

County Council

22 September 2016

Warwickshire Pension Fund Statement of Accounts 2015/2016

Recommendation

That Council approves the Warwickshire Pension Fund Annual Accounts for 2015/2016.

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. This report presents the Statement of Accounts for 2015/2016.
- 1.2. The Statement of Accounts for Warwickshire Pension Fund is comprised of the following:
 - Statement of Responsibilities
 - Fund Revenue Account
 - Fund Net Assets Statement
 - Statement of Accounting Policies
 - Notes to the Financial Statements
 - Actuarial Statement
- 1.3. Council is asked to approve the 2015/2016 Statement of Accounts attached at **Appendix A**.
- 1.4. The Statement of Accounts has been audited and was reported to Audit and Standards Committee on 8 September 2016. During this meeting Grant Thornton, our external auditors, presented their Annual Governance Report (see **Appendix B**). Following approval of the Statement of Accounts, and on receipt of our Letter of Representation, signed by the S151 Officer, the Annual Governance Report will be signed by the Audit Director.
- 1.5. Audit and Standards Committee have approved the wording of the Letter of Representation (see **Appendix C**).
- 1.6. Audit and Standards Committee have recommended Council approve the Statement of Accounts. There were no issues raised by Audit and Standards Committee for consideration by Council.

- 1.7. The approved Warwickshire Pension Fund Statement of Accounts will be published alongside the Annual Governance Statement and the signed audit opinions of Warwickshire County Council and the Warwickshire Pension Fund Accounts by 30 September 2016 in line with statutory regulations.

Background Papers

None

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The report was circulated to the following members prior to publication:

Members of the Audit and Standards Committee.

Warwickshire County Council



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Statement of responsibilities for the statement of accounts

This section explains our responsibilities, in line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, for our financial affairs and how we ensure we carry out these responsibilities properly.

Responsibilities of the Pension Fund

We must do the following:

- ~ Make sure that one of our officers is responsible for managing our financial affairs. In the Pension Fund, Warwickshire County Council's Head of Finance is responsible for doing this.
- ~ Manage our affairs to use our resources efficiently and effectively and to protect our assets.
- ~ Comply with IFRS financial reporting framework
- ~ Approve the statement of accounts.

Responsibilities of the Head of Finance

As the Head of Finance, I am responsible for preparing our statement of accounts. These accounts must present a true and fair view of our financial position, including our income and spending for the year.

In preparing the Pension Fund accounts, I have:

- ~ selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- ~ made reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates
- ~ followed the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code).

I have also:

- ~ kept proper accounting records which are up to date
- ~ taken steps to prevent and detect fraud, including preparing an audit risk management strategy.

John Betts
Head of Finance

Date: **22 September 2016**

I confirm that the accounts were considered and approved at a meeting of the Council on 22 September 2016.

Councillor Bob Hicks
Chair of the Council

Date: **22 September 2016**

The Pension Fund

This section summarises the accounts of our pension fund. We use this fund to pay former employees their pensions and other benefits when they retire.

Please note tables may not sum due to rounding.

2014/2015 (Restated) £ m	Fund account – Dealings with members, employers and other people directly involved	2015/2016 £ m
	Income to the fund	
	Contributions receivable	
-53.1	From employers (Note 6)	-52.5
-16.1	From employees (Note 6)	-16.4
-5.7	Transfers in from other schemes (Note 9)	-6.7
-74.9	Income to the fund	-75.6
	Spending by the fund	
	Benefits to be paid (Note 6)	
54.0	Pension payments	55.5
11.2	Commutation of pensions & lump sum retirement benefits	10.6
1.1	Lump sum death benefits	1.8
	Payments to and on behalf of leavers (Note 6)	
0.2	Refunds of contributions to people who leave the scheme	0.1
33.0	Transfers out of the scheme	5.2
7.4	Management expenses (Note 16)	8.2
106.9	Spending by the fund	81.4
32.0	Net additions from dealing with members	5.8
	Return on investments (Note 17):	
-13.9	Dividends from equities	-14.8
-7.6	Income from pooled investment vehicles	-7.2
-0.7	Interest on cash deposits	-0.1
	Change in market value of investments (Note 5):	
-96.4	Realised profit (-) or loss on sales	-167.0
-73.0	Unrealised profit (-) or loss on investments	155.4
	Taxes on Income	
0.7	Tax we cannot claim back	0.9
-190.9	Net returns on investments	-32.8
-158.9	Net increase (-) / decrease in fund during the year	-27.0

2014/2015 £ m	Pension fund net assets	2015/2016 £ m
158.9	Net increase / decrease (-) in fund during the year	27.0
1479.2	Add opening net assets of the scheme	1638.1
1,638.1	Net assets at the end of the year	1,665.1

As at 31 March 2015 (Restated) £ m	Net assets statement	As at 31 March 2016 £ m
	Investment assets (Note 5)	
7.7	Fixed interest securities	84.3
530.5	Equities	544.8
1,066.7	Managed funds	1,013.2
24.1	Cash and deposits	13.5
2.3	Other Investments	2.9
1,631.3		1,658.7
	Current assets	
9.4	Debtors (Note 18)	9.0
1.0	Cash balances (Note 19)	1.0
	Current liabilities	
-3.6	Creditors (Note 18)	-3.6
0.0	Cash balances (Note 19)	0.0
6.8		6.4
1,638.1	Net assets at the end of the year	1,665.1

Notes

1 Operations and Membership

The Warwickshire Pension Fund ('the fund') is part of the Local Government Pension Scheme and is administered by Warwickshire County Council.

The Scheme is governed by the Public Service Pensions Act 2013. The fund is administered in accordance with the following secondary legislation:

- Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended)
- Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014 (as amended)
- Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 (as amended).

The fund is open to WCC employees, the five district and borough councils and other organisations. You will find a list of scheduled and admitted bodies in Note 8. The fund does not cover teachers, police officers or firefighters as these staff have alternative pension arrangements. The Pension Fund Investment Sub-committee is responsible for managing the pension fund. It is made up of five County Councillors. Two independent specialists provide advice and guidance to the sub-committee, to the Head of Finance and to his staff.

The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 included a requirement to establish a local Pension Board for each LGPS Fund, with responsibility to assist the administering authority:

- To secure compliance with; the LGPS regulations; other legislation relating to the governance and administration of the LGPS, and; the requirements imposed by the Pension Regulator in relation to the LGPS and
- Perform an oversight role to ensure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the LGPS.

A local Pension Board has been in place since February 2015.

The Local Government Pension Scheme was amended from April 2014 when the above regulations came into force. The LGPS Regulations 2013 saw the introduction of a career related pension scheme based on an accrual of 1/49th of pensionable pay received. The pension awarded each year would be revalued in line with earnings as notified by government.

There are protections in place for existing members at 1 April 2014. The benefit structure for these is as follows:

Service prior to 1 April 2008 at 1/80th pensionable pay provides an annual pension and a tax free lump sum based on 3/80th

Service from 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2014 at 1/60th of pensionable pay provides an annual pension.

Membership from 1 April 2014 provides an annual pension of 1/49th of pensionable pay.

Contributions to the LGPS prior to 1 April 2014 were assessed on full-time equivalent pay and excluded non-contractual elements of pay such as overtime and bonus. Whereas, contributions under LGPS2014 are assessed on all pensionable pay received (including overtime and bonus). The contribution bandings were extended with many of the higher paid seeing an increase in contributions. LGPS2014 also saw the introduction of a 50/50 option allowing members the opportunity to contribute 50% for 50% of the benefit entitlement.

As at 31 March 2015	Membership	As at 31 March 2016
16,435	Number of members contributing to the fund	16,502
11,425	Number of pensioners paid by the fund	11,890
14,965	Number of ex-members whose pension rights are deferred until they retire	16,384

2 Accounting Policies

The accounts of the pension fund contain the information set out in the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2015/2016 (The Code). The Code says the accounts must adhere to the SORP Financial Reports of Pension Schemes (the Pensions SORP). As a result, the accounting policies are consistent with the Pensions SORP.

The accounts give a summary of the transactions and net assets of the fund. They do not include the liability to pay pensions and other benefits in the future. This is dealt with by the actuary's valuation every three years.

We have prepared the financial statements on an 'accruals bases. This means that we account for income and expenditure as we earn or agree to spend it, not when we actually receive or pay it.

a How we have prepared these accounts

The following accounting policies have been applied when preparing the financial statements.

b Valuing investments

The values of investments as shown in the net assets statement have been determined as follows:

i) Market-quoted investments

The value of an investment for which there is a readily available market price is determined by the bid market price on the final day of the accounting period.

ii) Fixed interest securities

Are recorded at net market value based on their current yields.

iii) Unquoted investments

The fair value of investments for which market quotations are not readily available is determined as follows:

- Valuations of delisted securities are based on the last sale price prior to delisting, or where subject to liquidation, the amount the Pension Fund expects to receive on wind-up, less estimated realisation costs.
- Directly held investments include investments in limited partnerships, shares in unlisted companies, trusts and bonds. Other unquoted securities typically include pooled investments in property, infrastructure, debt securities and private equity. The valuation of these is undertaken by the investment manager or responsible entity and advised as a unit or security price. The valuation standards followed adhere to industry guidelines, to the constituent documents of the pool or to the management agreement.
- Investments in unquoted property and infrastructure pooled funds are valued at the net asset value or a single price advised by the fund manager.
- Investments in private equity funds and unquoted listed partnerships are valued based on the fund's share of the net assets using the latest financial statements published by

the respective fund managers in accordance with the guidelines set out by the British Venture Capital Association.

iv) Limited partnerships

Fair value is based on the net asset value ascertained from periodic valuations provided by those controlling the partnership.

v) Pooled investment vehicles

Pooled investment vehicles are valued at closing bid price if both bid and offer prices are published; if single priced, at the closing single price.

In the case of pooled investment vehicles that are accumulation funds, change in market value also includes income which is reinvested in the fund, net of applicable withholding tax.

The value of fixed interest investments in the scheme's investment portfolio excludes interest earned but not paid over at the end of the financial year. This is included in "Other Investments" in the accounts and Note 5.

We include acquisition costs in the purchase costs of investments.

c Investment income

We account for income from equities on the date they are quoted 'ex-dividend'. Income from overseas investments is recorded excluding irredeemable withholding tax.

We account for income from fixed interest and index linked securities, cash, short term deposits and other investments on an accruals basis.

The change in the market value of investments includes profits and losses on selling investments and unrealised changes in market value.

d Foreign currencies

If there are forward exchange contracts in place for assets and liabilities in foreign currencies, we have used the contract rate. Other assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are shown in sterling at the rate of exchange at the end of the financial year. We translate income from overseas investments into sterling at an average rate for the period in which we received it.

We account for gains and losses arising from converting currencies as part of the change to the market value of investments. The exception is where there is a foreign currency derivative acting as a cash-flow hedge on investments; we would class this gain separately as realised profit in the fund account.

e Contributions

We account for normal contributions from members and employers in the payroll month to which they relate, at rates set out in the Rates and Adjustments Certificate. We account for extra contributions from employers in line with the agreement under which they are paid or, if there is no agreement, when we receive them.

f Benefits due to be paid

Under the scheme rules, members may receive a lump sum retirement grant in addition to a pension. We account for lump sum retirement grants at the date a pension becomes due.

We account for other benefits on the date the member leaves the plan or dies.

g Transfer to and from other schemes

Transfer values relate to amounts we receive from other pension funds for new members or to amounts we pay to other pension schemes for members who have left the fund. These are accounted for when either received or paid. This is normally when the member liability is accepted or discharged.

h Other expenses

We account for administration and investment management expenses on an accruals basis. These expenses do not include any recoverable VAT.

We have calculated our fund manager fees in line with the appropriate contract and the associated contract agreement as follows.

Fund manager	Mandate	Negotiated fee
Columbia Threadneedle Investments	UK equities	Percentage of the fund
MFS Investment Management	Global equities	Percentage of the fund
Schroder Investment Management	Fund of funds (UK property)	Percentage of the fund
Legal and General Investment Management	Passive index tracker	Percentage of the fund
Columbia Threadneedle Investments	Pooled Fund (UK property)	Percentage of the fund
Blackstone Group International	Fund of funds (hedge funds)	Percentage of the fund
HarbourVest Partners	Fund of Funds (private equity)	Percentage of the fund
J P Morgan	Absolute Return Strategic Bond	Percentage of the fund
Partners Group	Infrastructure	Percentage of the fund
SL Capital	Infrastructure	Percentage of the fund

Where fund manager fees are deducted at source as opposed to being charged via an invoice this fee is recorded in the fund revenue account via a journal entry to reflect the charge.

i Private Equity

It is important to recognise the highly subjective nature of determining the fair value of private equity investments. They are inherently based on forward-looking estimates and judgements involving many factors. Unquoted private equities are valued by the investment managers using the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines 2012. These investments are not publicly listed and as such there is a degree of estimation involved in the valuation.

j Taxation

The fund is a registered public service scheme under section 1(1) of Schedule 36 of the Finance Act 2004 and as such is exempt from UK income tax on interest received and from capital gains tax on the proceeds of investments sold. Income from overseas investments suffers withholding

tax in the country of origin, unless exemption is permitted. Irrecoverable tax is accounted for as a fund expense as it arises.

k Foreign currency transactions

Dividends, interest and purchases and sales of investments in foreign currencies have been accounted for at the spot market rates at the date of transaction. End-of-year spot market exchange rates are used to value cash balances held in foreign currency bank accounts, market values of overseas investments and purchases and sales outstanding at the end of the reporting period.

l Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash in hand and on demand deposits.

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to minimal risk of changes in value.

m Pension fund liability

The pension fund liability is calculated every three years by the appointed actuary, with annual updates in the intervening years. The methodology used is in line with accepted guidelines and in accordance with IAS 19. Assumptions underpinning the valuations are agreed with the actuary and are summarised in Note 3. Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. This estimate is subject to significant variances based on changes to the underlying assumptions.

n Hedge fund of funds

The fund of funds is valued at the sum of the fair values provided by the administrators of the underlying funds plus adjustments that the fund of funds' directors or independent administrators judge necessary. These investments are not publicly listed and as such there is a degree of estimation involved in the valuation.

o Assumptions made about the future

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the pension fund about the future or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be materially different from the assumptions and estimates.

The actuarial valuation at 2013 had made an assumption for the next three financial years and set contribution rates on their view of the future.

We have not made any critical judgements in compiling the accounts.

3 Actuarial Valuation

The purpose of an actuarial valuation, which by law must be carried out every three years, is to assess the ability of the fund to meet its long-term liabilities. The actuary assesses the future growth in the value of the fund, and the future liability to pay pensions to current and former employees. The difference between projected assets and liabilities sets the amount employers must contribute. The fund aims to set employers' contributions rates so that the projected assets equal at least 100% of the projected liabilities.

The actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2013 calculated a funding level of 77%. A revised schedule of employers' contribution rates came into force for the three years from 1 April 2014.

During 2015/2016, the County Council contribution rate was 14.30% plus an additional lump sum payment of £4.662 million. Individual employers' rates vary depending on the demographic and actuarial factors particular to each employer. Full details can be found in the 2013 actuarial valuation report and the funding strategy statement on the Warwickshire Pension Fund website.

The assumptions used for the March 2013 actuarial valuation were as follows:

Actuarial Valuation	Nominal %	Real %
Post Retirement Discount Rate	4.60%	2.10%
Pre Retirement Discount Rate	4.60%	2.10%
Salary Increases	4.30%	1.80%
Price Inflation / Pension Increases	2.50%	-

The fund is valued using the projected unit method which is consistent with the aim of achieving the 100% funding level described above. At the 31 March 2013 actuarial valuation, the fund's assets were valued at £1,379 million.

The succeeding triennial valuation, as at 31 March 2016, is now underway. As a result the employers within the Warwickshire Pension Fund will have a revised schedule of employer contribution rates for the three years effective from 1 April 2017.

4 Fund Manager Holdings

2014/2015 £ m	%	Market value of external investments	2015/2016 £ m	%
36.5	2.2	State Street Global Advisors (Index Tracker UK Equities)	0.0	0.0
259.3	15.9	Columbia Threadneedle Investments (UK Equities)	264.6	16.0
289.4	17.7	MFS Investment Management (Global Equities)	294.9	17.8
284.4	17.4	Black Rock Global Investors (Index Tracker)	0.0	0.0
220.9	13.5	Legal and General Investment Management (Index Tracker - Global Equities)	404.5	24.4
177.2	10.9	Legal and General Investment Management (Index Tracker - Fixed Income)	283.2	17.1
88.4	5.4	Columbia Threadneedle Investments (Property)	100.1	6.0
79.7	4.9	Schroder Investment Management (Property)	88.1	5.3
79.7	4.9	Blackstone Group International (Hedge Funds)	79.0	4.8
31.1	1.9	HarbourVest (Private Equity)	48.3	2.9
76.6	4.7	JP Morgan (Strategic Bond)	74.0	4.5
0.0	0.0	Standard Life Capital (Infrastructure)	19.3	1.2
0.0	0.0	Partners Group (Infrastructure)	0.7	0.0
8.1	0.5	BNY Mellon (Global Custodian)	2.0	0.1
1,631.3	100.0	Total	1,658.7	100.0

5 Investments

	Value 1 April 2015 £ m	Purchases at cost £ m	Sales proceeds £ m	Realised profit or loss (-) £ m	Unrealised profit or loss (-) £ m	Increase in debtors or (creditors) £ m	Value 31 March 2016 £ m
Fixed interest securities	7.7	114.2	-40.4	1.3	1.5	0.0	84.3
Equities	530.5	84.8	-69.5	10.0	-11.1	0.0	544.8
Managed funds	1,066.7	494.8	-557.9	155.6	-146.0	0.0	1,013.2
Cash and deposits	24.1	77.8	-86.5	0.0	0.1	-2.0	13.5
Other investments	2.3	0.3	-1.7	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.9
Total	1,631.3	771.8	-756.0	167.0	-155.4	0.0	1,658.7

(Restated)	Value 1 April 2014	Purchases at cost	Sales proceeds	Realised profit or loss (-)	Unrealised profit or loss (-)	Increase in debtors or (creditors)	Value 31 March 2015
	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m
Fixed interest securities	6.6	0.0	-0.1	0.0	1.2	0.0	7.7
Equities	468.6	107.2	-101.5	19.1	37.1	0.0	530.5
Managed funds	991.6	241.2	-277.6	76.8	34.7	0.0	1,066.7
Cash and deposits	10.4	171.4	-155.7	0.5	0.0	-2.5	24.1
Other investments	0.5	0.6	-1.3	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.3
Total	1,477.7	520.4	-536.2	96.4	73.0	0.0	1,631.3

2014/2015 (Restated) £ m		2015/2016 £ m
	Fixed interest securities	
7.7	UK quoted	84.3
7.7		84.3
	Equities	
263.0	UK quoted	261.0
267.5	Overseas quoted	283.8
530.5		544.8
	Managed funds	
1,066.7	Managed funds	1,013.2
1066.7		1013.2
	Cash and deposits	
18.7	Sterling	10.2
5.4	Foreign currency	3.3
24.1		13.5
	Other investments	
2.5	Debtors	15.5
-0.2	Creditors	-12.6
2.3		2.9

The change in market value of investments during the year includes all increases and decreases to the market value of investments held at any time during the year, including profits and losses made when selling investments during the year.

6 Contributions and Benefits

2014/2015 £ m	Contributions received	2015/2016 £ m
25.2	Administering authority ~ From employers	25.5
8.5	~ From employees	8.5
33.7		34.0
21.5	Scheduled bodies ~ From employers	23.5
7.0	~ From employees	7.3
28.5		30.9
6.3	Admitted bodies ~ From employers	3.4
0.6	~ From employees	0.6
6.9		4.0
0.1	Non-scheduled bodies ~ From employers	0.1
0.0	~ From employees	0.0
0.1		0.1
69.2	Total	68.9

The total contributions we received from employers was £52.5 million (£53.1 million in 2014/2015) and £16.4 million (£16.1 million in 2014/2015) from employees.

Employees contributions during the year included £0.2 million to buy added years and to make additional regular contributions (£0.2 million in 2014/2015).

Employers contributions during the year included £0.8 million compensation to the fund for those retiring early and being made redundant (£1.9 million in 2014/2015).

The funding objective is to achieve and maintain a funding level of 100% of liabilities. For this reason a proportion of employer contribution received will be to reduce an existing deficit.

2014/2015 £ m	Analysis of contributions by type	2015/2016 £ m
15.9	Employee contributions - normal	16.2
0.2	Employee contributions - purchase of additional years	0.2
43.6	Employers contributions - normal, rechargeable and early retirement strain	42.0
9.5	Employers deficit funding Contributions	10.5
69.2	Total	68.9

2014/2015 £ m	Benefits paid	2015/2016 £ m
36.1	Administering authority ~ Pension paid (including lump sums)	37.7
2.2	~ Transfers out (Including Refunds)	2.0
38.3		39.7
26.7	Scheduled bodies ~ Pension paid (including lump sums)	26.5
31.0	~ Transfers out (Including Refunds)	3.3
57.7		29.8
2.9	Admitted bodies ~ Pension paid (including lump sums)	2.9
0.0	~ Transfers out	0.0
2.9		2.9
0.6	Non-scheduled bodies ~ Pension paid (including lump sums)	0.8
0.0	~ Transfers out	0.0
0.6		0.8
99.5	Total	73.2

Pensions paid out (including lump sums) was £67.9 million (£66.3 million in 2014/2015) and transfers out (including refunds) was £5.3 million (£33.2 million in 2014/2015).

7 Statement of Investment Principles

The Investment Board approved a revised statement of investment principles in March 2016.

You can get a copy by writing to the Resources Group, PO Box 3, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RH or from our website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pensions.

8 Organisations Contributing to the Fund

Scheduled bodies

- Alcester Grammar Academy
- Alcester High Academy
- Alcester St Nicholas Academy
- Alcester Town Council
- Ash Green Academy
- Ashlawn Academy
- Atherstone Town Council
- Aylesford School Academy
- Bilton High Academy
- Bishops Itchington Parish Council
- Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council
- Burton Green Parish Council
- Champion School Academy
- Cawston Grange Primary Academy
- Central Multiple Academy Trust Admin Centre
- Clifton on Dunsmore Parish Council
- Coleshill School Academy
- Coleshill Town Council
- Community Academies Trust Admin Centre
- Community Academies Trust Birchwood
- Community Academies Trust Budbrooke
- Community Academies Trust Dordon
- Community Academies Trust Polesworth
- Community Academies Trust Stratford Primary
- Community Academies Trust Wood End
- Community Academy Trust Woodloes Primary
- Coventry Diocese - St Michaels
- Coventry Diocese - St Nicolas
- Coventry Diocese - St Oswalds
- Coventry Diocese - Leamington Hastings CoE Academy
- Coventry Diocese - Harris High
- Coventry Diocese - St James
- Coventry Diocese - Queens Middle School
- Coventry Diocese - Studley St Mary's
- Curdworth Parish Council
- Discovery Academy, Nuneaton
- King Edward VI College, Nuneaton
- Kingsbury Parish Council
- Lawrence Sheriff Academy
- Long Itchington Parish Council
- Long Lawford Parish Council
- Mancetter Parish Council
- Matrix Academy Trust – Etone
- The Midland Academies Trust (Nuneaton)
- Midland Academies Trust (George Eliot)
- Midland Academies Trust (Hartshill)
- Midland Academies Trust (Studio College)
- Myton Academy
- Napton Parish Council
- National Education Trust (Henry Hinde Junior School)
- National education Trust (Keresley Newland)
- North Warwickshire and Hinckley College
- North Warwickshire Borough Council
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
- Oakwood Primary & Secondary Academy
- Polesworth Nethersole Academy
- The Priors Free School Academy
- Reach2 Academy (Oakfield)
- Reach2 (RaceMeadow)
- Reach2 (Newbold Riverside)
- Rugby Borough Council
- Royal Leamington Spa Town Council
- Rugby Free Primary School
- Rugby High Academy
- Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council
- Shipston on Stour High School Academy
- Shipston Town Council
- Southam Town Council
- Stour Federation (Shipston Primary)
- Stour Federation (Acorns)
- Stratford upon Avon College
- Stratford on Avon District Council

- Erudition (Kingsbury)
- Erudition (Queen Elizabeth)
- Ettington Parish Council
- Griffin Trust (Nich Chamb)
- Griffin Trust (Park Lane)
- Griffin Trust (Race Leys)
- Heartwood AT Austrey
- Heartwood AT Newton Regis
- Heartwood AT Warton Nethersole
- Heartwood AT Woodside
- Henley High Academy
- Henley Primary Academy
- Henry Hinde Academy (Infants)
- Higham Lane Academy
- Holy Spirit Academy Trust St Anne's Catholic Primary School
- Holy Spirit Academy Trust St Benedicts Catholic Primary School
- Holy Spirit Academy Trust St Francis Catholic Primary School
- Holy Spirit Academy Trust St Joseph's Catholic Junior School
- Holy Spirit Academy Trust St Thomas More Catholic School
- Holy Spirit Academy Trust Our Lady of the Angels
- Stratford on Avon Girls Grammar Academy
- Stratford on Avon Girls King Edward VI Academy
- Stratford upon Avon School
- Stratford upon Avon Town Council
- Studley High Academy
- Tanworth in Arden Academy
- Tanworth in Arden Parish Council
- Tudor Grange Academy Trust (Haselor)
- Warwick District Council
- Warwickshire College
- Warwickshire County Council
- Warwickshire Police and Crime Commission
- Wellesbourne Parish Council
- Whitnash Town Council
- Wolvey Parish Council
- Studley Parish Council

Admitted bodies

- ABM Catering North Leam School
- Alliance in Partnership St Edwards RC
- Alliance in Partnership Oakfield Academy
- Alliance in Partnership Henley Primary Academy
- Alliance in Partnership Mappleborough
- Balfour Beatty
- Barnardo's Bedworth
- Barnardo's Kenilworth
- Barnardo's North Warks
- Barnardo's Nuneaton
- Barnardo's Rugby
- Barnardo's Warwick
- Bedworth, Rugby and Nuneaton Citizens Advice Bureau
- Chartwells
- CLASS Catering (SoA Primary School)
- CLASS Catering (The Willows)
- CLASS Catering (Thomas Jolyfee)
- CLASS Catering (St Marys Immaculate)
- Cleanspace
- Coventry Mind
- Heart of England MENCAP
- Nuneaton Mencap
- Orbit Housing and Care Group (Sanctuary Housing)
- People in Action
- Rugby Town Centre Company Limited
- Shipston Leisure (SLM)
- Solihull School
- Stratford and District MENCAP
- Stratford upon Avon Council for Voluntary Service
- Stratford upon Avon Citizens Advice Bureau
- Stratford upon Avon Town Trust Co Ltd
- Stratford Artshouse Trust
- Superclean Services
- Taylor Shaw (Myton)
- Taylor Shaw (Park Lane)
- Taylor Shaw (St Pauls)
- The Brandon Trust (North Warwicks)
- The Brandon Trust (Rugby)
- The Parenting Project
- The Rowan Organisation
- Warwick District Citizens Advice Bureau
- Warwick Schools

- Lawrence Cleaning
- Mid Warwickshire MENCAP
- NSL
- North Warwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau
- Nuneaton Leisure (SLM)

- Warwickshire Association for the Blind
- Warwickshire Care Services Ltd
- Warwickshire Day Care Centres
- Warwickshire Welfare Rights Service
- Westfield Community Development Association

Other admitted bodies with pensioners but no pensionable employees

- Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden Parish Council
- Lapworth Parish Council
- Camphill Community Project
- CLASS Catering (Bishopton & Bridgetown)
- CLASS Catering (Round Oak)
- North Warwickshire Council for Voluntary Service
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Council for Voluntary Service
- Orbit Housing Group
- Remnant Water Authority
- Rugby Council for Voluntary Service
- Rugby MENCAP Hostels
- Rugby MIND and Rugby Mental Health Association
- Severn Trent Water Plc
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
- St Paul's College
- Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council
- Warwick Town Council
- Youth Clubs UK
- Stonham (Home Group Ltd)

9 Transfers

2014/2015 £m	Transfers In From Other Pension Funds	2015/2016 £m
-0.7	Group transfers	-0.7
-5.0	Individual transfers	-6.0
-5.7		-6.7

2014/2015 £m	Transfers Out of The Scheme	2015/2016 £m
29.3	Group transfers	1.0
3.7	Individual transfers	4.2
33.0		5.2

In January 2015 there was a group transfer of £29.3m paid out to Greater Manchester Pension Fund in respect of Warwickshire Probation Trust.

10 Additional Voluntary Contributions

Some members of the pension scheme choose to purchase extra pension benefits via the payment of additional voluntary contributions to our AVC providers; Equitable Life and Standard Life. These contributions are invested in a wide range of assets to provide a return on the money invested. The pension fund accounts do not include these assets. As at 31 March 2016, £0.34 million was invested with Equitable Life, and £2.7 million with Standard Life; during the year employees contributed £0.3 million to Standard Life and £3,000 to Equitable Life.

In accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 these amounts are not included in the Pension Fund Accounts but are disclosed as a note only.

11 Related Party Transactions

Warwickshire County Council is the administering authority and largest employer of the Pension Fund; consequently there is a strong relationship between the council and the fund. The County Council incurred costs of £0.8 million in relation to the staffing and running costs of the fund and has been reimbursed for these expenses. There is no co-mingling of cash, the Pension Fund manages its own bank account and operates its own cash flow.

The scheduled and admitted bodies of the fund are related parties; these can be found listed in Note 8.

There is one member of the investment sub-committee in receipt of a pension and one active member of the pension fund. Each member is required to declare their interests at each meeting. Three members of the Local Pension Board are active members of the pension fund and one is eligible for a refund. Several employees of Warwickshire County Council hold key positions in the financial management of the Pension Fund. These employees and their financial relationship with the fund (expressed as cash-equivalent transfer values) are set out below.

	Accrued pension as at 31 March 2015 £	Accrued pension as at 31 March 2016 £
Head of Finance	577,607	645,558
Head of Corporate Financial Services	231,865	265,895
Pensions Manager	387,070	422,402
Treasury and Pension Fund Manager	135,037	153,395
Principal Accountant	27,861	34,261

12 Investment Performance

Investment performance	Our pension fund	Our benchmark	Local Authority Average
	%	%	%
Yearly return on investments for 2015/2016	1.87%	-0.35%	0.20%

Overall in the financial year 2015/2016, the fund had a return of 1.87% compared with the fund's specific benchmark of -0.35%.

Investment performance	Our pension fund	Our benchmark	Local Authority Average
	%	%	%
Yearly return on investments for 2014/2015	12.89%	11.83%	13.20%

13 Actuarial Present Value of Promised Retirement Benefits as Provided by Hymans Robertson Pension Fund Actuary.

CIPFA's Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2015/16 requires Administering Authorities of LGPS funds that prepare pension fund accounts to disclose what IAS26 refers to as the actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits.

The actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits is to be calculated similarly to the defined benefit obligation under IAS19. There are three options for its disclosure in pension fund accounts:

- showing the figure in the Net Assets Statement, in which case it requires the statement to disclose the resulting surplus or deficit;
- as a note to the accounts; or
- by reference to this information in an accompanying actuarial report.

If an actuarial valuation has not been prepared at the date of the financial statements, IAS26 requires the most recent valuation to be used as a base and the date of the valuation disclosed. The valuation should be carried out using assumptions in line with IAS19 and not the Pension Fund's funding assumptions.

I have been instructed by the Administering Authority to provide the necessary information for the Warwickshire Pension Fund, which is in the remainder of this note.

Balance Sheet

Year ended	31 Mar 2015 £ m	31 Mar 2016 £ m
Present Value of Promised Retirement Benefits	2,542.0	2,382.0

Liabilities have been projected using a roll forward approximation from the latest formal funding valuation as at 31 March 2013. The estimated liability at 31 March 2016 comprises £1,236m in respect of employee members, £384m in respect of deferred pensioners and £762m in respect of pensioners. The approximation involved in the roll forward model means that the split of scheme liabilities between the three classes of member may not be reliable. However, I am satisfied the aggregate liability is a reasonable estimate of the actuarial present value of benefit promises. Allowance has not been made for unfunded benefits.

The above figures include both vested and non-vested benefits, although the latter is assumed to have a negligible value.

It should be noted the above figures are appropriate for the Administering Authority only for preparation of the accounts of the Pension Fund. They should not be used for any other purpose (i.e. comparing against liability measures on a funding basis or cessation basis).

Assumptions

The assumptions used are those adopted for the Administering Authority's IAS19 report as required by the Code of Practice. These are given below. I estimate that the impact of the change of assumptions to 31 March 2016 is to decrease the actuarial present value by £240m.

Financial assumptions

The financial assumptions are summarised below:

Year ended	31 Mar 2015 % p.a	31 Mar 2016 % p.a
Inflation/Pensions Increase Rate	2.40%	2.20%
Salary Increase Rate	4.30%	4.20%
Discount Rate	3.20%	3.50%

Longevity assumption

As discussed in the accompanying report, the life expectancy assumption is based on the Fund's VitaCurves with improvements in line with the CMI_2012 model, assuming the current rate of improvements has reached a peak and will converge to a long term rate of 1.25% per

annum. Based on these assumptions, the average future life expectancies at age 65 are summarised below:

	Males	Females
Current Pensioners	22.4 years	24.4 years
Future Pensioners*	24.3 years	26.6 years

*Future pensioners are assumed to be aged 45 at the most recent formal valuation as at 31 March 2013.

Please note that the assumptions are identical to last year's IAS26 disclosure for the Fund.

Commutation assumption

An allowance is included for future retirements to elect to take 50% of the maximum additional tax-free cash up to HMRC limits for pre-April 2008 service and 75% of the maximum tax-free cash for post-April 2008 service.

Sensitivity Analysis

CIPFA guidance requires the disclosure of the sensitivity of the results to the methods and assumptions used. The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the liabilities are set out below:

Change in assumptions for the year ended 31 March 2016	Approximate % increase to liabilities	Approximate monetary amount (£m)
0.5% decrease in discount rate	11%	258
1 year increase in member life expectancy	3%	71
0.5% increase in salary increase rate	4%	88
0.5% increase in pensions increase rate	7%	165

Professional notes

This paper accompanies my covering report titled 'Actuarial Valuation as at 31 March 2016 for accounting purposes'. The covering report identifies the appropriate reliances and limitations for the use of the figures in this paper, together with further details regarding the professional requirements and assumptions.

Prepared by:-

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14 April 2016
For and on behalf of Hymans Robertson LLP

Actuarial Present Value of Promised Retirement Benefits for the Purposes of IAS 26

The actuarial value of promised retirement benefits at the accounting date, calculated in line with International Accounting Standard 19 (IAS19) assumptions, is estimated to be £2,382 million, this figure is used for statutory accounting purposes by the Warwickshire Pension Fund and complies with the requirements of IAS26.

The assumptions underlying the figure match those adopted for the Administering Authority's FRS17/IAS19 reports at each year end. The figure is prepared for the purposes of IAS26 and has no validity in other circumstances. In particular, it is not relevant for calculations undertaken for funding purposes and setting contributions payable to the Fund.

14 Risk and How the Pension Fund Manages the Risks Faced

The Pension Fund's activities expose it to a variety of risks:

Credit risk: the possibility that other parties might fail to pay amounts due to the Pension Fund.

Liquidity risk: the possibility that the Pension Fund might not have funds available to meet its commitments to make payments.

Market risk: the possibility that financial loss might arise for the Pension Fund as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates and stock market movements.

Credit risk

The Pension Fund is exposed to credit risk through stock lending, derivative contracts, and its daily treasury activities.

The stock lending programme is administered by the Fund's custodian, Bank of New York Mellon, who manage and monitor the counterparty risk, collateral risk and the overall lending programme. The minimum level of collateral for stock on loan is 105%. This level is assessed daily to ensure it takes account of market movements. In accordance with investment regulations, stock lending is restricted to a maximum of 25% of the total market value of the stock held within the Fund.

Responsibility for managing the financial risks associated with derivative contracts rests with the appointed investment fund managers, whose performance is regularly monitored and reviewed.

The Pension Fund's bank account is held at Lloyds Bank plc, which holds a Fitch A+ long term credit rating (or equivalent). The Fund's cash balance is lent to borrowers in accordance with the County Council's Treasury Management Strategy. There are rigorous procedures in place to manage the security of all cash deposits, including criteria for the quality of counterparties and limits on the amount that can be placed with any one of those counterparties.

Liquidity risk

The Pension Fund holds a working cash balance in its bank account to pay pensions and other benefits. Cash is also required if the Fund's Private Equity Fund of Fund's manager requires additional funds. The Fund currently enjoys a long term positive cash flow. Cash flow surpluses

are invested with fund managers as and when required. The Pension Fund is authorised to borrow on a short term basis to fund cash flow deficits.

The fund actuary produces regular cash flow forecasts which are presented to the investment sub-committee who will take action where appropriate.

Market risk

To mitigate market risk, the Pension Fund is invested in a diversified pool of assets to ensure a reasonable balance between different asset categories, having taken external professional advice as necessary. The management of the assets is split between a number of investment fund managers with different benchmark performance targets and investment strategies. Each manager is expected to maintain a diversified portfolio within their allocation. Risk associated with the strategy and investment return are regularly monitored and reviewed by the Pension Fund Investment Board.

Interest rate risk is the risk to which the Pension Fund is exposed to changes in interest rates and mainly relates to holdings in bonds. This risk is managed by Legal & General and BlackRock who are the Fund's appointed bond portfolio investment managers.

For investments denominated in non-sterling currencies, the Pension Fund is exposed to currency risk as a result of possible fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. So far as the Fund's equity investments are concerned, these risks are mitigated to some extent by the global nature of their underlying businesses. Furthermore, investment fund managers will take account of currency risk in their investment decisions.

A table has been prepared detailing our exposure to non-sterling assets. In order to calculate this, a currency basket based on the fund's foreign currency mix has been created. The currency is then multiplied by the change in its exchange rate (relative to GBP). Together this sums to the aggregate currency change of the 'basket'.

2015/16

Currency	Value £m	% Change	Value on Increase £m	Value on Decrease £m
Czech Republic Koruna	1	8.5%	1	1
Danish Krone	3	7.8%	3	3
EURO	74	7.7%	79	68
Japanese Yen	2	9.8%	3	2
Mexican Peso	1	10.8%	1	1
Swedish Krona	5	9.2%	5	5
Swiss Franc	25	12.0%	27	22
Thai Baht	1	7.7%	1	1
US Dollar	205	7.5%	220	190
Hong Kong Dollar	1	8.1%	1	1
Total	316	7.9%	341	291

2014/15

Currency	Value £m	% Change	Value on Increase £m	Value on Decrease £m
Brazilian Real	3	11.7%	3	2
Canadian Dollar	5	6.7%	6	5
Czech Rep. Koruna	1	7.5%	1	1
Danish Krone	2	6.2%	2	2
EURO	91	6.1%	97	86
Israeli Shekel	1	7.4%	1	1
Japanese Yen	5	11.0%	5	4
Mexican Peso	1	9.4%	1	1
South Korean Won	2	6.6%	2	2
Swedish Krona	4	7.3%	4	3
Swiss Franc	30	9.3%	32	27
Thai Baht	1	8.1%	1	1
US Dollar	167	7.8%	180	154
Global ex UK Basket	5	6.1%	5	5
Asia Pacific Basket	23	7.3%	25	21
Asia Pacific ex Japan Basket	27	6.4%	29	25
Total	367	7.4%	395	340

Price risk is the risk of losses associated with the adverse movement in prices of the underlying assets. By diversifying investments across asset classes and managers, the Pension Fund aims to reduce the exposure to price risk. Statutory limits prescribed by Regulations are also in place to avoid concentration of risk in specific areas.

An additional area of risk is the outsourcing of custody and accounting services to external third party service organisations. The main service area that the Pension Fund outsources is its custody arrangements with Bank of New York Mellon. The Fund's custodian is responsible for the safekeeping of the Fund's assets and acts as the Fund's clearing bank, settling transactions and collecting income. In addition, they provide a range of support services including stock lending and investment accounting. Bank of New York Mellon is a global industry leader and provides the custodian service to many local government pension scheme administering authorities.

Potential price changes are determined based on the observed historical volatility of asset class returns. 'Riskier' assets such as equities will display greater potential volatility than bonds so the overall outcome depends on the asset allocation of the fund. The potential volatilities are consistent with a one standard deviation movement in the change in value of the assets over the last three years. The closing investment assets of the scheme have been assessed for price risk in the following table.

2015/16

Asset Type	Value £m	% Change	Value on Increase £m	Value on Decrease £m
UK Equities	679.1	18.4%	804.0	554.1
Overseas Equities	262.6	14.6%	300.9	224.2
Total Bonds & IL	295.2	8.0%	318.8	271.5
Cash	14.3	0.0%	14.3	14.3
Alternatives	221.2	10.0%	243.3	199.1
Property	186.3	5.8%	197.2	175.5
Total Assets	1,658.7		1,878.5	1,438.8

2014/15

Asset Type	Value £m	% Change	Value on Increase £m	Value on Decrease £m
UK Equities	591.6	10.3%	652.7	530.5
Overseas Equities	382.6	10.1%	421.3	343.9
Total Bonds & IL	280.1	6.1%	297.1	263.1
Cash	24.5	0.0%	24.5	24.5
Alternatives	187.4	2.3%	191.7	183.1
Property	165.1	3.2%	170.3	159.9
Total Assets	1,631.3		1,757.6	1,505.0

The % change for Total Assets includes the impact of correlation across asset classes.

15 Other Disclosures

At 31 March 2016, the fund had stock valued at £13.1 million (£2.5 million at 31 March 2015) which was lent out to other organisations. The collateral held against this stock was valued at £13.9 million (£2.7m at 31 March 2015). This generated a total income of £0.023 million up to 31 March 2016 (£0.1m at 31 March 2015).

Collateral for loaned stock is obtained at 102% market value for sterling denominated equities and 105% market value in all other currencies. The fund has full beneficial ownership of the collateral during the loan duration. The full amount of collateral at 31 March 2016 is held in the form of Government debt and would be sold in the event of a borrower being unable to repay the loaned stock to the fund.

The fund does not hold any property directly. Property is held in the form of pooled funds.

Our policy is to reinvest income from fixed interest securities within the pooled units of the fund. During 2015/2016 we did not draw down any interest earned from fixed interest securities held in pooled units.

During the year 2015/2016, the pension fund paid refunds of contributions to employees of £0.1m after tax has been deducted.

Withholding tax has only been incurred against equities held actively by the fund.

The external audit fee for 2015/16 was £0.024 million, this was unchanged from 2014/15.

16 Management Expenses

2014/2015 £m	Management Expenses	2015/2016 £m
1.1	Administration costs	1.2
6.0	Investment management expenses	6.6
0.3	Oversight and governance costs	0.4
7.4		8.2

This analysis of the costs of managing the Warwickshire Pension Fund during the period has been prepared in accordance with CIPFA guidance.

Indirect costs are incurred through the bid-offer spread on investment sales and purchases. These are reflected in the cost of investment acquisitions and in the proceeds from the sale of investments (Note 5 and Note 19). This includes transaction costs which totalled £0.3 million in 2015/16 (£0.5million in 2014/15).

17 Investment Income

2014/2015 £000	Investment Income	2015/2016 £000
0.5	Cash - UK - From administration of the Fund	0.0
697.5	Cash & Other Investments - UK - Fund Managers	55.6
-8.9	Cash & Other Investments - Overseas	-0.7
8,468.4	Equities - UK	9,347.2
2,385.1	Equities - North America	2,528.1
2,469.5	Equities - Europe	2,666.6
84.8	Equities - Japan	57.2
32.9	Equities - Pacific (Ex Japan)	46.7
403.0	Equities - Emerging Markets	124.2
96.0	Stock Lending	23.1
4,037.6	Pooled Property Investments	3234.8
3,559.9	Pooled Investments - Unit Trusts and Other Managed Funds	3,989.9
22,226.3		22,072.7

18 Analysis of Debtors and Creditors

2014/2015 £m	Current Assets	2015/2016 £m
2.5	Contributions due from Employers	3.1
1.3	Contributions due from Employees	1.2
0.0	Deficit Recovery Contributions due from Employers	0.0
0.0	Debtors - Strain on Fund	0.1
4.3	Sales to Cash (Invoiced Debtors)	4.0
1.3	Other Debtors	0.6
1.0	Cash balances	1.0
10.4		10.0

2014/2015 £m	Current Liabilities	2015/2016 £m
1.2	Owed to Administrating Authority	1.3
1.6	Creditors - Suppliers	1.6
0.1	Creditors - Income Received in Advance	0.0
0.7	Creditors - Retirements	0.7
3.6		3.6

19 Financial Instruments

The following tables present the funds closing net assets by category of financial instrument.

Financial Instruments 2015/2016	Fair Value Through Profit and Loss £ m	Loans and Receivables £ m	Financial Liabilities (current) £ m	Total £ m
Fixed interest securities	84.3	0.0	0.0	84.3
Equities	544.8	0.0	0.0	544.8
Managed funds	1,013.2	0.0	0.0	1,013.2
Cash and deposits	0.0	13.5	0.0	13.5
Other Investments	0.0	15.5	-12.6	2.9
Debtors	0.0	9.0	0.0	9.0
Cash balances	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Creditors	0.0	0.0	-3.6	-3.6
Net assets at the end of the year	1,642.3	39.0	-16.2	1,665.1

Financial Instruments 2014/2015 (Restated)	Fair Value Through Profit and Loss £ m	Loans and Receivables £ m	Financial Liabilities (current) £ m	Total £ m
Fixed interest securities	7.7	0.0	0.0	7.7
Equities	530.5	0.0	0.0	530.5
Managed funds	1,066.7	0.0	0.0	1,066.7
Cash and deposits	0.0	24.1	0.0	24.1
Other Investments	0.0	2.5	-0.2	2.3
Debtors	0.0	9.4	0.0	9.4
Cash balances	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Creditors	0.0	0.0	-3.6	-3.6
Net assets at the end of the year	1,604.9	37.0	-3.8	1,638.1

The following table shows the net gains on the different categories of instruments above, (shown in the fund accounts as realised and unrealised profit).

2014/2015 £m		2015/2016 £m
-169.4	Fair Value through profit and loss	-11.6
0.0	Loans and Receivables	0.0
0.0	Financial Liabilities (current)	0.0
-169.4		-11.6

The following tables categorise the assets that are held at fair value according to the information used to determine their fair values:

Quoted market price - where fair values are derived from a price in an active market.

Using observable inputs - where valuation techniques have been used to arrive at a value in an active market.

With significant unobservable inputs the values will rely on judgement and assumptions where there is no market data.

Valuation at 31 March 2016				
	Quoted market price Level 1	Using observable inputs Level 2	With significant unobservable inputs Level 3	Total
	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m
Financial Assets Fair Value through P&L	620.4	874.7	147.2	1,642.3
Financial Liabilities Fair Value through P&L	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net assets at the end of the year	620.4	874.7	147.2	1,642.3

Valuation at 31 March 2015				
	Quoted market price Level 1	Using observable inputs Level 2	With significant unobservable inputs Level 3	Total
	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m
Financial Assets Fair Value through P&L	610.1	884.0	110.8	1,604.9
Financial Liabilities Fair Value through P&L	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net assets at the end of the year	610.1	884.0	110.8	1,604.9

	Value 01-Apr	Purchases at cost	Sales proceeds	Realised profit or loss (-)	Unrealised profit or loss (-)	Value 31-Mar
	2015 £ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	2016 £ m
Fund of Hedge Funds	79.7	0	0	0	-0.8	78.9
Private Equity	31.1	14.8	-6.2	2.9	5.7	48.3
Infrastructure	0	20.8	-1.1	0.0	0.3	20.0
Total	110.8	35.6	-7.3	2.9	5.2	147.2

	Value 01-Apr 2014 £ m	Purchases at cost £ m	Sales proceeds £ m	Realised profit or loss (-) £ m	Unrealised profit or loss (-) £ m	Value 31-Mar 2015 £ m
Fund of Hedge Funds	66.9	8.1	0	0	4.7	79.7
Private Equity	16.5	12.4	-3.5	1	4.7	31.1
Total	83.4	20.5	-3.5	1	9.4	110.8

Hedge Funds held by the fund are held within a fund of funds, the fund does not hold hedge funds directly

20 Investments Greater than 5% of Total Assets

The following table lists single investments that exceed 5% of the total investment assets of the Fund.

Security Description	Market Value £m 31/03/2016	% of Total Fund
L&G GRADE CP BOND ALL STOCKS IND	171.2	10.3%
L&G - UK EQUITY INDEX	132.4	8.0%
THREADNEEDLE TPN PROPERTY A	100.1	6.0%
L&G EUROPE (EX UK) EQUITY INDEX FD	100.1	6.0%
L&G ALL STOCKS INDEX-LINKED GILTS	84.3	5.1%
	588.1	

Security Description	Market Value £m 31/03/2015	% of Total Fund
L&G GRADE CP BOND ALL STOCKS	141.5	8.7%
THREADNEEDLE TPN PROPERTY A	88.5	5.4%
	230.0	

21 Authorisation for Issue

These accounts have taken into account all known events up to 22 September 2016. On that date the accounts were authorised for issue by the Head of Finance.

John Betts
Head of Finance

Glossary

An A to Z of Investment terms used

A

Absolute Return

Absolute return investing aims to produce a positive return over time, regardless of the prevailing market conditions.

Active management

A style of investment management where the fund manager aims to outperform a *benchmark* by superior *asset allocation*, market timing or *stock selection* (or a combination of these). Compare with *passive management*.

Active risk

A measure of estimated *volatility* of fund performance against the *benchmark*. Also known as forecast *tracking error* or *relative risk*. In technical terms, it is defined as the forecast standard deviation of annual returns versus the *benchmark*. Active risk is usually quoted *ex-ante*, the *ex-post* measure of *volatility* of actual returns more usually being referred to as realised *tracking error*.

Actuarial valuation

A review of the assets and *liabilities* of a pension fund to determine the surplus or deficit, and the future rate of contributions required.

Alternative investments

Investments other than the mainstream *asset classes* of *equities* and *bonds*. Alternatives include *hedge funds*, *private equity*, *gold* and *commodities*. Property is also sometimes described as an alternative.

Asset allocation

The apportionment of a fund's assets between *asset classes*. See *strategic asset allocation* and *tactical asset allocation*.

B

Benchmark

A yardstick against which the investment policy or performance of a fund manager can be compared.

C

Corporate governance

Issues relating to the way in which a company ensures that it is attaching maximum importance to the interests of its shareholders and how shareholders can influence management. Governance issues include executive pay levels and how institutional investors use their votes.

Currency risk

Investing in any securities not denominated in the investor's own base currency introduces currency risk due to the *volatility* of foreign exchange rates.

D

Defined benefit scheme

A type of pension scheme where the pension that will ultimately be paid to the employee is fixed, usually as a percentage of final salary. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring organisation to ensure that sufficient assets are set aside to meet the pension promised. Compare with *defined contribution scheme*.

Defined contribution scheme

A type of pension scheme where employees' and the

employer's contributions are fixed but the pension ultimately paid to the employee depends on the investment returns achieved by the contributions and annuity rates at retirement. Compare with *defined benefit scheme*.

Derivatives

Financial instruments that are based on the movements of underlying assets. They allow exposures to markets and individual assets to be adjusted, thereby adjusting the *risk* characteristics of a fund. Common types of derivative include *forward* contracts, *futures*, *options*, and *swaps*. Derivatives may be traded on an exchange, or *over the counter* (OTC).

Diversification

The spreading of investment funds among different types of assets, markets and geographical areas in order to reduce *risk*.

F

FRS 17/IAS19

An accounting standard which requires companies to incorporate their pension funds into their balance sheets and specifically that all pension fund *liabilities* should be valued using an AA corporate bond yield. Any mismatch between assets and liabilities is effectively brought on to the company's balance sheet, and can potentially increase the *volatility* of a company's share price.

FTSE All-Share Index

An arithmetically weighted index of leading UK shares (by market capitalisation) listed on the *London Stock Exchange*. Updated daily. The FTSE 100 Index (or "Footsie") covers only the largest 100 companies.

Fund of hedge funds

See *hedge funds*.

H

Hedge Funds

A hedge fund is a capital pool that has the ability to use *leverage* and to take both *long* and *short* positions with the aim of achieving an *absolute return*. A large variety of hedge fund strategies exists and the level of *risk* taken will vary. Investors looking for a diversified exposure to hedge funds will normally opt for a fund of hedge funds – a fund with underlying investments in several hedge funds covering different strategies and geographical areas.

Hedging

A strategy that aims to reduce *risk*. For example, a *forward* currency transaction might be executed when investing in overseas *shares* or *bonds* to avoid volatility of returns due to exchange rate movements.

L

LIBID

London Inter-Bank Bid Rate. Interest rate at which prime banks will offer to take funds on deposit from other banks in the London Inter-Bank market.

LIBOR

London Inter-Bank Offer Rate. Interest rate at which prime banks will offer to lend money in the London Inter-Bank market.

M

Myners Report

Paul Myners published a review of issues affecting the pension fund industry on behalf of the government in 2001. His report and subsequent documents have undergone consultation and the Myners' principles established. These are in the process of being implemented in the industry.

P

Passive Management

A management strategy that seeks to match the return and risk characteristics of a market segment or index, by mirroring its composition.

Private equity

Funds put up by investors to finance new and growing businesses. Also known as venture capital

R

Risk

In its simplest sense, risk is the variability of *returns*. Investments with greater inherent *risk* must promise higher expected returns if investors are to invest in them. Risk management is an important aspect of portfolio management and involves the use of complex statistical models. See also *active risk*.

S

SORP

Statements of Recommended Practice issued by the accountancy profession. One SORP sets out recommendations on the form and content of the financial statements of pension schemes.

Statement of Investment Principles (SIP)

Trustees of pension funds are required under the Pensions Act 1995 to prepare and keep up to date this written statement of how their scheme's assets are invested. Essentially, it provides evidence that the trustees have thought through the suitability of their scheme's investment policy and how that policy is implemented.

Stocklending

The lending of a *security* by the registered owner, to an authorised third party, for a fixed or open period of time, for an agreed consideration secured by *collateral*. The demand to borrow *securities* comes mainly from *market makers* to cover *short positions* or take *arbitrage* opportunities.

Strategic Asset Allocation

Strategic asset allocation is a portfolio strategy that involves setting target allocations for various asset classes, then periodically rebalancing the portfolio to maintain these original allocations.

T

Transaction costs

Those costs associated with trading on a portfolio, notably *stamp duty* and *commissions*.

Transition

The transfer of assets from one fund manager to another which may involve buying and selling assets.

V

Value Manager

The strategy of selecting stocks that trade for less than their intrinsic values. Value investors actively seek stocks of companies that they believe the market has undervalued.



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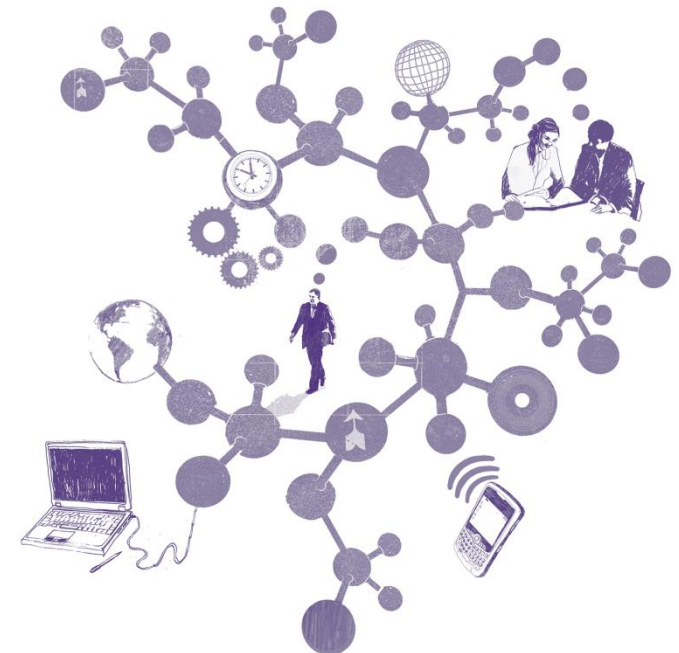
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Dear Members of the Audit and Standards Committee

Audit Findings for Warwickshire County Council Pension Fund for the year ending 31 March 2016

This Audit Findings report highlights the significant findings arising from the audit for the benefit of those charged with governance (in the case of Warwickshire County Council Pension Fund, the Audit and Standards Committee), as required by International Standard on Auditing (UK & Ireland) 260, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the National Audit Office Code of Audit Practice. Its contents have been discussed with management.

As auditors we are responsible for performing the audit, in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland), which is directed towards forming and expressing an opinion on the financial statements that have been prepared by management with the oversight of those charged with governance. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities for the preparation of the financial statements.

The contents of this report relate only to those matters which came to our attention during the conduct of our normal audit procedures which are designed primarily for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our audit is not designed to test all internal controls or identify all areas of control weakness. However, where, as part of our testing, we identify any control weaknesses, we will report these to you. In consequence, our work cannot be relied upon to disclose defalcations or other irregularities, or to include all possible improvements in internal control that a more extensive special examination might identify. We do not accept any responsibility for any loss occasioned to any third party acting, or refraining from acting on the basis of the content of this report, as this report was not prepared for, nor intended for, any other purpose.

We would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation for the kind assistance provided by the finance team and other staff during our audit.

Yours sincerely

Grant Patterson
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Section 1: Executive summary

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Purpose of this report

This report highlights the key issues affecting the results of Warwickshire County Council Pension Fund ('the Fund') and the preparation of the Fund's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016. It is also used to report our audit findings to management and those charged with governance in accordance with the requirements of International Standard on Auditing (UK & Ireland) 260, and the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ('the Act').

Under the National Audit Office (NAO) Code of Audit Practice ('the Code'), we are required to report whether, in our opinion, the Fund's financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund and its income and expenditure for the year and whether they have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting.

We are also required to consider other information published together with the audited financial statements, whether it is consistent with the financial statements and in line with required guidance. This includes the Pension Fund Annual Report.

Introduction

In the conduct of our audit we have not had to alter or change our audit approach, which we communicated to you in our Audit Plan dated 18 February 2016.

Our audit is substantially complete although we are finalising our procedures in the following areas:

- review of the outstanding controls reports and bridging letters from the fund managers,
- review of the final version of the financial statements,
- obtaining and reviewing the management letter of representation,
- updating our post balance sheet events review, to the date of signing the opinion, and
- review of the Pension Fund Annual Report and issuing of a 'consistency with' opinion on the pension fund financial statements in the Pension Fund Annual Report under the NAO's AGN 07.

We received draft financial statements and accompanying working papers at the commencement of our work, in accordance with the agreed timetable.

We anticipate providing a unqualified audit opinion in respect of the Pension Fund financial statements (see Appendix B).

Key audit and financial reporting issues

Financial statements opinion

Subject to satisfactory completion of the outstanding matters noted on the prior page, we anticipate providing an unqualified opinion in respect of the Fund's financial statements.

We have not identified any adjustments affecting the Fund's reported financial position. However, we have:

- a) identified one valuation error of £1.2m, one classification difference between Level 1 and Level 2 investments of £1.3m in a disclosure note and one misclassification of £1.6m in respect of returns on investments which Management are proposing not to amend on the basis that they do not materially impact a reader of the accounts. These are detailed further in the section of this report headed 'Unadjusted misstatements' on page 18. We are seeking the Audit & Standard's Committee's agreement not to adjust and confirmation of this within the Letter of Representation, and
- b) recommended a number of adjustments to improve the presentation of the financial statements and ensure greater alignment with the Code.

The key messages arising from our audit of the Fund's financial statements are:

- We have no material adjusted misstatements to report.
- Working papers continue to be of a high standard, with queries resolved promptly from both the finance staff and members of the pension administration team.
- Our testing of investments has identified some differences between values reported by the Fund, and values that are publically available, the differences are not material, and have been reported separately later in this report.
- The financial statements continue to be compliant with the CIPFA Code in all significant respects, however it has been a number of years now since the statements have been reviewed against the example accounts produced by CIPFA. In particular, the layout and ordering of the information provided could be improved to aid clarity for the reader of the accounts. We have discussed this with officers during the audit, and made some changes for the current year, and also suggested areas to consider in future years.

Further details are set out in section two of this report.

Controls

Roles and responsibilities

The Fund's management is responsible for the identification, assessment, management and monitoring of risk, and for developing, operating and monitoring the system of internal control.

Our audit is not designed to test all internal controls or identify all areas of control weakness. However, where, as part of our testing, we identify any control weaknesses, we report these to the Fund.

Findings

The only control weakness which we wish to bring to your attention is that this is the second consecutive year where no specific work has been undertaken on the activities of the Fund by Internal Audit. Further details are provided within section two of this report.

The way forward

Matters arising from the financial statements audit have been discussed with the Head of Finance.

We have made a number of recommendations, which are set out in the action plan at Appendix A. Recommendations have been discussed and agreed with the Head of Finance and the Fund's finance team.

Acknowledgement

We would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation for the assistance provided by the finance team, the pension administration team and other staff during our audit.

Grant Thornton UK LLP
September 2016

Section 2: Audit findings

01. Executive summary

02. Audit findings

03. Fees, non audit services and independence

04. Communication of audit matters

This section summarises the findings of the audit, we report on the final level of materiality used and the work undertaken against the risks we identified in our initial audit plan. We also conclude on the accounting policies, estimates and judgements used and highlight any weaknesses found as part of the audit in internal controls. As required by auditing standards we detail both adjusted and unadjusted misstatements to the accounts and their impact on the financial statements.

Materiality

In performing our audit, we apply the concept of materiality, following the requirements of International Standard on Auditing (UK & Ireland) (ISA) 320: Materiality in planning and performing an audit. The standard states that 'misstatements, including omissions, are considered to be material if they, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements'.

As we reported in our audit plan, we determined overall materiality to be £16,381k (being 1% of net assets at 31 March 2015). We have considered whether this measure and level remained appropriate during the course of the audit. Net assets at 31 March 2016 had increased to £1.665bn which would lead to a materiality of £16,651k (1% of net assets). We do not consider that the increase of £270k would impact upon our audit approach and have therefore made no changes to our overall materiality reported in our audit plan.

We also set an amount below which misstatements would be clearly trivial and would not need to be accumulated or reported to those charged with governance because we would not expect that the accumulated effect of such amounts would have a material impact on the financial statements. We have defined the amount below which misstatements would be clearly trivial to be £818k. This remains the same as reported in our audit plan.

As we reported in our audit plan, we identified the following items where we decided that separate, lower, materiality levels were appropriate. These remain the same as reported in our audit plan.

Balance/transaction/disclosure	Explanation	Materiality level
Management Expenses	Due to public interest in these disclosures and the statutory requirement for them to be made.	No separate materiality has been set, but these disclosures will be treated as a sensitive item and reviewed even if they are below our overall materiality level.
Related party transactions	Due to public interest in these disclosures and the statutory requirement for them to be made.	£100k for the disclosures of key personnel in the related party note.

Audit findings against significant risks

"Significant risks often relate to significant non-routine transactions and judgmental matters. Non-routine transactions are transactions that are unusual, either due to size or nature, and that therefore occur infrequently. Judgmental matters may include the development of accounting estimates for which there is significant measurement uncertainty" (ISA (UK&I) 315).

In this section we detail our response to the significant risks of material misstatement which we identified in the Audit Plan. As we noted in our plan, there are two presumed significant risks which are applicable to all audits under auditing standards.

	Risks identified in our audit plan	Work completed	Assurance gained and issues arising
1.	<p>The revenue cycle includes fraudulent transactions</p> <p>Under ISA (UK&I) 240 there is a presumed risk that revenue may be misstated due to the improper recognition of revenue.</p> <p>This presumption can be rebutted if the auditor concludes that there is no risk of material misstatement due to fraud relating to revenue recognition.</p>	<p>Having considered the risk factors set out in ISA240 and the nature of the revenue streams at Warwickshire County Council Pension Fund, we have determined that the risk of fraud arising from revenue recognition can be rebutted, because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is little incentive to manipulate revenue recognition • opportunities to manipulate revenue recognition are very limited; and • the culture and ethical frameworks of local authorities, including Warwickshire County Council as the administering authority, mean that all forms of fraud are seen as unacceptable. 	<p>Our audit work has not identified any material issues in respect of revenue recognition.</p>
2.	<p>Management over-ride of controls</p> <p>Under ISA (UK&I) 240 it is presumed that the risk of management over-ride of controls is present in all entities.</p>	<p>We have undertaken the following work in relation to this risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review of accounting estimates, judgements and decisions made by management, • testing of journal entries, and • review of unusual significant transactions. 	<p>Our audit work has not identified any evidence of management over-ride of controls. In particular, the findings of our review of journal controls and testing of journal entries has not identified any significant issues.</p> <p>Our testing did identify three late journals that had been posted to amend an investment classification. These had not been formally approved in line with the Fund's normal procedures, however we have gained sufficient assurance that these journals were an appropriate year end adjustment.</p>

Audit findings against significant risks continued

We have also identified the following significant risks of material misstatement from our understanding of the entity. We set out below the work we have completed to address these risks.

	Risks identified in our audit plan	Work completed	Assurance gained and issues arising
3.	<p>Level 3 Investments – Valuation is incorrect</p> <p>Under ISA 315 significant risks often relate to significant non-routine transactions and judgemental matters. Level 3 investments by their very nature require a significant degree of judgement to reach an appropriate valuation at year end.</p>	<p>We have undertaken the following work in relation to this risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gained an understanding of the transactions via discussions with the pension fund team and reviewed supporting documentation. carried out walkthrough tests of the controls identified in the cycle. tested a sample of investments by obtaining and reviewing the audited accounts at latest date for individual investments and agreeing these to the fund manager reports at that date. Reconciliation of those values to the values at 31st March with reference to known movements in the intervening period. reviewed the qualifications of fund managers as experts to value the level 3 investments at year end and gain an understanding of how the valuation of these investments has been reached. reviewed the nature and basis of estimated values and considered what assurance management has over the year end valuations provided for these types of investments. reviewed the competence, expertise and objectivity of any management experts used. 	<p>Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the risk identified. However, we note that the fund manager confirmation from SL Capital is £0.9m higher than the value recorded by the custodian and therefore included in the accounts. The difference relates to unrealised gains not recorded by the custodian.</p>
4.	<p>Disinvestment from assets managed by Blackrock Investment Management</p> <p>The pension fund is in the process of moving all the assets it currently holds with Blackrock to Legal and General Investment Management (LGIM), as part of a pooling of passive mandates with other local government pension funds. LGIM already act as a fund manager for the pension fund and therefore we do not expect the transfer to be particularly complex, however the holding with Blackrock is significant (£284.4m at 31/3/15, or 17% of the fund's net assets) and we therefore consider it to be a significant non-routine transaction.</p>	<p>We have undertaken the following work in relation to this risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gained an understanding of the transaction including a review of supporting documentation. reviewed the reconciliation of information provided by the fund managers, the custodian and the Pension Fund's own records and sought explanations for variances. have reviewed the accounting entries in the financial statements to ensure that they are consistent with our understanding of the supporting documentation and with the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice. 	<p>Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the risk identified.</p>

Audit findings against other risks

In this section we detail our response to the other risks of material misstatement which we identified in the Audit Plan. Recommendations, together with management responses are attached at appendix A.

Transaction cycle	Description of risk	Work completed	Assurance gained & issues arising
Investment Income	Investment activity not valid. Investment income not accurate. (Accuracy)	<p>We have undertaken the following work in relation to this risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> performed a walkthrough to gain assurance that the in-year controls were operating in accordance with our documented understanding. reviewed the reconciliation of information provided by the fund managers, the custodian and the Pension Fund's own records and sought explanations for variances. 	Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the risk identified.
Investment values – Level 2 investments	Valuation is incorrect. (Valuation net)	<p>We have undertaken the following work in relation to this risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> performed a walkthrough to gain assurance that the in-year controls were operating in accordance with our documented understanding. reviewed the reconciliation of information provided by the fund managers, the custodian and the Pension Fund's own records and sought explanations for variances. 	Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the risk identified. However, testing of Level 2 investments identified that two cash balances had been included in the analysis which shouldn't have been included. The value of the items is £3.8m and officers have agreed to amend for this.

Audit findings against other risks (continued)



Transaction cycle	Description of risk	Work completed	Assurance gained & issues arising
Contributions	Recorded contributions not correct (Occurrence)	<p>We have undertaken the following work in relation to this risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performed a walkthrough to gain assurance that the in-year controls were operating in accordance with our documented understanding. • tested a sample of contributions to source data to gain assurance over their accuracy and occurrence. • analysed contributions received with reference to changes in member body payrolls and numbers of contributing pensioners and ensured that any unexpected trends were satisfactorily explained. 	Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the risk identified.
Benefits payable	Benefits improperly computed/claims liability understated (Completeness, accuracy and occurrence)	<p>We have undertaken the following work in relation to this risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performed a walkthrough to gain assurance that the in-year controls were operating in accordance with our documented understanding. • tested a sample of individual pensions in payment by reference to member files. • rationalised pensions paid with reference to changes in pensioner numbers and increases applied in the year and ensured that any unusual trends were satisfactorily explained. 	Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the risk identified.
Member Data	Member data not correct. (Rights and Obligations)	<p>We have undertaken the following work in relation to this risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performed a walkthrough to gain assurance that the in-year controls were operating in accordance with our documented understanding. • sample tested changes to member data made during the year to source documentation. 	Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the risk identified.

Significant matters discussed with management



Significant matter	Commentary
Reliance on the work of experts	<p>The Fund places significant reliance on the work of both the custodian and the fund managers in producing the statement of accounts. During the course of the audit, we have challenged some of the initial assumptions used by the custodian, however we have seen limited evidence that the data provided has been challenged as part of the financial statements production process. In addition, our review of the control reports provided by fund managers has identified one control report that had been qualified by the auditors. We are satisfied that the control deficiencies are unlikely to lead to a material error in the financial statements but it is not clear how management had considered the potential impact of this qualification on the Fund and whether there was a matter to raise with those charged with governance.</p> <p>While we acknowledge that the Fund employs a range of experts to help them manage their investment portfolio, it is important that, where appropriate, assumptions used or areas of uncertainty are challenged and clearly understood by officers of the Fund when producing the financial statements. In addition, members need to be aware of the key areas of accounts that are influenced by experts and that the experts are suitably qualified and experienced in their field.</p> <p>This is an area that will become increasingly important as asset pooling develops, and governance structures become more complicated.</p>
Fair Value of the debtor in respect of Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust	<p>Following the winding-up of Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust in 2014/15 it was determined that a cessation payment of £2.7m was due to the Fund in respect of pension liabilities. This was shown as a current asset in 2014/15. No payments have been received in 2015/16 and the Council, as administering authority, is in on-going discussions with the Trust's guarantor. We have challenged management on whether the full debt is collectable and they remain of the view that it is. The sum is not material to our opinion but we have requested that the Fund includes a specific reference to the collectability of the £2.7m cessation payment in the management representation letter.</p>

Accounting policies, estimates and judgements

In this section we report on our consideration of accounting policies, in particular revenue recognition policies, and key estimates and judgements made and included with the Fund's financial statements.



Accounting area	Summary of policy	Comments	Assessment
Revenue recognition	<p>There are two key policies in relation to revenue recognition: that for contribution income and that for investment income.</p> <p>Normal contributions are accounted for in the payroll month to which they relate.</p> <p>Investment income from equities is accounted for on the date stocks are quoted ex-dividend. Income from fixed interest and index-linked securities, cash and short term deposits is accounted for on an accruals basis, as is income from other investments.</p>	The policies are considered appropriate under the accounting framework in place.	 (Green)
Judgements and estimates	<p>Because of the nature of the fund no significant accounting judgements have been made, with all judgements following the requirements set out in the Code.</p> <p>The Fund has a material balance of investments with significant unobservable inputs. The valuation of these investments is subject to varying degrees of estimation uncertainty. The Fund discloses the differing methods of valuation for these funds within the accounting policies. In each case the Fund chooses to rely on the valuation provided by the fund manager.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies are considered appropriate under the accounting framework in place. Overall sufficient assurance has been provided by either the experts used for valuing the Fund, or we have been able to agree valuations to third party evidence. For Harbourvest, due to the timing differences in receiving up-to-date valuations from the fund manager compared to the date the financial statements need to be prepared the closing values reported for Harbourvest are estimated based upon the value of the investment as at December 2015. Updated valuations as at 31 March 2016 were available at the time of our audit and these have been reviewed to evaluate the reasonableness of the estimate or key assumptions used in the preparation of the estimate. We have noted that the estimate included in the financial statements is £1.7m less than that which would have been included if the final year end position had been known at the time the accounts were prepared. This is not material and below our expectation of tolerable error. We are therefore satisfied that the estimate is as a result of applying an appropriate estimation technique and no amendment is required to the accounts. 	 (Green)

Assessment

-  Marginal accounting policy which could potentially attract attention from regulators (Red)
-  Accounting policy appropriate but scope for improved disclosure (Amber)
-  Accounting policy appropriate and disclosures sufficient (Green)

Accounting policies, estimates and judgements continued

In this section we report on our consideration of accounting policies, in particular revenue recognition policies, and key estimates and judgements made and included with the Fund's financial statements.

Accounting area	Summary of policy	Comments	Assessment
Going concern	Officers have a reasonable expectation that the services provided by the Fund will continue for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.	We have reviewed officers' assessment and are satisfied with management's assessment that the going concern basis is appropriate for the 2015/16 financial statements.	 (Green)
Other accounting policies	We have reviewed the Fund's policies against the requirements of the CIPFA Code and accounting standards.	Our review of accounting policies has not highlighted any issues which we wish to bring to your attention.	 (Green)

Assessment

- Marginal accounting policy which could potentially attract attention from regulators (Red)
- Accounting policy appropriate but scope for improved disclosure (Amber)
- Accounting policy appropriate and disclosures sufficient (Green)

Other communication requirements

We set out below details of other matters which we, as auditors, are required by auditing standards and the Code to communicate to those charged with governance.



	Issue	Commentary
1.	Matters in relation to fraud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have previously discussed the risk of fraud with the Audit and Standards Committee. We have not been made aware of any other incidents in the period and no other issues have been identified during the course of our audit procedures.
2.	Matters in relation to related parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft note made no references to members of the pension board and whether they are active if that constitutes a related party interest. Officers have agreed to amend the note in the final version of the financial statements.
3.	Matters in relation to laws and regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have not made us aware of any significant incidences of non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations and we have not identified any incidences from our audit work.
4.	Written representations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to the standard representations required, including the reasons for not adjusting for the matters identified on page 18, we have also requested that the Fund includes a specific representation in relation the collectability of the £2.7m cessation payment in respect of Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust.
5.	Confirmation requests from third parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We requested from management permission to send confirmation requests to all of the fund managers that work with the Fund. This permission was granted and the requests were sent, all of these requests were returned with positive confirmation, with the exception of Partners Group, who hold a value of investments of £0.7m. Further procedures have been carried out in respect of this balance.
6.	Disclosures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The financial statements continue to be compliant with the CIPFA Code in all significant respects, however it has been a number of years now since the statements have been reviewed against the example accounts produced by CIPFA. In particular, the layout and ordering of the information provided could be improved to aid clarity for the reader of the accounts. We have discussed this with officers during the audit, and made some changes for the current year, and also suggested areas to consider in future years.
7.	Matters on which we report by exception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are required to report by exception where the Pension Fund Annual Report is inconsistent with the financial statements. Due to statutory deadlines the Pension Fund Annual Report is not required to be published until the 1st December 2016 and therefore this has not yet been produced. We are therefore unable to give a certificate of completion on the audit of the administering authority until this work has been completed.

Internal controls

The purpose of an audit is to express an opinion on the financial statements.



Our audit included consideration of internal controls relevant to the preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. We considered and walked through the internal controls for Investment Income, Contributions, Benefits Payable, and Member Data as set out on page 9 above.

The matters that we identified during the course of our audit are set out in the table below. These and other recommendations, together with management responses, are included in the action plan attached at Appendix A.

	Assessment	Issue and risk	Recommendations
1.	 (Amber)	<p>Our examination of the overall control environment includes a review of internal audit. While we have concluded that internal audit are independent and have the required skills, we note that the audit plan included no specific work on the pension fund for the current year. This was also reported last year. Our work in the sector demonstrates that most funds have some form of internal audit coverage, and that this has increased in recent years to take account of the introduction of LGPS 2014.</p> <p>Members will be aware that the landscape for public sector pensions is undergoing substantial change currently and it is important that appropriate assurance is gained in key areas. Last year was the first year that the pensions regulator had a remit in relation to public sector pension schemes, and to date they have undertaken limited work, however it is important to note that any review they undertake is likely to focus on member data and administration of the information held by the Fund.</p>	<p>The Head of Finance, in conjunction with members should consider whether sufficient assurance is in place on key controls within the pension fund.</p> <p>Further consideration is also needed on the most appropriate reporting mechanism for the work of internal audit in relation to the pension fund, either continuing through the Audit and Standards Committee, or via the local Pension Board.</p>
2.	 (Amber)	<p>Testing of Level 1 investments against public data identified some minor differences in unit prices between those that are publically available and those provided by the fund managers on their reports. We have projected the differences identified, which indicates a potential difference of £1.5m. The individual differences are trivial and we are satisfied that as the projection is significantly below our tolerable error that we have a reasonable basis for concluding on the population as a whole and do not consider that this indicates a material error in the valuation of Level 1 investments. However, as noted earlier it is important that, where appropriate, assumptions used by the Fund's experts are challenged and clearly understood by officers of the Fund when producing the financial statements.</p>	<p>The Head of Finance should consider whether appropriate controls and processes are in place to validate and challenge information provided by experts when producing the financial statements.</p> <p>In addition, members need to be aware of the key areas of accounts that are influenced by experts and that the experts are suitably qualified and experienced in their field.</p>

The matters reported here are limited to those deficiencies that we have identified during the course of our audit and that we have concluded are of sufficient importance to merit being reported to you in accordance with auditing standards.

Assessment

-  Significant deficiency – risk of significant misstatement (Red)
-  Deficiency – risk of inconsequential misstatement (Amber)

Unadjusted misstatements

The table below provides details of adjustments identified during the audit which have not been made within the final set of financial statements. The Audit and Standards Committee is required to approve management's proposed treatment of all items recorded within the table below.

Detail	Account balance	Reason for not adjusting
<p>1 We have identified that investments with MFS have been valued using mid price. The accounting policies clearly state that this should have been valued using bid price. If the holdings had been valued at bid price the value would have been £1.2m lower and therefore this has resulted in equities being overstated by £1.2m.</p>	<p>Equities £571.6m</p>	<p>The balance is not considered material to the reader of the accounts.</p>
<p>2 Within Note 19 – Financial instruments and fair value disclosures – we identified a classification error of £1.3m between Level 1 and 2 investments. The total combined value of the investments is correct.</p>	<p>Note 19 – Financial instruments and fair value disclosures</p>	<p>The disclosure difference is not considered material to the reader of the accounts.</p>
<p>3 CIPFA guidance states that management fees which are netted off fund assets should be grossed up. The Fund has recognised this by grossing up management fees which are not invoiced as an opposite entry to the return on investments so that the net impact on the Fund Account is nil. The CIPFA recommended treatment is to identify the value of units redeemed in lieu of fees and report this as a disposal, thus increasing the reported profit on disposal and/or change in the market value of investments, with no net impact on the Fund Account. The treatment by the Fund as a return on investments is therefore not in line with this guidance. The total value of such entries identified is £1.6m that have been misclassified.</p>	<p>Return on investments</p>	<p>Officers have not amended for this as it links to guidance and not a Code requirement but have agreed to add an additional disclosure explaining the treatment.</p>

Misclassifications and disclosure changes

The table below provides details of misclassification and disclosure changes identified during the audit which have been made in the final set of financial statements.

Adjustment type	Account balance	Impact on the financial statements
1 Presentation and disclosure	Various	<p>Our review of the financial statements highlighted some improvements that were required to be made to the accounts. None of these were individually significant and they have been made to improve the final presentation and aid clarity for the reader. The proposed adjustments were agreed with the Fund and changes have been made to the draft accounts submitted for audit.</p> <p>Examples include Note 1 making reference to outdated regulations, Note 2 referred to the wrong version of the Code and the Statement of Responsibilities referred to the wrong version of the Accounts and Audit Regulations. Additional disclosure was requested to take account of the changes to the governance arrangements and the introduction of the local Pension Board. We also highlighted some notes where comparative information in respect of the prior year needed to be added. This is in addition to the need to tidy up formatting and some punctuation prior to publication.</p>
2 Disclosure	Critical judgements and estimation uncertainty	The draft accounts state that the Fund makes no critical judgements, however given the nature of both private equity investments and the actuarial information this is not in line with our expectations. We have discussed this with officers and additional disclosures for the 2015/16 accounts have been agreed which more closely align with the CIPFA example accounts. Further improvements in this area are planned for 2016/17.
3 Disclosure	Note 19 – Financial instruments and fair value disclosures	The fair value notes that classify assets as Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 incorrectly include loans and receivables and cash instruments. Officers have agreed to amend these disclosures. In addition, we would expect the disclosures on financial instruments to include a note on the Fund's exposure to hedge funds, again officers have agreed to add further disclosure in the revised accounts.
4 Disclosure	Events after the reporting date	There is currently no note for events after the reporting date. Given the recent uncertainties in financial markets as a result of Brexit we have asked management to consider where there are non-adjusting post balance sheet events that might need to be reported at the date the financial statements are authorised for publication.

Misclassifications and disclosure changes continued

Adjustment type	Account balance	Impact on the financial statements
5 Misclassification	Management expenses	We had highlighted this note as a sensitive item as a result of the level of public interest in the cost of managing pension funds and the recent government agenda on pooling. Our review highlighted some misclassification of costs between categories, which have now been amended for.
6 Misclassification	Return on investments	One item tested related to grossed up management fees which are not invoiced, this being the opposite entry to the return on investments so that the net impact on the fund account is nil. CIPFA guidance does state that management fees which are netted off fund assets should be grossed up, however the recommended treatment is to identify the value of units redeemed in lieu of fees and report this as a disposal, thus increasing the reported profit on disposal and/or change in the market value of investments, with no net impact on the Fund Account. The treatment by the Fund as a return on investments is therefore not in line with this guidance. The total value of such entries identified is £1.6m that had been misclassified. Officers have not amended this but have agreed to add an additional disclosure explaining the treatment.
7 Disclosure	Note 14 Currency Risk	Noted an inconsistency in the number of decimal places used in the table in Note 14 of the draft accounts. This meant that the table was not coherent. Officers have agreed to amend this so that all figures are shown consistently.
8 Misclassification	Infrastructure and Private Equity investments	Our work identified that infrastructure investments, and one private equity holding, had been classified as equities based on information from the custodian. Following review of the SORP and discussions with the fund managers it was agreed that these should be classified as managed funds. Officers have agreed to amend the accounts to reflect this.

Section 3: Fees, non-audit services and independence

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We confirm below our final fees charged for the audit and provision of non-audit services.

Fees

	Proposed fee per Audit Plan £	Actual fees £
Pension fund scale fee	23,892	23,892
Agreed fee variation – IAS 19	1,328	1,328
Total audit fees (excluding VAT)	25,220	25,220

The proposed fee variation for IAS 19 above takes account of the work we are required to undertake for admitted bodies with the PSAA regime and is consistent with that requested in prior years.

The proposed fees for the year were in line with the scale fee set by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA)

Fees for other services

Service	Fees £
Audit related services	Nil
Non-audit services	Nil

Independence and ethics

We confirm that there are no significant facts or matters that impact on our independence as auditors that we are required or wish to draw to your attention. We have complied with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards and therefore we confirm that we are independent and are able to express an objective opinion on the financial statements.

We confirm that we have implemented policies and procedures to meet the requirements of the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards.

Section 4: Communication of audit matters

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Communication to those charged with governance

International Standards on Auditing ISA (UK&I) 260, as well as other ISAs, prescribe matters which we are required to communicate with those charged with governance, and which we set out in the table opposite.

The Audit Plan outlined our audit strategy and plan to deliver the audit, while this Audit Findings report presents the key issues and other matters arising from the audit, together with an explanation as to how these have been resolved.

Respective responsibilities

The Audit Findings Report has been prepared in the context of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies issued by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (<http://www.psa.co.uk/appointing-auditors/terms-of-appointment/>)

We have been appointed as the Fund's independent external auditors by the Audit Commission, the body responsible for appointing external auditors to local public bodies in England at the time of our appointment. As external auditors, we have a broad remit covering finance and governance matters.

Our annual work programme is set in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice ('the Code') issued by the NAO (<https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/about-code/>). Our work considers the Fund's key risks when reaching our conclusions under the Code.

It is the responsibility of the Fund to ensure that proper arrangements are in place for the conduct of its business, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for. We have considered how the Fund is fulfilling these responsibilities.

Our communication plan	Audit Plan	Audit Findings
Respective responsibilities of auditor and management/those charged with governance	✓	
Overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit. Form, timing and expected general content of communications	✓	
Views about the qualitative aspects of the entity's accounting and financial reporting practices, significant matters and issues arising during the audit and written representations that have been sought		✓
Confirmation of independence and objectivity	✓	✓
A statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, relationships and other matters which might be thought to bear on independence. Details of non-audit work performed by Grant Thornton UK LLP and network firms, together with fees charged Details of safeguards applied to threats to independence	✓	✓
Material weaknesses in internal control identified during the audit		✓
Identification or suspicion of fraud involving management and/or others which results in material misstatement of the financial statements		✓
Non compliance with laws and regulations		✓
Expected modifications to auditor's report		✓
Uncorrected misstatements		✓
Significant matters arising in connection with related parties		✓
Significant matters in relation to going concern		✓

Appendices

Appendix A: Action plan

Priority

High - Significant effect on control system

Medium - Effect on control system

Low - Best practice

Rec No.	Recommendation	Priority	Management response	Implementation date & responsibility
1	The format and content of the accounts should be reviewed against the CIPFA example accounts to identify any improvements that could be made in future years.	Medium	Agreed	For 2016/17 accounts, Vicki Forrester and Andrew Lovegrove
2	The Head of Finance, in conjunction with members should consider whether sufficient assurance is in place on key controls within the pension fund. Further consideration is also needed on the most appropriate reporting mechanism for the work of internal audit in relation to the Pension Funds, either continuing through the Audit and Standards Committee, or via the local Pension Board.	Medium	We will discuss further with the Chief Internal Auditor to ensure that where we rely on assurance of Council-wide systems, testing includes Pension Fund transactions, and that this is 'mapped' across pension fund activity so we can take a view on whether there are any further areas that need internal audit coverage.	March 2017, John Betts
3	The Head of Finance should consider whether appropriate controls and processes are in place to validate and challenge information provided by experts when producing the financial statements and that members are aware of the key areas of accounts that are influenced by experts and that the experts are suitably qualified and experienced in their field.	Medium	We will ensure that covering reports introducing the accounts to elected members clarify the areas where we use external experts.	March 2017, John Betts

Appendix B: Audit opinion

We anticipate we will provide the Fund with an unmodified audit report or amend as appropriate

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PENSION FUND

We have audited the pension fund financial statements of Warwickshire County Council (the "Authority") for the year ended 31 March 2016 under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (the "Act"). The pension fund financial statements comprise the Pension Fund Account, the Net Assets Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16.

This report is made solely to the members of the Authority, as a body, in accordance with Part 5 of the Act and as set out in paragraph 43 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Authority and the Authority's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Head of Finance and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Head of Finance's Responsibilities, the Head of Finance is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's Statement of Accounts, which includes the pension fund financial statements, in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16, which give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the pension fund financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the pension fund financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the pension fund's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Head of Finance; and the overall presentation of the pension fund financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Authority's Statement of Accounts 2015/16 to identify material inconsistencies with the audited pension fund financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on the pension fund financial statements

In our opinion the pension fund financial statements:

- present a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the pension fund during the year ended 31 March 2016 and of the amount and disposition at that date of the fund's assets and liabilities; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 and applicable law.

Opinion on other matters

In our opinion, the other information published together with the audited pension fund financial statements in the Authority's Statement of Accounts is consistent with the audited pension fund financial statements.

Grant B Patterson
for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP, Appointed Auditor

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Date – to be the same as the date the opinion is signed.

Dear Grant

Warwickshire County Council Pension Fund

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Warwickshire County Council Pension Fund ('the Fund') for the year ended 31 March 2016 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Fund during the year ended 31 March 2016, and of the amount and disposition at that date of its assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 ('the Code').

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

Financial Statements

- 1 We have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with proper practices as set out in the Code; which give a true and fair view in accordance therewith, and for keeping records in respect of contributions received in respect of active members.
- 2 We have complied with the requirements of all statutory directions affecting the Fund and these matters have been appropriately reflected and disclosed in the financial statements.
- 3 The Council has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There has been no non-compliance with requirements of regulatory authorities that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
- 4 We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5 Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 6 We acknowledge our responsibilities for making the accounting estimates included in the financial statements. Where it was necessary to choose between estimation techniques that comply with the Code, we selected the estimation technique considered to be the most appropriate to the Fund's particular circumstances for the purpose of giving a true and fair view. Those estimates reflect our judgement based on our knowledge and experience

about past and current events and are also based on our assumptions about conditions we expect to exist and courses of action we expect to take.

- 7 We are satisfied that the material judgements used in the preparation of the financial statements are soundly based, in accordance with the Code and adequately disclosed in the financial statements. There are no other material judgements that need to be disclosed.
- 8 Except as disclosed in the financial statements:
 - a there are no unrecorded liabilities, actual or contingent
 - b none of the assets of the Fund have been assigned, pledged or mortgaged
 - c there are no material prior year charges or credits, nor exceptional or non-recurring items requiring separate disclosure.
- 9 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the Code.
- 10 Actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the Code.
- 11 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the Code requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 12 We have considered the disclosure changes schedules included in your Audit Findings Report. The financial statements have been amended for these disclosure changes and are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- 13 We have considered the unadjusted misstatements schedule included in your Audit Findings Report and attached. We have not adjusted the financial statements for these misstatements brought to our attention as they are immaterial to the results of the Fund and its financial position at year-end.
- 14 We believe that the Fund's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the Fund's needs. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements. the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Information Provided

- 15 We have provided you with:
 - a access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - b additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of your audit; and
 - c unrestricted access to persons from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- 16 We have communicated to you all deficiencies in internal control of which management is aware.

- 17 We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 18 All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 19 We have disclosed to you all our knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Fund involving:
- a management;
 - b employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 20 We have disclosed to you all our knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the Fund's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- 21 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 22 There have been no communications with The Pensions Regulator or other regulatory bodies during the year or subsequently concerning matters of non-compliance with any legal duty.
- 23 We are not aware of any reports having been made to The Pensions Regulator by any of our advisors.
- 24 We have disclosed to you the identity of all the Fund's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 25 We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Approval

The approval of this letter of representation was minuted by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 8 September 16.

Yours faithfully

Name.....

Position.....

Date.....

Signed on behalf of **Warwickshire County Council** as administering body of the **Pension Fund**