

CLWYD PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 22 March 2016
Report Subject	Investment Strategy and Manager Summary
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the Investment Strategy and Manager Summary is to update Committee Members on the performance of the Fund's investment strategy and performance of the Fund's investment managers.

The report covers the quarter ending 31 December 2015.

The Fund enjoyed a strong quarter from an Investment Strategy perspective, driven primarily as a result of the strong growth in a number of asset markets. Key facts covered in the report are as follows:

- Over the 3 months to 31 December 2015, the Fund's total market value increased by £31.9m to £1,370,614,637.
- As at 31 December 2015, the value of the Fund's liabilities had decreased by £34 million to £2,124 million, resulting in a funding level of 65% - this is a rise in the funding level from 30 September 2015 which was at 62%.
- Over the quarter, total Fund assets returned 2.7% compared with a composite target of 2.5%.

The Fund's investment strategy will be reviewed later in 2016 (on a light touch basis) as part of the Actuarial Valuation Process.

A number of the Fund's investment managers outperformed their respective targets during the quarter. There was particularly strong performance from the Fund's Best Ideas portfolio.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To note and discuss the investment strategy and manager performance in the Investment Strategy and Manager Summary 31 December 2015.
2	That the Committee considers the information in the Economic and Market Update report to provide context in addition to the information contained in this report.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	INVESTMENT AND FUNDING RELATED MATTERS
1.01	<p>Investment Strategy and Manager Summary 31 December 2015</p> <p>Over the 3 months to 31 December 2015, the Fund's total market value increased by £31.9m to £1,370,614,637.</p> <p>Total Fund assets returned 2.7% over the quarter, compared with a composite target of 2.5%.</p> <p>Over the one year period, Total Fund assets returned 1.4%, compared with a composite target of 3.2%.</p> <p>Over the last three years, Total Fund assets returned 6.5% p.a., compared with a composite target of 7.2% p.a.</p> <p>Key performance drivers during the quarter came from the Equities allocation and the Best Ideas Portfolio.</p> <p>The Fund's asset portfolio was within the strategic ranges set for each asset class during the period.</p>
1.02	<p>The Fund's reorganisation of assets, following the strategic review (approved by Committee in November 2014), was completed during the quarter.</p>
1.03	<p>At this time, there are no concerns with any of the Fund's investment managers and there are regular meetings held with the managers to discuss individual mandates.</p> <p>The Fund's investment consultant will be reviewing the mandate specification for each of the manager positions as part of the planned light touch review of investment strategy later in 2016. This is to ensure that the structure of the mandates remain appropriate to serve the needs of the Fund going forward.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None directly as a result of this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	None directly as a result of this report.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	<p>The Fund's investment strategy has been designed to provide an appropriate trade off between risk and return. The Fund faces three key investment risks: Equity risk, Interest Rate Risk and Inflation Risk.</p> <p>Diversification of the Fund's growth assets away from equities seeks to reduce the amount of the equity risk (though it should be recognised that Equities remain an important long term source of expected growth). The implementation of the Fund's De-Risking Framework (Flightpath) has been designed to mitigate the Fund's Interest Rate and Inflation Risks.</p>

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Investment Strategy and Manager Summary 31 December 2015.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Investment Strategy and Manager Summary 30 September 2015.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Philip Latham, Clwyd Pension Fund Manager Telephone: 01352 702264 E-mail: philip.latham@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>A list of commonly used terms are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Absolute Return – The actual return, as opposed to the return relative to a benchmark.</p> <p>(b) Annualised – Figures expressed as applying to 1 year.</p> <p>(c) Duration – The weighted average time to payment of cashflows (in years), calculated by reference to the time and amount of each payment. It is a measure of the sensitivity of price/value to movements in yields.</p> <p>(d) Market Volatility – The impact of the assets producing returns different to those assumed within the actuarial valuation basis, excluding the yield change and inflation impact.</p> <p>(e) Money-Weighted Rate of Return – The rate of return on an investment including the amount and timing of cashflows.</p> <p>(f) Relative Return – The return on a fund compared to the return on index or benchmark. This is defined as: Return on Fund minus Return on Index or Benchmark.</p>

- (g) **Three-Year Return** – The total return on the fund over a three year period expressed in percent per annum.
- (h) **Time-Weighted Rate of Return** – The rate of return on an investment removing the effect of the amount and timing of cashflows.
- (i) **Yield (Gross Redemption Yield)** – The return expected from a bond if held to maturity. It is calculated by finding the rate of return that equates the current market price to the value of future cashflows.

A comprehensive list of investment terms can be found via the following link:

<http://www.barings.com/ucm/groups/public/documents/marketingmaterials/021092.pdf>