## **Dorset County Pension Fund**

### Insight mandate investment update at 30 December 2016

Our understanding of the Fund's objectives and strategy

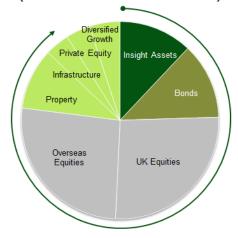
#### Funding objectives and policy

- To set contribution levels required to build up assets sufficient to meet all future benefit commitments at lowest possible cost
- Investment strategy designed to ensure contributions are as stable as possible

#### Investment strategy

- Control but not eliminate risk
- Current priority is to mitigate 'unrewarded risks'
  - increase inflation protection
  - consider impact of other liability risks

# Strategic asset allocation (c.£2.66bn at 30 December 2016)



Source: Dorset County Pension Fund.

#### Performance to 30 December 2016

	3 months		12 months		Since inception	
	%	£	%	£	% p.a.	£ cum.
Portfolio	10.30	27,565,598	48.57	95,135,056	97.33	143,922,251
Benchmark	10.19	27,102,015	41.25	85,409,622	93.58	141,037,536
Relative	0.11	463,583	7.32	9,725,434	3.76	2,884,715

Impact of lev erage: The % returns shown here are expressed as a proportion of the benchmark value, which is materially smaller than the value of the inflation exposure being hedged. Consequently, the % returns are all larger (in absolute terms) than they would be if expressed as a proportion of the liabilities hedged. Inception date for performance purposes: 31 October 2012

If we adjust for the leverage in the portfolio: the benchmark return over the quarter was 2.05% as a proportion of the value of the inflation exposure hedged and the portfolio return was 2.09% on that basis.

#### Hedge coverage measures

- Liability benchmark inflation sensitivity as % of mandate cash flows: 23%
- Present value of inflation exposure hedged as % of mandate cash flows: 23%
- Present value of inflation exposure hedged as % of total Pension Fund assets: 42.0%

#### Collateral position

- Leverage ratio stood at 2.8x at 30 December 2016. This is based on the present value of liabilities covered by inflation hedge of £1,122.6m and a portfolio value of £399.9m. The fall in leverage was driven the implementation of the revised liability benchmark and a move higher of inflation expectations.
- Collateral stress tests: a 0.2% fall in inflation expectations (swap RPI rates) would reduce the value of the portfolio by c.£45m and a 0.6% fall in inflation expectations would reduce the value of the portfolio by c.£129m.

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Portfolio valuation and hedge characteristics as at 30 December 2016

	Value	Interest rate sensitivity (PV01¹)		Inflation se	Inflation sensitivity (IE012)	
	£m	£k	% of benchmark	£k	% of benchmark	
Conventional gilts	301.4	-513	62.7	0	0.0	
Index-linked gilts	302.7	-811	99.2	796	33.8	
Futures	-1.9	71	-8.7	0	0.0	
Interest rate sw aps	-104.5	592	-72.4	0	0.0	
RPI swaps	41.2	-162	19.8	1,533	65.1	
Repurchase agreements	-222.5	7	-0.8	0	0.0	
Netw ork Rail bonds	3.9	-11	1.3	11	0.4	
Insight Libor Plus Fund	12.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Liquidity	67.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Total assets	399.9	-827	101.1	2,339	99.3	
Liability benchmark	290.9*	-818	100.0	2,357	100.0	

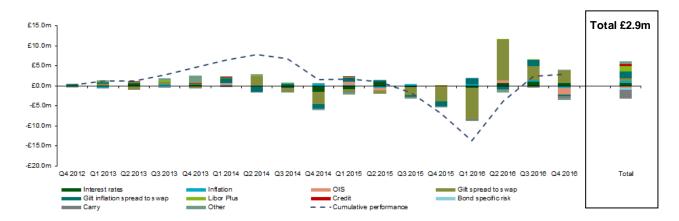
<sup>\*</sup>The value of the inflation exposure hedged is c.£1,122.6m

#### Performance commentary

- Absolute performance in the fourth quarter of 2016 was driven by a further rise in the cost of inflation
  protection in the swaps market (20 year rate rose 0.25% to 3.63%), though about half of the impact of
  this was offset by a rise in gilt rates (20 year bond yield rose 0.4% to 1.93%).
- Yields on longer-dated conventional gilts contracted over the quarter relative to swaps (by 2-3bp), which was a positive driver of relative performance over the period. We remain overweight to gilts (vs swaps) as we believe that the extra yield available from gilts creates a significant economic opportunity for the Fund to benefit from over the long term.

#### Relative performance attribution (monetary)

Within the portfolio Insight has the ability to change the composition of hedging assets with a view to cheapening the cost of hedging over the long term. The chart and table below shows the performance attribution of the portfolio relative to its benchmark since inception.



 $<sup>^{1}\ \ \</sup>text{PV01: change in present value of a series of future cash flows resulting from a 0.01\% shift in the relevant discount curve.}$ 

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  IE01: change in present value of a series of future cash flows resulting from a 0.01% shift in the relevant inflation expectation curv e.

Relative performance attribution factor	3 month £m	12 month £m	Since inception £m
Interest Rates	0.8	2.1	0.7
OIS	-1.7	-1.1	-0.5
Gilt Spread to Swap	3.1	9.3	0.6
Credit	0.0	0.0	0.4
Bond Specific Risk	0.1	0.0	-0.5
Inflation	-0.4	0.2	0.6
Gilt Inflation Spread To Swap	-0.4	1.8	1.7
Carry	-0.5	-1.0	-2.3
Libor Plus Fund	0.1	0.3	1.5
Other	-0.6	-1.6	0.7
Relative performance	0.5	9.7	2.9

#### Recap of mandate evolution

- The hedge was initially accumulated using market based triggers and also through time-based accumulation between July and October 2014.
- Triggers were suspended in March 2016 pending further discussion of the evolution of the mandate.
   Subsquently a new set of investment guidelines was put in place in October 2016 and the hedge was restructured to reflect a move to a pro-rate slice of the inflation exposure of the projected liability cash flows based on the March 2013 actuarial valuation. Triggers are no longer being monitored.