

Dorset County Pension Fund

Insight mandate investment update at 31 December 2017

Our understanding of the Fund's objectives and strategy

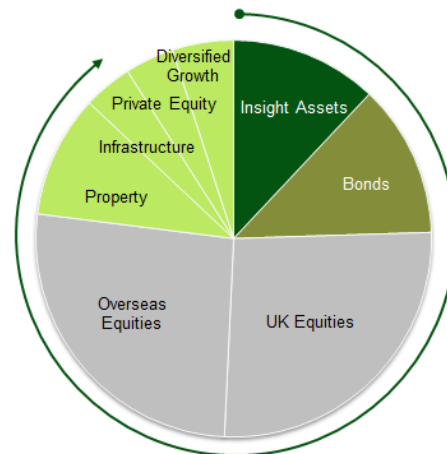
Funding objectives and policy

- 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.£2.82bn at 30 September 2017)



Source: Dorset County Pension Fund.

Performance to 31 December 2017

	3 months		12 months		5 years		Since inception	
	%	£	%	£	% ann.	£ ann.	% cum.	£ cum.
Portfolio	5.28	14,388,384	2.02	6,096,902	12.70	26,779,144	101.33	150,019,154
Benchmark	5.62	15,274,936	-1.22	-3,513,564	11.58	24,335,304	91.22	137,523,972
Relative	-0.34	-886,552	3.24	9,610,467	1.12	2,443,840	10.11	12,495,182

Impact of leverage: 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 1.37% as a proportion of the value of the inflation exposure hedged and the portfolio return was 1.45% on that basis.

Inflation exposure hedged = present value of RPI linked liabilities plus market value of the index-linked gilts specified as a part of the benchmark.

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: 39% (based on 30 September 2017 total Fund asset value)

Collateral position

- Leverage ratio stood at 2.9x at 31 December 2017. This is based on the present value of liabilities covered by the inflation hedge of £1,103.0m and a portfolio value of £385.2m.
- Collateral stress tests: a 0.2% fall in inflation expectations (swap RPI rates) would reduce the value of the portfolio by c.£44m and a 0.6% fall in inflation expectations would reduce the value of the portfolio by c.£125m.

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. Subsequently 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.

Portfolio valuation and hedge characteristics as at 31 December 2017

	Value £m	Interest rate sensitivity (PV01 ¹)		Inflation sensitivity (IE01 ²)	
		£k	% of benchmark	£k	% of benchmark
Conventional gilts	182.3	-293	38.0	0	0.0
Index-linked gilts	288.2	-733	94.9	718	31.9
Futures	-0.6	68	-8.8	0	0.0
Interest rate swaps	-96.9	315	-40.8	0	0.0
RPI swaps	29.6	-121	15.7	1,530	67.9
Repurchase agreements	-57.3	1	-0.1	0	0.0
Network Rail	4.1	-11	1.4	11	0.5
Insight Libor Plus Fund	12.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Liquidity	23.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total assets	385.2	-775	100.3	2,259	100.3
Liability benchmark	286.8*	-772	100.0	2,252	100.0

*The value of the inflation exposure hedged is c.£1,103.0m

¹ PV01: change in present value of a series of future cash flows resulting from a 0.01% shift in the relevant discount curve.

² IE01: change in present value of a series of future cash flows resulting from a 0.01% shift in the relevant inflation expectation curve.

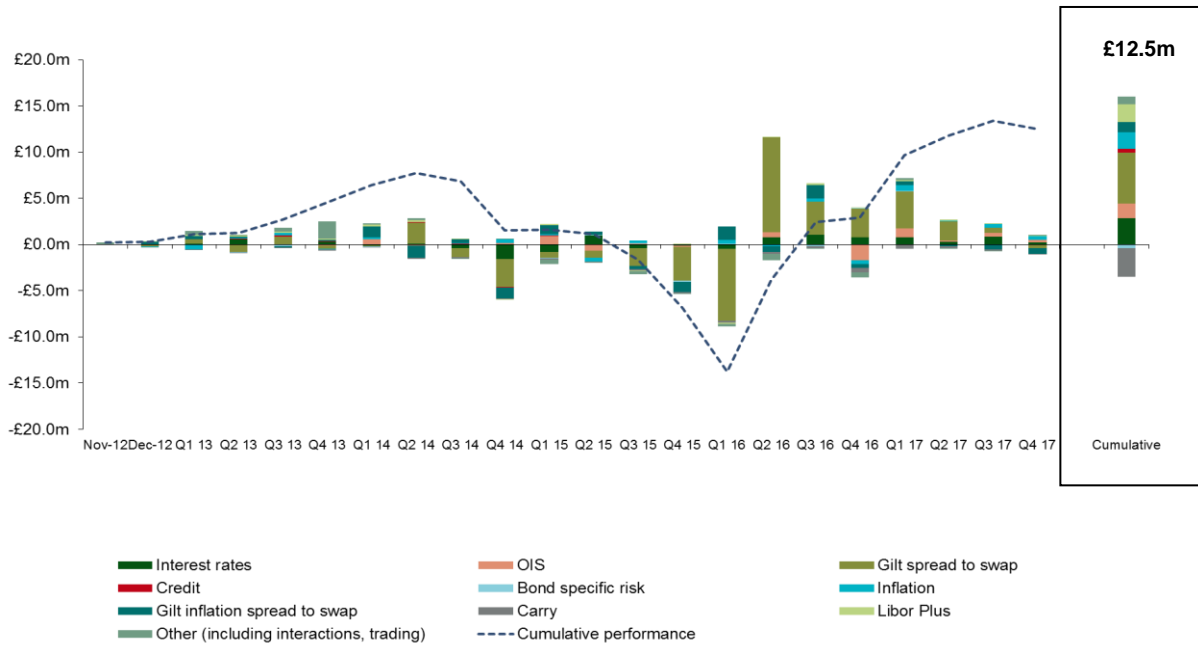
Performance commentary

- Benchmark performance was 5.62% over Q4 2017, predominantly a result of nominal yields falling. Inflation expectations were little changed over the quarter, which meant that real rates fell by broadly equivalent extents to nominal rates.
- The sub-portfolio underperformed the benchmark by 0.34% over the quarter, with underperformance due to gilts significantly lagging behind swaps, particularly at longer maturities. This was partially offset by a widening in Sonia-Libor spreads over the quarter, which contributed positively to relative performance.

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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.



Relative performance attribution factor	3 month £m	12 month £m	Since inception £m
Interest rates	0.2	2.2	2.8
OIS	0.6	2.1	1.6
Gilt spread to swap	-1.7	4.9	5.5
Credit	0.0	0.0	0.4
Bond specific risk	0.1	0.1	-0.4
Inflation	0.1	1.2	1.8
Gilt inflation spread to swap	-0.3	-0.5	1.2
Carry	-0.1	-0.8	-3.1
Libor Plus Fund	0.1	0.4	1.9
Other	0.1	0.1	0.8
Relative performance	-0.9	9.6	12.5

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