Agenda No

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee	Pension Fund Investment Board		
Date of Committee	14 November 2005		
Report Title	Investment Performance		
Summary	The report considers pension fund performance to 30 September 2005.		
For further information please contact: Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy	Phil Triggs Group Manager (Treasury and Pensions) Tel: 01926 412227 philtriggs@warwickshire.gov.uk No.		
Framework?			
Background papers	Reports from fund managers		
CONSULTATION ALREADY U	NDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified		
Other Committees			
Local Member(s)			
Other Elected Members	Cllr Davis, Chair of Pension Fund Board		
Cabinet Member			
Chief Executive			
Legal	Jane Pollard, Assistant County Solicitor, Catherine Witham, Senior Solicitor		
Finance	X David Clarke, County Treasurer (reporting officer)		
Other Chief Officers			
District Councils			
Health Authority			
Police			



Other Bodies/Individuals	
FINAL DECISION YES	
SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:	Details to be specified
Further consideration by this Committee	
To Council	
To Cabinet	
To an O & S Committee	
To an Area Committee	
Further Consultation	



Agenda No

Pension Fund Investment Board – 1 August 2005

Investment Performance

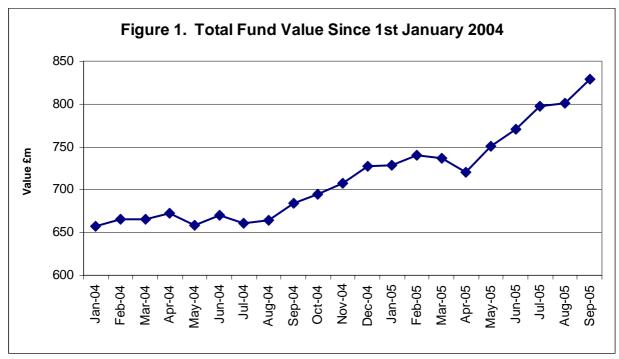
Briefing Paper of the County Treasurer

Recommendation

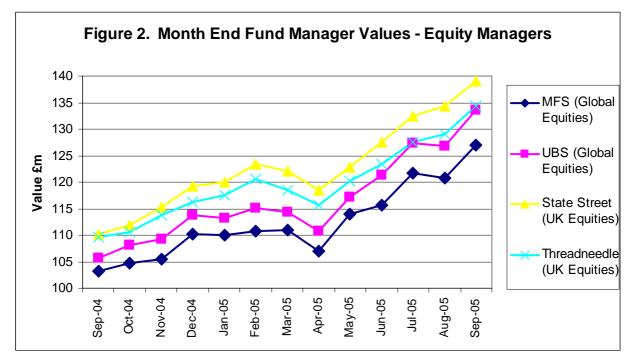
That the Board notes the fund value and performance for the second quarter in 2005/2006.

1. Fund Value to date in 2005/2006

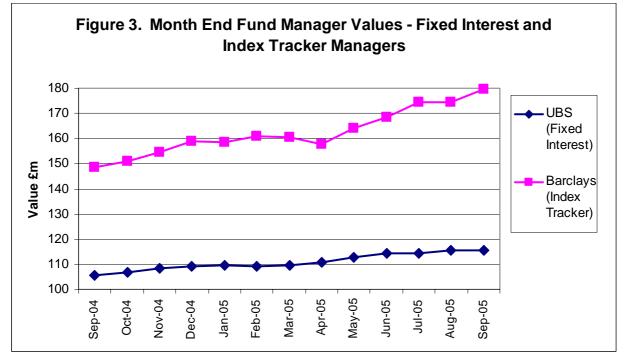
- 1.1 The report to the Board's meeting on 1 August 2005 advised that the value of the fund at 30 June was £770.8m. This was at a time when the US, UK, Asian-Pacific and Emerging Markets performed well while the Japanese equity market lagged behind.
- 1.2 Since this time, the fund has seen a further rise in value to £829.1m as at 30 September 2005. Over the quarter, global profits growth has been strong, providing a strong backdrop for equity markets. The best performing equity markets were Japan and Emerging Markets. The US equity market was relatively weak. The total value of the pension fund has experienced a rising trend over the last 18 months, fluctuating as shown in Figure 1.



1.3 The value of the portfolios invested with the new equity managers since September 2004 is shown in Figure 2. All managers have seen an increase in portfolio values since September 2004, although values fell for each manager in March and April 2005.



1.4 The value of the portfolios invested with the Fixed Interest and Index Tracker Managers are shown in Figure 3.





1.5 The fund managers will provide detailed performance reports in their six monthly presentations to the Board.

2. Fund Asset Allocation

2.1 The asset allocation of the fund as at 30 September 2005 is as follows:

Asset Class		Q/E Sept 2005	Fund policy	Over/under weight
		%	%	%
Equity		76.6	75.0	1.6
	UK	38.3	37.5	0.8
	Europe (ex UK)	17.3	15.0	2.3
	North America	10.5	11.3	-0.8
	Japan	5.6	5.9	-0.3
	Pacific Basin (ex Japan)	2.2	2.5	-0.3
	Emerging Markets/other	2.7	2.8	-0.1
Fixed Income		22.5	25.0	-2.5
	UK corporate bonds	9.1	10.0	-0.9
	UK government bonds	8.7	10.0	-1.3
	UK index linked bonds	4.5	5.0	-0.5
	Global fixed income	0.3	0.0	0.3
Cash		0.9	0.0	0.9
Total		100.0	100.0	0.0

Table 1. Asset Allocation

Source: Russell Mellon

2.2 Overall the fund was overweight in UK and European equities, Global Fixed Income and cash and underweight in all other asset classes. Necessary adjustments to asset allocation are made by Barclays (Index-Tracker Manager) immediately after the quarter end in order to adhere to the fund policy.



3. Fund Performance

3.1 The performance of the fund against its asset class benchmarks for the quarter ending 30 September 2005 was:

Asset Type	Benchmark Measure	Q/E Sept 2005	Benchmark	Variance
		%	%	%
Equity				
United Kingdom	FTSE All-Share	8.71	8.15	0.56
Europe ex UK	FTSE World Europe ex UK	9.87	9.79	0.08
North America	FTSE World North America	5.55	5.92	-0.37
Japan	FTSE World Japan	16.65	19.91	-3.26
Pacific Basin ex Japan	FTSE AWI Developed Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	12.67	11.40	1.27
Emerging Markets	FTSE AWI Emerging Markets	20.19	19.54	0.65
Fixed Income				
UK Corporate Bonds	iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts	1.11	0.85	0.26
UK Government Bonds	FTSE UK Government All Stocks	0.63	0.45	0.18
UK Index Linked Bonds	FTSE UK Government Linked Gilts	1.33	1.35	-0.02
Total WCC Fund	WCC Total Fund Benchmark	7.56	7.40	0.16

Table 2. Performance by Asset Type

Source: Russell Mellon

- 3.2 Overall the fund out-performed the benchmark by 0.16%. There was outperformance in six asset classes:
 - UK Equities (38.3% of the fund) performed 0.56% above the benchmark
 - European Equities (17.3% of the fund) performed 0.08% above the benchmark
 - Pacific (ex Japan) Equities (2.2% of the fund) performed 1.27% above the benchmark
 - Emerging Market Equities (2.7% of the fund) performed 0.65% above the benchmark
 - UK Corporate Bonds (9.1% of the fund) performed 0.26% above the benchmark
 - UK Government Bonds (8.7% of the fund) performed 0.18% above the benchmark.



- 3.3 However, three asset classes under-performed against their benchmark in the quarter:
 - North American Equities (10.5% of the fund) performed 0.37% below the benchmark
 - Japanese Equities (5.6% of the fund) performed 3.26% below the benchmark
 - UK Index Linked Bonds (4.5% of the fund) performed 0.02% below the benchmark
- 3.4 **Appendix A** provides details of the investment managers' mandates and benchmark targets. The performances of managers against their benchmarks for the quarter ending 30 September 2005 were:

Manager	Benchmark Measure	Q/E Sept 2005	Benchmark	Variance
		%	%	%
Barclays		6.61		0.26
	BGI Benchmark		6.35	0.20
MFS		9.89		-0.67
	Global Equity Benchmark		10.56	-0.07
State Street		8.98		0.82
	FTSE All-Share		8.16	0.02
Threadneedle		8.93		0.77
	FTSE All-Share		8.16	0.77
UBS (Global Equitie	s)	10.02		-1.46
	Global Equity Benchmark		11.48	-1.40
UBS (Fixed Interest)		0.92		0.27
	UBS UK Bond Benchmark		0.65	0.27
Total		7.56		0.16
	WCC Total Fund Benchmark		7.40	0.10

Table 3. Performance by Fund Manager

Source: Russell Mellon

- 3.5 Overall the fund out-performed its overall benchmark by 0.16%. During the quarter, Barclays, State Street, Threadneedle, and UBS (Fixed Interest) out-performed their benchmarks. However, MFS and UBS (Global Equities) failed to meet their benchmarks. **Appendix A** provides details of the out-performance required by each fund manager over three-year rolling periods.
- 3.6 Twelve months data on the performance of the new managers is available. The performance of managers against their benchmark over this period is shown below.



Manager	Variance	Variance	Variance	Variance
	Q/E Dec 04	Q/E Mar 05	Q/E June 05	Q/E Sept 05
	%	%	%	%
Barclays	0.10	0.04	-0.07	0.26
MFS	-0.32	-0.41	-2.00	-0.67
State Street	1.32	-0.65	-0.50	0.82
Threadneedle	-0.68	-1.14	-0.95	0.77
UBS (Global Equities)	0.44	-0.44	-0.13	-1.46
UBS (Fixed Interest)	-0.13	0.06	-0.19	0.27
Total	0.07	-0.40	-0.60	0.16

Table 4. Fund Manager Performance to Date

Source: Russell Mellon

3.7 No manager has consistently exceeded their benchmark over all four quarters. MFS is the only fund manager to have failed to meet their benchmark since appointed.

DAVID CLARKE County Treasurer

Shire Hall Warwick November 2005



Appendix A

Investment Managers Mandates

BGI

The initial details of the multi-asset passive mandate are as follows:

	Benchmark (%)	Index
UK Equities	9.0	FTSE All-Share Index
European (ex UK) Equities	38.5	FTSE AW Developed Europe (ex UK) Index
North American Equities	6.0 *	FTSE AW USA Index
		FTSE AW Canada Index
Japanese Equities	3.0	FTSE AW Japan Index
Pacific Basin (ex Japan) Equities	1.5	FTSE AW Developed Pacific (ex Japan) Index
Emerging Markets Equities	1.5	IFC Investable Index (ex Malaysia)
UK Corporate Bonds	9.0	iBoxx Sterling Non Gilts All Stocks years Index
UK Fixed Interest Gilts	9.0	FTSE A All Stocks Fixed Interest Gilt Index
UK Index Linked Gilts	22.5	FTSE A All Stocks Index Linked Gilt Index
Total	100.0	

* Split between the US and Canada in proportion with the FTSE AW Developed North America Index.

Within each class of assets, BGI will be expected to track the relevant benchmark index within agreed tolerance limits.

In addition, BGI will be expected to maintain the overall Fund benchmark (details given in section 3.3) by rebalancing its assets under management, i.e., the passive investment manager will act as a "Swing Manager" on behalf of the Fund. Therefore, the above mandate will only apply initially; the ongoing mandate will vary with swing management.

SSGA and Threadneedle

The details of the UK equity mandates are:

	Benchmark (%)	Allowable Range (%)	Index
UK Equities	100.0	+/- 5.0	FTSE All-Share Index
Cash	0.0	+/- 5.0	

The out-performance target for each UK equity mandate is FTSE All Share Index +1.5% per annum (gross of fees) over rolling three-year periods.



UBS (Global Equity)

The details of the global equity mandate are:

	Benchmark (%)	Allowable Range (%)	Index
European (inc UK) Equities	30.56	+/- 10.0	FTSE Europe Developed (inc UK) Index
North American Equities	30.56	+/- 10.0	FTSE AW Developed North America Index
Pacific Basin (inc Japan) Equities	30.55	+/- 10.0	FTSE Asia Pacific Developed Pacific (inc Japan) Index
Emerging Markets Equities	8.33	+/- 3.0	FTSE AW All Emerging Index
Cash	0.00	+/- 5.0	
Total	100.00		

Totals affected by rounding

The out-performance target for each global equity mandate is 1.5% per annum (gross of fees) over rolling three-year periods above the return of the indices weighted by the benchmark allocation.

MFS (Global Equity)

The details of the global equity mandate are:

Total	100.00		
Cash	0.00	+/- 5.0	
Emerging Markets Equities	8.33	+/- 3.0	FTSE AW All Emerging Index
Pacific Basin (ex Japan) Equities	4.45	+/- 3.0	FTSE AW Developed Pacific (ex Japan) Index
Japanese Equities	15.00	+/- 5.0	FTSE AW Developed Japan Index
North American Equities	36.11	+/- 10.0	FTSE AW Developed North America Index
European (inc UK) Equities	36.11	+/- 10.0	FTSE AW Developed Europe Index
	Benchmark (%)	Allowable Range (%)	Index

Totals affected by rounding

The out-performance target for each global equity mandate is 1.5% per annum (gross of fees) over rolling three-year periods above the return of the indices weighted by the benchmark allocation.

UBS (Bonds)

The details of the bond mandate are:

	Benchmark (%)	Allowable Range (%)	Index
UK Corporate Bonds	50.0	+/- 20.0	iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts All Stocks Index
UK Fixed Interest Gilts	50.0	+/- 20.0	FTSE A All Stocks Fixed Interest Gilt Index
Cash	0.0	+/- 15.0	
Total	100.0		

The out-performance target for the bond mandate is 1.0% per annum (gross of fees) over rolling three-year periods above the return of the indices weighted by the benchmark allocation.

