Date:	27 June 2017
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 the performance of the Pension Fund's investments, together with an update on the funding position to March 2017.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee note the performance of the investments, and funding position.

3. Background

- 3.1 The terms of reference of the Pension Fund Committee requires the committee to monitor the performance of the Superannuation Fund, individual fund managers, and other service providers to ensure that they remain suitable.

- 3.2 This report presents a summary of the Pension Fund's performance and estimated funding level to 31 March 2017. The investment performance 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.
- 3.3 The Investment Performance Report shows that over the quarter to 31 March 2017, the market value of the assets increased by £50.9 million. The fund outperformed the benchmark by 0.1% over the quarter. The bench mark was however, suppressed mainly by the underperformance of one fund manager by 2.3%.
- 3.4 The Funding update (Appendix 2) has been prepared by the Fund Actuary, Barnett Waddingham. This indicates that the smoothed funding level has increased to 85% over the quarter to 31 March 2017, up from 80% which was calculated at the last triennial valuation at 31 March 2016.

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 March 2017
Appendix 2 - Barnett Waddingham Funding Update as at 31 March 2017