

DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES

	Delegation to Officer(s)	Delegated Officer(s)	Communication and Monitoring of Use of Delegation
1.031	Rebalancing and cash management	PFM (having regard to ongoing advice of the IC and PAP)	High level monitoring at PFC with more detailed monitoring by PAP

Rebalancing Asset Allocation

Background

The Investment Strategy Statement (ISS) includes a target allocation against which strategic performance is monitored (Strategic Allocation). There are strategic ranges for each asset category that allow for limited deviation away from the strategic allocation as a result of market movements. In addition there is a conditional medium term asset allocation range (Conditional range) to manage major risks to the long term strategic allocation which may emerge between reviews of the strategic allocation.

The Tactical Asset Allocation Group (Investment Consultant & Officers) which meets each month consider whether it is appropriate to re-balance to the strategic asset allocation. Recommendations are made to the Clwyd Pension Manager who has delegated authority to make the decision. Re-balances or asset transitions may be required due to market movements, new cash into the Fund or approved changes to the strategic allocation following a strategic review.

Action Taken

In the quarter to June 2019 there were no movements of assets.

Cash Management

Background

The Deputy Head of the Clwyd Pension Fund forecasts the Fund's 3 year cash flows in the Business Plan and this is monitored and revised quarterly. The bank account balance is monitored daily. The main payments are pension related, expenses and investment drawdowns. New monies come from employer and employee contributions and investment income or distributions. This cash flow management ensures the availability of funds to meet payments and investment drawdowns. The LGPS investment regulation only allow a very limited ability to borrow. There is no strategic asset allocation for cash, although there is a strategic range of +5% and a conditional range of +30% which could be used during times of major market stress.

Action Taken

The cash balance as at 30th June 2019 was £11.4m (£5.8m at 31st March 2019). As reported at previous committees, the cash flow forecasting identified the possibility that the Fund may experience a negative cash position due to some employers paying their 3 year deficit payments up front in 2017/18. This has proved to be the case and the Fund has been calling back cash from the Insight collateral pool as has been necessary. The cash balance as at 31st July 2019 was £4.3m which resulted in a further £10m being called in August. The cash flow is monitored to ensure there is sufficient monies to pay benefits and capital calls for investments. Work is ongoing with the Consultant and Actuary to monitor the situation and be aware of any unforeseen issues. Monthly cash flows for the financial year to 2019/20 are shown graphically at the end of the delegations appendix.

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1.032	Short term tactical decisions relating to the 'best ideas' portfolio	PFM (having regard to ongoing advice of the IC and PAP)	High level monitoring at PFC with more detailed monitoring by PAP

Background

The Tactical Asset Allocation Group (Investment Consultant and Officers) meet each month to consider how to invest assets within the 'Best Ideas' portfolio given the shorter term market outlook (usually 12 months). The strategic asset allocation is 11% of the Fund (increased from 9% at the last strategic review). The investment performance target is CPI +3 %, although the aim is to also add value to the total pension fund investment performance.

Action Taken

Since the previous Committee the only transactions agreed within the portfolio were:

- Partial redemption of LGIM Global REITS –£ 5.0m (crystallised +9.6%)
- Partial redemption of Listed Infrastructure - £5.0m (crystallised +8.2%)
- Partial redemption BlackRock European Equity – Unhedged -£2.5m (crystallised +5.7%)
- Partial redemption BlackRock Japanese Equity – Unhedged - £2.5m (crystallised +2.1%)
- Partial redemption LGIM US Equity – Unhedged - £2.5m (crystallised +6.5%)
- Partial redemption BlackRock US Opportunities - £2.5m (crystallised +6.8%)
- Full redemption Blackrock European Equity – Unhedged - £14.0m (crystallised+8.8%)
- Switch BlackRock Japanese Equity from hedged to unhedged –(crystallised +6.7%)
- Additional investment of £20.0m in LGIM Sterling Liquidity Fund
- Additional investment of £7m to BlackRock EM Equities
- Additional investment of £7m to Pimco EM Bonds

The current allocations within the portfolio following the transactions are:

- US Equities (1.7%)
- Emerging Market Equities (1.5%)
- Japanese Equities (0.8%)
- Commodities (1.0%)
- Real Estate (1.5%)
- Infrastructure (1.5%)
- Emerging Market Bonds (1.5%)
- Liquidity Fund (1.5%)

Detailed minutes of the Group identifying the rationale behind the recommendations made to the Clwyd Pension Fund Manager and decisions made under this delegation are be circulated to the Advisory Panel.

As at the end of June 2019, the Best Ideas portfolio 1 year performance was +7.6% against a target of +5.1% and the 3 year performance was +8.9% against a target of +5.4%.

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1.033	Investment into new mandates / emerging opportunities	PFM and either the CFM or CEO (having regard to ongoing advice of the IC)	High level monitoring at PFC with more detailed monitoring by PAP

Background

The Fund's investment strategy includes a 22% asset allocation to private equity (10%), property (4%), infrastructure (7%) and agriculture (1%). The last strategic investment review reduced the property allocation by 3% and increased the infrastructure allocation by 4%. Given the illiquid nature of these investments this transition will take a number of years to implement. These are higher risk investments, usually in limited partnerships, hence small commitments are made of £8m in each. Across these asset categories there are currently in excess of 50 investment managers, investing in 115 limited partnerships or other vehicles.

The Private Equity & Real Estate Group (PERAG) of officers and advisor meet quarterly and are responsible for implementing and monitoring the investment strategy and limited partnerships across these asset classes. The investments in total are referred to as the 'In-House portfolio'. There is particular focus on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) aspects on the investments made.

A review was undertaken of the existing portfolio and future cash flows and the results were incorporated into the forward work plan. As a result, extensive work has been carried out to identify suitable Infrastructure investments. Several commitments have already been agreed and further due diligence is still being undertaken on other possible opportunities. It is anticipated that an allocation of 7% to Infrastructure will be achievable by 2020. Within the remaining In House portfolio, officers are continuing to look at any opportunities which fulfil their agreed strategy. The minutes of the PERAG Group are circulated to the Advisory Panel

Action Taken

Due diligence has been undertaken on the following Infrastructure Fund, which is an existing managers included in our forward work program, coming back to the market with a follow on Fund The following commitment has been made under delegated authority since the last Committee:

- £8 million to Threadneedle Low Carbon Workplace Fund II (Property Fund targeting 10 – 12% Net IRR)
- £8 million to Darwin Leisure Development Fund (Property Fund targeting 10 – 14% Net IRR)

Clwyd Pension Fund - Cash-flow 2019/20

