



City of Westminster

Committee Report

Decision Maker:	PENSION FUND COMMITTEE
Date:	16 November 2015
Classification:	Public
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 30 September 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 30 September 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 30th September 2015, the market value of the assets fell by approximately £48.1million as a result of the fall in equity markets. Over the quarter the Fund underperformed its benchmark, mostly due to the underperformance of the active equity manager Majedie.
- 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 78% to 74% over the quarter to 30th September 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 End to 30 September 2015
Appendix 2 - Barnett Waddingham Funding Update Report as at 30 September 2015