

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Pension Fund Investment Board

Date of Committee 18 February 2008

Report Title Investment Performance

Summary The report considers pension fund investment performance to 31 December 2007.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers Reports from fund managers

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s)
- Other Elected Members Cllr Davis, Chair of Pension Fund Board
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Tony Maione
- Finance David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources (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

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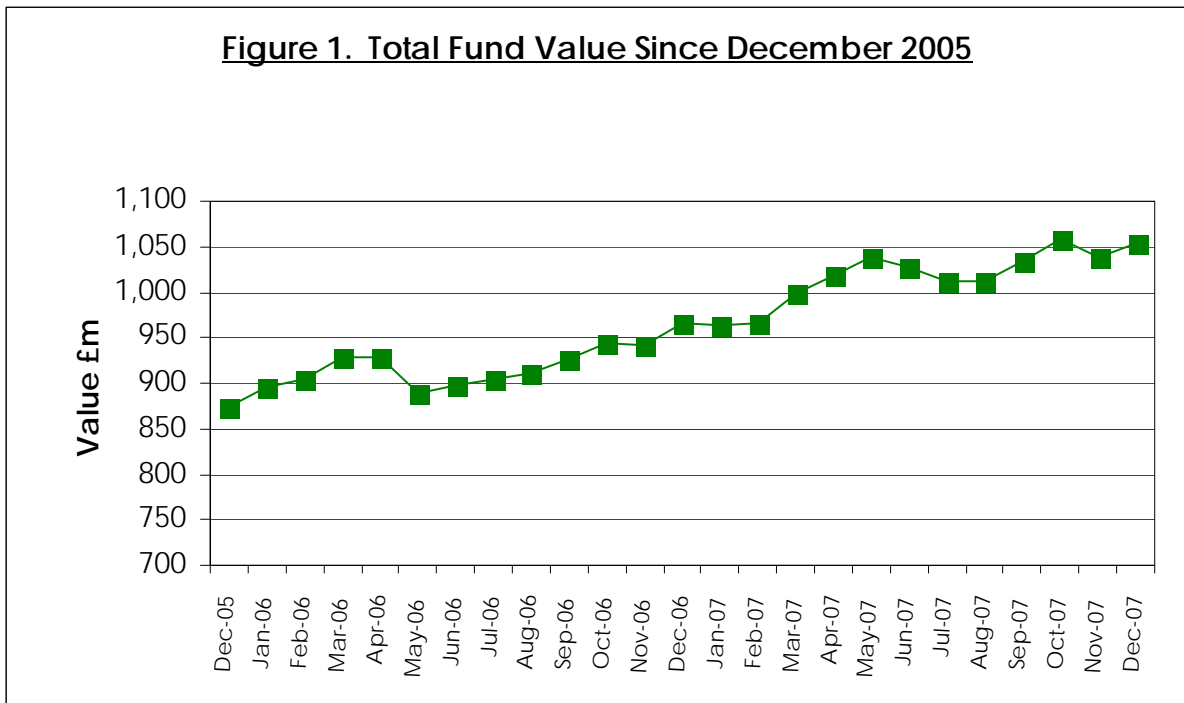
Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Recommendation

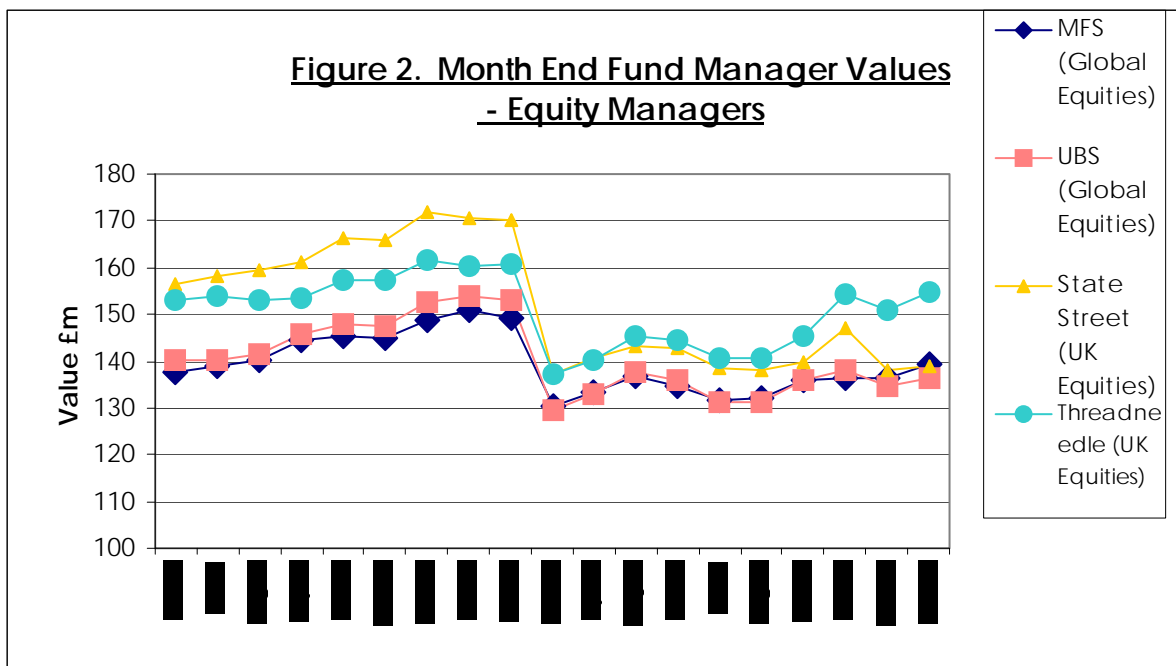
That the Board notes the fund value and performance for the third quarter in 2007/2008 to 31 December 2007.

1. Fund Value to date in 2007/2008

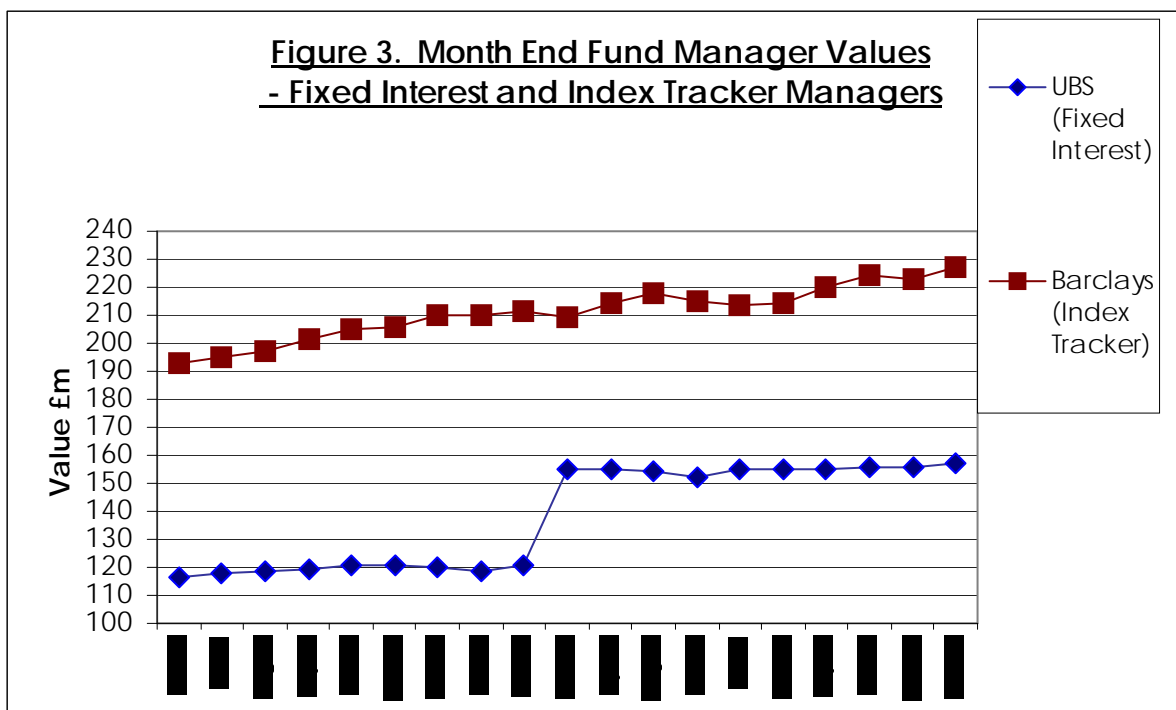
- 1.1 The report to the Board's meeting on 26 November 2007 gave the fund position on the fund of £1028.4m £1033.9m at 30 September 2007.
- 1.2 Since this date the fund value has increased due to good performance in equities and fixed income. The fund value was £1053.4m at 31 December 2007.



1.3 The value of the portfolios invested with the equity managers is shown in Figure 2. The reduction in values at March 2007 is due to the restructuring of the pension fund.



1.4 The values of the portfolios invested with the Fixed Interest and Index-Tracker Managers are shown in Figure 3. The increase in UBS Fixed interest is due to the restructuring of the pension fund.



1.5 The values of the portfolios invested with Alternative Investment Managers at 31 December 2007 were:

Table 1: Values invested with Alternative Investment Managers at 31 December 2007

Asset Class	31-Dec-07 £
Hedge Funds	54.4
Blackstone	54.4
Property	45.1
Threadneedle	22.2
Schroders	22.9

2. Fund Asset Allocation

2.1 The asset allocation of the fund as at 31 December 2007 is as follows:

Table 2: Asset Allocation

Asset Class	Q/E Dec 2007	Fund policy	Over/under weight
	%	%	%
Equity	65.90	65.00	0.90
UK	32.90	32.50	0.40
Europe (ex UK)	16.50	13.00	3.50
North America	8.80	9.75	-0.95
Far East/Emerging Markets	7.70	9.75	-2.05
Fixed Income	23.50	25.00	-1.50
UK corporate bonds	9.20	10.00	-0.80
UK government bonds	9.10	10.00	-0.90
UK index linked bonds	4.90	5.00	-0.10
Global fixed income	0.30	0.00	0.30
Hedge Funds	5.10	5.00	0.10
Property	4.50	5.00	-0.50
Cash	1.00	0.00	1.00
Total	100.00	100.00	0.00

Source: Mellon

2.2 Overall, at 30 September 2007, the fund was overweight in UK Equities, European Equities, Global Fixed Income, Hedge Funds and Cash. The fund was underweight in all other asset classes. Necessary adjustments to the 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 31 December 2007 was:

Table 3: Performance by Asset Type

Asset Type	Benchmark Measure	Q/E Dec 2007	Benchmark	Variance
		%	%	%
Equity				
United Kingdom	<i>Total Fund UK Composite</i>	2.61	-0.29	2.90
Europe ex UK	<i>FTSE AW Dev Europe ex UK</i>	2.87	3.02	-0.15
North America	<i>FTSE AW Dev North America</i>	0.42	-0.56	0.98
Japan	<i>FTSE World Japan</i>	-1.41	-3.39	1.98
Pacific Basin ex Japan	<i>FTSE AW Developed Asia Pacific (ex Japan)</i>	2.64	2.00	0.64
Emerging Markets	<i>Total Fund Emerging Markets Composite</i>	5.90	6.41	-0.51
Fixed Income				
UK Corporate Bonds	<i>iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts</i>	1.27	2.42	-1.15
UK Government Bonds	<i>FTSE UK Government All Stocks</i>	2.64	4.35	-1.71
UK Index Linked Bonds	<i>FTSE UK Government Linked Gilts</i>	5.37	5.38	-0.01
Alternatives				
Property	<i>Property Benchmark</i>	-8.06	-8.25	0.19
Hedge Funds	<i>Hedge Funds Benchmark</i>	2.98	2.80	0.18
Total WCC Fund	<i>WCC Total Fund Benchmark</i>	1.89	1.00	0.89

3.2 Overall, the fund out-performed the benchmark by 0.89%. There was out-performance in six asset classes:

- UK Equities (32.9% of the fund) performed 2.90% above the benchmark.
- North American Equities (8.8% of the fund) performed 0.98% above the benchmark.
- Japanese Equities (3.9% of the fund) performed 1.98% above the benchmark.

- Pacific Basin ex Japan (1.6% of the fund) performed 0.64% above the benchmark.
- Property (4.5% of the fund) performed 0.19% above the benchmark.
- Hedge Funds (5.1% of the fund) performed 0.18% above the benchmark.

3.3 However, five asset classes under-performed their benchmark in the quarter:

- European Equities (16.5% of the fund) performed 0.15% below the benchmark.
- Emerging Markets (2.2% of the fund) performed 0.51% below the benchmark.
- UK Corporate Bonds (9.2% of the fund) performed 1.15% below the benchmark.
- UK Government Bonds (9.2% of the fund) performed 1.71% below the benchmark.
- UK Index Linked Bonds (4.9% of the fund) performed 0.01% 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 31 December 2007 were:

Table 4: Performance by Fund Manager

Manager	Benchmark Measure	Q/E Dec 2007 %	Benchmark %	Variance %
Barclays	<i>BGI Benchmark</i>	3.07	2.99	0.08
MFS	<i>Global Equity Benchmark</i>	2.61	0.72	1.89
State Street	<i>FTSE All-Share</i>	-0.69	-0.35	-0.34
Threadneedle	<i>FTSE All-Share</i>	6.48	-0.35	6.83
UBS (Global Equities)	<i>Global Equity Benchmark</i>	0.29	0.64	-0.35
UBS (Fixed Interest)	<i>UBS UK Bond Benchmark</i>	1.65	3.38	-1.73
Threadneedle Property	<i>Threadneedle Property Benchmark</i>	-8.58	-8.20	-0.38
Schroders Property	<i>Schroders Property Benchmark</i>	-7.04	-8.30	1.26
Blackstone Hedge	<i>Blackstone Hedge Benchmark</i>	2.98	2.80	0.18
Total	<i>WCC Total Fund Benchmark</i>	1.89	1.00	0.89

Source: Mellon

3.5 Overall, the fund out-performed its overall benchmark by 0.89%. During the quarter Barclays, MFS, Threadneedle (UK Equities), Schroders and

Blackstone out-performed their benchmarks. However State Street, UBS (Global Equities), UBS (Fixed Interest), and Threadneedle (Property) failed to meet their benchmarks.

3.6 Twelve months data on the performance of the managers is available. The performance of managers against their benchmark over this period is shown below.

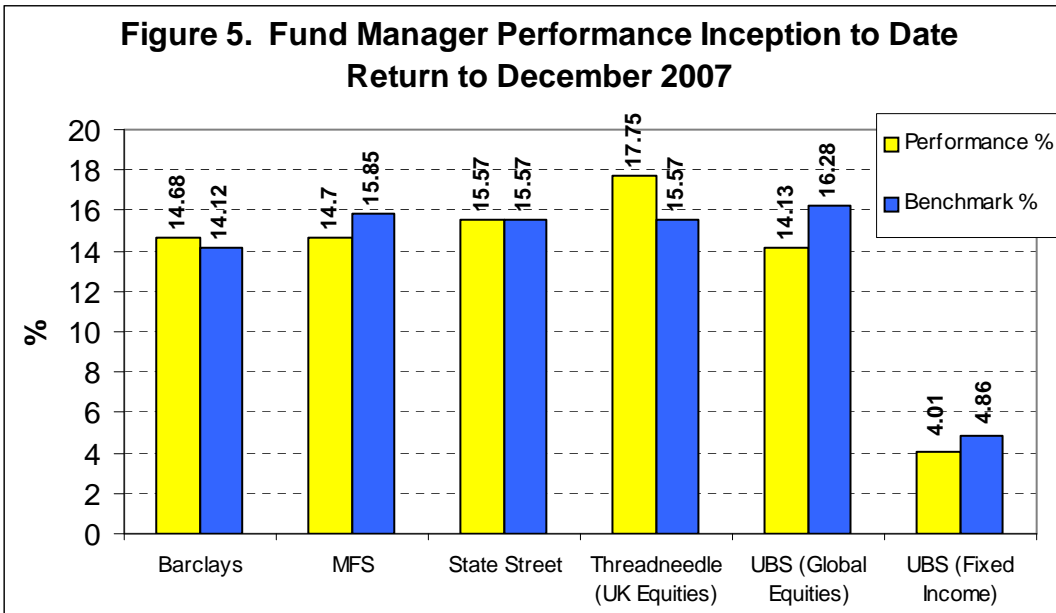
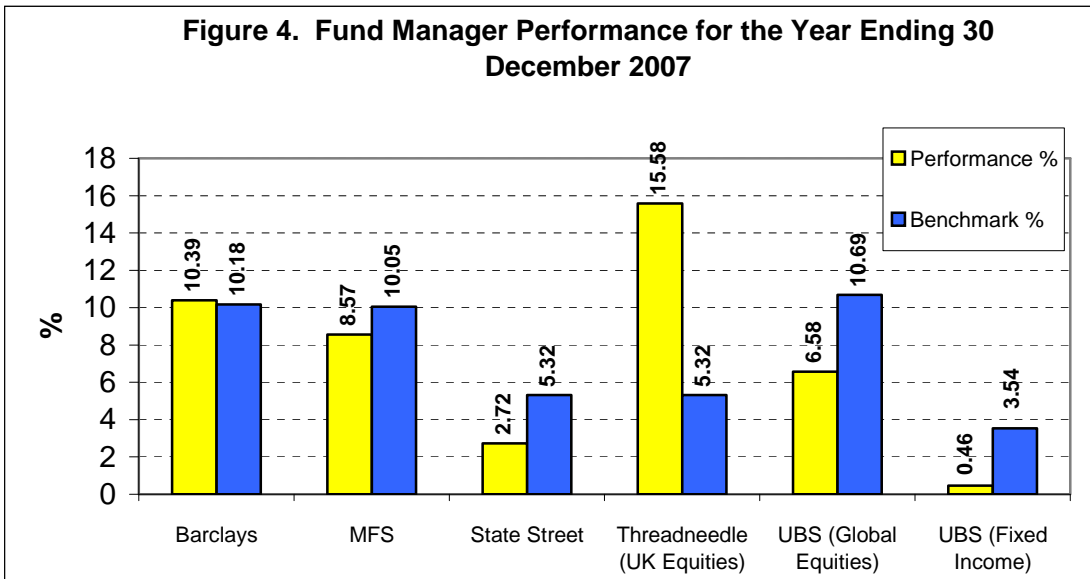
Table 5: Fund Manager Performance to Date

Manager	Variance Q/E Mar 07 %	Variance Q/E Jun 07 %	Variance Q/E Sep 07 %	Variance Q/E Dec 08 %
Barclays	-0.06	0.16	0.01	0.08
MFS	-1.15	-1.43	-0.73	1.89
State Street	-1.46	-0.36	-0.38	-0.34
Threadneedle	-0.42	0.82	2.31	6.83
UBS (Global Equities)	-1.86	0.59	-2.21	-0.35
UBS (Fixed Interest)	0.17	0.27	-1.81	-1.73
Total	-0.66	0.04	-0.53	0.89

Source: Mellon

3.7 No manager has consistently exceeded their benchmark over all four quarters.

3.8 The Annualised return for the fund managers to December 2007 is summarised in Figure 4. The Inception to Date return is summarised in Figure 5.



Source: Mellon

3.9 Fund Manager performance against their benchmark since October 2004 is summarised in Figures 6 and 7.

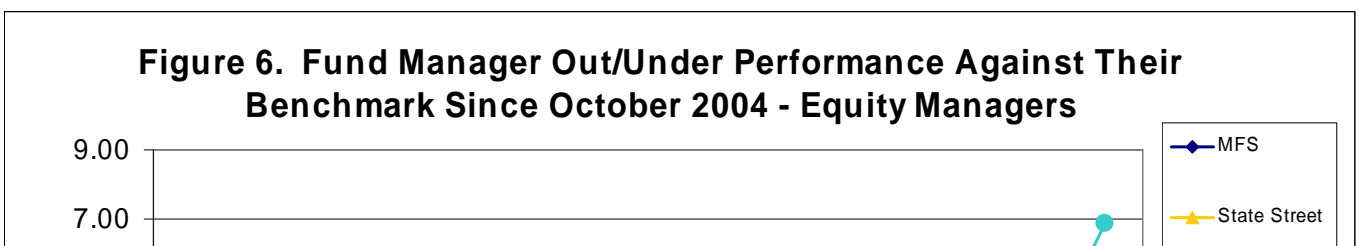
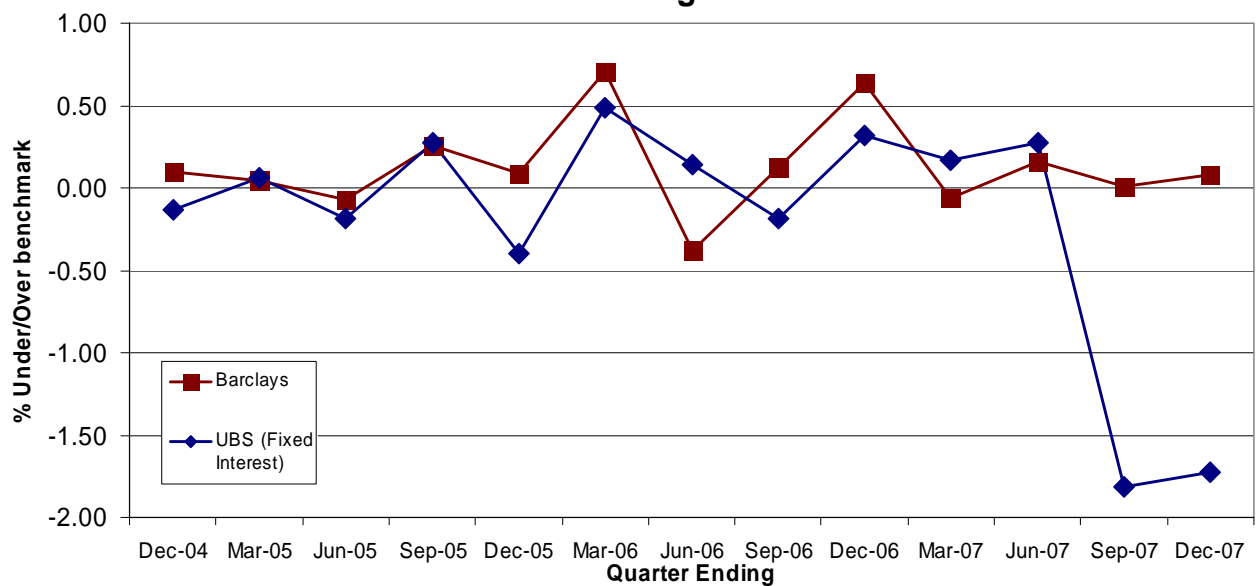


Figure 7. Fund Managers Out/Under Performance Against Their Benchmark Since October 2004 - Fixed Interest and Index Tracker Managers



Source: Mellon

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