Cambridgeshire Pension Fund

Pension Fund Board.

Date: 26 January 2024.

Report by: Head of Pensions

Subject: Pension Fund Annual Business Plan Update report

2023/24.

Purpose of the Report: To present the Business Plan Update.

Recommendation: The Pension Fund Board is asked to:

1) note the Business Plan Update.

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- 1. Background.
- 1.1 Good governance requires that updates to the pre-agreed Annual Business Plan and Medium-Term Strategy are provided to the Committee and Board on a regular basis. This update highlights the progress made on the key activities for the period.
- 2. Executive summary.
- 2.1 The Cambridgeshire Pension Fund has for many years considered it good governance to have in place a Business Plan and Medium-Term Strategy that is agreed annually and regularly monitored by the Committee and Board.
- 2.2 The report summarises the progress made on each activity for the period under review.
- 2.3 Section 3 of this report provides a progress update for each business plan activity. The table below provides an overview of the RAG status of each activity.

Paragraph	Activity	RAG status
3.1	Re-tender for benefits and governance consultancy	Green
	services.	
3.2	Re-tender for actuarial consultancy services.	Green
3.3	Re-tender for legal services provider.	Green
3.4	Re-tender for pensions administration and	Green
	pensioner payroll platform.	
3.5	Address and mortality screening Services.	Green
3.6	Review and implement changes required from the	Green
	Pension Regulator's new Code of Practice.	
3.7	Continue to review cyber resilience.	Green
3.8	Implement the best practice recommendations of	Green
	the good governance review.	
3.9	Review the administrative performance of the	Green
	Fund's additional voluntary contribution providers.	
3.10	Complete the Guaranteed Minimum Pension	Amber
	Rectification.	
3.11	Application of the McCloud age discrimination	Amber
	remedy.	
3.12	Prepare for the implementation of Pension	Green
	Dashboards.	
3.13	Processing of undecided leaver records.	Amber
3.14	Continue development of the ACCESS asset pool.	Green
3.15	Continue activities within the Fund's Climate Action	Green
	Plan.	
3.16	Implement the revised Investment Strategy.	Green
3.17	Implement recommendations from the review of the	Amber
	website and digital communications.	
3.18	Implement equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI)	Green
	best practices.	
3.19	Review of investment consultancy contract.	Green

- 2.5 The tables in appendix A provide an update of the Fund account, investment and administration income and expenditure against the cash flow projection outlined in the Annual Business Plan as agreed by the Pension Fund Committee in March 2023. There are no material variances identified.
- 2.6 The link to the full Business Plan approved by the Committee in March 2023 is provided in section 11 for full context and reference.

Procurement of Services.

- 3.1 Re-tender for benefits and governance consultancy services.
- 3.1.1 Activity: To re-tender for the supplier of benefits and governance consultancy services currently with Aon due to expire 31 March 2024.

3.1.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Register to access national LGPS Frameworks.	May 2023.	Completed.
Draft specification of services required an associated documentation.	June – July 2023.	Completed.
Issue invitation to tender to suppliers on the Framework.	September 2023.	Completed.
Evaluate tender responses.	October - November 2023.	Completed.
Award contract.	January 2024.	Completed.

- 3.1.4 Update: The award was issued to Hymans Robertson on 1 December and the standstill period concluded on 11 December. Legal services have been instructed to complete the necessary contract documentation. The contract start date is 1 April 2024.
- 3.2 Re-tender for actuarial consultancy services.
- 3.2.1 Activity: To re-tender for the supplier of actuarial services currently with Hymans Robertson due to expire 31 March 2024.

3.2.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Register to access national LGPS Frameworks.	May 2023.	Completed.
Draft specification of services required and associated documentation.	June – July 2023.	Completed.
Issue invitation to tender to suppliers on the Framework.	October 2023.	Completed.
Evaluate Tender responses.	December 2023.	In progress.
Clarification interview/presentation	January 2024	On target
Award Contract.	February 2024	On target for rescheduled date.

- 3.2.1 Update: Initial scoring has been completed and bidders have been invited to provide a clarification presentation on 12 January. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.
- 3.3 Re-tender for legal services provider.
- 3.3.1 Activity: To re-tender for the supplier of legal services currently with Squire Patten Boggs due to expire 31 March 2024.

3.3.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Register to access national LGPS Frameworks.	July 2023.	Completed.
Draft specification of services required an associated documentation.	July – August 2023.	Completed.
Issue invitation to tender to suppliers on the Framework.	September 2023.	Completed.
Evaluate tender responses.	October - November 2023.	Completed.
Award contract.	December 2023.	Completed.

- 3.3.3 Update: The invitation to further competition documentation was published in October with prospective bidders invited to submit responses by the end of November. The evaluation of responses was concluded in November following the scoring and moderation process the contract was awarded to the incumbent supplier, Squire Patton and Boggs.
- 3.4 Re-tender for pensions administration and pensioner payroll platform.
- 3.4.1 Activity: To re-tender for pensions administration and pensioner payroll platform currently with Heywood that is due to cease in September 2024.

3.4.2 Key milestones:

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Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Invitation to Further Competition exercise using National LGPS Frameworks.	April - June 2023.	Completed.
Evaluation and award.	July - September 2023.	Completed.
Year 0 transitional period.	October 2023 - September 2024.	Not applicable.
Go Live.	1 October 2024.	On target.

Update: Invitation to further competition was published 24 April 2023 with a closing date for responses of 19 June 2023. All suppliers on the framework submitted a bid and following the scoring and moderation process the contract was awarded to the incumbent supplier, Heywood Pension Technologies.

- 3.5 Review address and mortality screening services.
- 3.5.1 Activity: The current contract for address tracing and mortality screening ceases in June 2023 with no ability to extend.

Following the 12-month extension of the contract a long-term approach is now required from June 2024 onwards.

3.5.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones	Dates	On target for completion?
Develop a contract to enable the continuation of services past June 2023 (with the assistance of legal services).	April - May 2023.	Completed.
Both parties to sign up to new contract on existing terms.	May 2023.	Completed.
Seek agreement to extend contract with the current supplier from June 2024 to 31 March 2025.	February 2024.	On target.
Review new LGPS Framework offerings and internal Fraud Hub options.	Rescheduled to 2024/25 (the Framework is now due to be released in April 2024).	This activity will feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan.
Develop approach for procurement of address and mortality screening services.	TBC.	This activity will feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan.

3.5.3 Update: The delay of the LGPS National Framework for Member Data Services from December 2023 to April 2024 has meant that there will be inadequate time to comprehensively review options before the current contract expires in June 2024. The activity has therefore been rescheduled and will feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan (subject to agreement).

Core governance activities.

- 3.6 Review and implement changes required from the Pension Regulator's new Code of Practice.
- 3.6.1 Activity: In March 2021 the Pensions Regulator launched a consultation on its revised code of practice for the pensions industry. The responses to the consultation have taken the Pensions Regulator longer than expected to digest and as such the new code of practice was expected to come into force early 2023. Once the code of practice is in force, the Fund will have six months to achieve full compliance with its contents.

3.6.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Develop an action plan of changes	TBC.	This activity will feature
required on launch of code of		in the 2024/25 Business
practice.		Plan due to the late
		release of the Code.

Present action plan to the Pension Fund Committee and Pension Board	TBC.	This activity will feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan due to the late release of the Code.
Present update on progress on action plan to the Pension Fund Committee and Pension Board.	TBC.	This activity will feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan due to the late release of the Code.

- 3.6.3 Update: The General Code of Practice is now due to be released at the end of March 2024 and funds will have 6 months to become fully compliant. This activity will therefore now feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan.
- 3.7 Continue to review cyber resilience.
- 3.7.1 Activity: Cyber-crime will continue to evolve and become increasingly sophisticated and as such this area will be regularly reviewed and monitored. The cyber action plan will be updated as and when necessary.
- 3.7.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Ongoing monitoring and development of the cyber strategy and action plan via the Business Plan Updates at each meeting of the Pension Committee and Pension Board.	April 2023 – March 2024.	On target.

- 3.7.3 Update: A separate report on Cyber Resilience is being presented at this meeting.
- 3.8 Implement the best practice recommendations of the good governance review.
- 3.8.1 Activity: Following consultation with LGPS stakeholders, in February 2021, a number of recommendations for improvement were identified. Some would require the input of DLUHC to amend scheme regulations and publish statutory guidance, others by SAB and others for Funds to implement as best practice.

The standards are due to be issued in 2023.

3.8.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones	Dates	On target for completion?
Develop an action plan to implement the best practice activities.	TBC.	This activity will feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan as the standards have not
		been released.
Present update on progress on action plan to the Pension Fund Committee and Pension Board.	TBC.	This activity will feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan as the standards have not been released.
Implementation of activities requiring SAB and DLUHC guidance.	TBC.	This activity will feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan as the standards have not been released.

- 3.8.3 Update: As the standards have not materialised to date the activities will now feature in the 2024/25 Business Plan.
- 3.9 Review the administrative performance of the Fund's additional voluntary contribution providers.
- 3.9.1 Activity: The Fund has two additional voluntary contribution (AVC) providers, Utmost Life and Prudential.

Since 2020 LGPS Funds across the country collectively became concerned about the administrative performance of Prudential citing cases of not allocating contributions to members' accounts in a reasonable time period and the disinvestment of funds from members' accounts taking several months to complete.

Although Funds are starting to see improvements with the administrative performance of Prudential it is now a good opportunity to conduct a review of the two AVC providers to ensure they remain suitable options for Cambridgeshire scheme members.

3.9.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestone	Dates	On target for completion?
Present to the Pension Committee the findings of the independent review alongside any recommendations for action (the timing of this will depend on the cooperation of the AVC providers in providing the necessary information for analysis by Aon.	October 2023.	Completed.

3.9.3 Update: Update: The findings of the AVC review were presented to the Pension Fund Committee in October and the Pension Fund Board in November. Actions have been identified as part of the review which are already underway.

Scheme member and data projects.

- 3.10 Complete the Guaranteed Minimum Pension Rectification
- 3.10.1 Activity: To complete the rectification stage for scheme members, making adjustments to pensions in payment where necessary.

3.10.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones	Dates	On target for
		completion?
Manual rectification of outstanding	April 2023 to March	Estimated
records.	2024.	completion date
		Q1 2024-25.

- 3.10.3 Update: As at 31 October, 66% of cases have been completed. As the project was running several weeks ahead of schedule, resources were temporarily diverted to processing of undecided leavers activity (3.13) until 1 January 2024 when resources were returned to this activity. The project is now estimated to conclude by 30 June 2024.
- 3.11 Application of the McCloud age discrimination remedy.
- 3.11.1 Activity: The pension records of scheme members within scope of the McCloud ruling will be rectified following the implementation of the age discrimination remedy, expected via amendment to legislation on 1st October 2023.

3.11.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Respond to DLUHC consultation on draft regulations (delayed from 2022 and still pending release).	June 2023.	Completed.
Devise communication plan for members and scheme employers.	September 2023 Rescheduled from May 2023.	Completed.
Undertake scheme member record preparations to identify members in scope of remedy in readiness for the application of the underpin.	April 2023 – September 2023.	Completed.
Application of the revised underpin following release of amended LGPS Regulations.	October 2023 onwards.	Ongoing.

3.11.3 Update: The Fund's administration system is largely applying the underpin as expected. There will be some continued development in this area where issues are

identified. In the meantime, there will be elements of manual intervention to ensure there is no detriment to members or backlogs accruing.

McCloud web pages have been created for members and employers, which link through to centrally produced McCloud resources and wording provided by the LGA has been inserted into existing letters for cases from 1 October 2023 where the underpin applies. Disclosure requirements were met ahead of the 31 December 2023 deadline via the most appropriate method for particular tranches of members including emails, letters, Member Self-Service and the Pension Service website

A draft version of the 'McCloud prioritisation policy' was circulated by LGA on behalf of DLUHC on 12 October with the intention to release the final version early 2024. Officers will review the draft policy ahead of the release date and start preparations where possible. Administrator guidance was published by the Local Government Pensions Committee on 15 November 2023.

- 3.12 Prepare for the implementation of Pension Dashboards.
- 3.12.1 Activity: In the 2016 Budget, the Government made a commitment that Pension Dashboards would be created by the pensions industry, enabling pension savers to view details of all their pensions together.

The activity will be updated following the DWP announcement to reset the Pension Dashboard Programme and the delay to connection deadlines.

3.12.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones	Dates	On target for
		completion?
Continue to work with the pensions	TBC following project	TBC once
administration software supplier to	reset.	DLUHC issue
connect to a Pensions Dashboard by		staging guidance.
the revised deadline which is TBC.		
Undertake project plan activities to	TBC.	TBC once
enable connection to the Dashboard		DLUHC issue
including data cleansing activities.		staging guidance.
Connect to the Dashboard.	31 October 2026.	On target.
Pension Dashboard Go Live.	TBC.	TBC.

- 3.12.3 Update: A staging timetable will be set out in connection guidance and is due to be released late 2023. The staging timetable will indicate when schemes are scheduled to connect, based on their size and type. The table will be updated when the guidance is published to ensure the Fund complies with the new requirements. In the meantime PASA has published value data guidance which provides schemes with good practice approaches to providing data to the dashboards.
- 3.13 Processing of undecided leaver records.

3.13.1 Activity: To reduce the backlog by 2,500 cases per year for the next 2.5 years from a baseline of approximately 8,500 at March 2023.

3.13.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones	Dates	On target for completion?
Reduce aged cases by 2,500.	April 2023 – March 2024.	On target.
Reduce aged cases by 2,500.	April 2024 – March 2025.	On target.
Reduce aged cases to BAU baseline (<2,000).	April 2025 – September 2025.	On target.

3.13.3 Update: The baseline at April 2023 was just under 8,900 cases. As at 31 December 2023 the aged cases outstanding are down to 7,209, a drop of 1,642 cases (18.5%) from the revised April 2023 baseline.

Investment related activities.

- 3.14 Continue development of the ACCESS asset pool.
- 3.14.1 Activity: The ACCESS asset pool Authorised Contractual Scheme (ACS) sub-fund structure is now at a mature stage with ongoing developments prioritising completing the sub-fund pipeline and putting in place supplementary sub-funds as and when required.

Other developments within the ACCESS pool include the non-listed work programme, Operator re-procurement, and the Phase II ESG/RI procurement

3.14.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones	Dates	On target for completion?
Development of ACS sub-fund pipeline.	April 2023 – October 2024.	On target.
Non-listed (property, infrastructure, private equity, private debt) programme development.	April 2023 – December 2024.	On target.
ESG/RI Phase II procurement and reporting developments.	April 2023 – March 2024.	On target.
Operator re-procurement.	April 2023 – March 2025.	On target.

- 3.14.3 Update: UK Core Real Estate Mandate has been awarded to CBRE. For the UK Alternative Building Blocks, Apex/ACCESS focus will be on impact investing, affordable housing and long lease investments. PIRC has been appointed as phase two advisor and had attended one RI/ESG group meeting.
- 3.15 Continue activities within the Fund's Climate Action Plan.

3.15.1 Activity: During 2023-24 the Fund will continue to focus on the milestone dates within the plan which are key to ensure the Fund is on the correct path to achieve "netzero" carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest.

3.15.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for
		completion?
To complete the activities against the	April 2023 to March	On target.
Climate Action Plan.	2024.	

- 3.15.3 Update: Implementation of the Climate Aware Passive equities has been completed and this has been reported to the Sept ISC (UBS Climate Aware and Osmosis). In May 2023 the Investment Sub Committee reviewed the progress against decarbonisation targets, adopted a new primary metric for monitoring progress against the existing decarbonisation targets and agreed to include Scope 3 emissions in the Fund's target setting once reporting improves. In November 2023 the ISC received a positive progress update, with carbon intensity in connection with the Fund's equity portfolio assessed as having reduced by circa 39.3% as at 30 June 2023 against a 2030 target of a 57% reduction.
- 3.16 Implement the revised Investment Strategy.
 - 3.16.1 Activity: A review of the Fund's investment strategy was undertaken in March 2023 resulting in changes to its strategic asset (SAA). Work will be undertaken throughout 2023-24 to action implement these changes.

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Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for
		completion?
Expiry of Equity Protection.	May 2023.	Complete.
Consideration of preferred	May 2023.	Complete.
characteristics of new commitments		
for Infrastructure investments.		
Switch of Gilts from segregated	Q1 2024.	On target.
accounts to the UBS pooled fund.		
Investment into long-lease property	Q1-Q2 2024.	On target.
via ACCESS.		
Republish Investment Strategy	December2023.	Complete.
Committee makes allocation	Q4 2023	Complete.
decision in connection with long		
lease property.		
Investment into timberland via	Q1- Q2 2024.	On target.
ACCESS		
Investment into BlueBay ESG MAC	Q1 2024.	On target.
outside of ACCESS.		

3.16.3 Update: Work has been processed to switch the segregated index linked gilts to UBS pooled funds, expected to complete January 2024.

In August 2023, sales of Global Equity were used to fund a 1.5% increase in allocation to M&G Multi-Asset Credit, with a further 1.5% due to be allocated to BlueBay MAC once the ESG MAC is launched by ACCESS. In November 2023, due to ongoing delays with the ESG MAC product launch within ACCESS (now January 2024), a decision was made in consultation with the S151 Officer to increase the BlueBay MAC allocation outside of ACCESS to match the Strategic Asset Allocation agreed by the Committee.

Following the ISC's decision to implement a 1% allocation to timberland, APEX is now scoping out a pooled offering, with a chosen supplier expected to be available by the end of 2024. In November 2023, the ISC approved a 3% allocation into the Aviva Lime Property Fund through ACCESS and subscription procedures commenced in December 2023.

Communications.

- 3.17 Implement recommendations from the review of the website and digital communications.
- 3.17.1 Activity: A review of the Fund's websites was carried out in 2022/23, the review assessed whether the website was still fit for purpose in meeting the needs of stakeholders and explored alternative options including moving the hosting of the member related information pages away from our software supplier Heywood and hosting both member and employer pages internally on a single website. Approval from the Pension Committee was granted to implement the recommendation from the review.

3.17.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Funding for the website development approved.	March 2023.	Completed.
Resources in place eg recruitment	May 2023.	Completed.
High fidelity designs created.	August 2023.	Completed.
New website built.	March 2024.	On target

- 3.17.3 Update: High fidelity designs partly based on the .gov.uk approach to web design have been created and user testing of the different options has begun. The project is currently and expected to remain within the agreed budget of £30,000. At the time of writing this report some recent resource issues mean that officers need to review the delivery plan with the project team. A meeting will be held between publication of this paper and the meeting of the Board. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.
- 3.18 Implement equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) best practices.
- 3.18.1 Activity: The Pensions Regulator has published guidance to help improve pension schemes' equality, diversity and inclusion. Pension schemes have legal duties to scheme members, and good decision making is key to ensuring those duties are

met. EDI supports robust discussion and effective decision making and is an important consideration for schemes. The Cambridgeshire Pension Fund will be aiming to improve its equality, diversity and inclusion via these best practices.

3.18.2 Key milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Fully review TPR guidance and produce an action plan, including delivery of relevant training.	October 2023 – March 2024.	On target.

- 3.18.3 Update: The Pensions Regulator issued a survey to Board members in July 2023 with the intention to collect views on equality, diversity and inclusion. The responses were anonymised and used to improve EDI on pension scheme governing bodies. The next stage is to produce an action plan of the activities the Fund needs to undertake to improve EDI outcomes.
- 3.19 Review of investment consultancy contract
- 3.19.1 Activity: The current investment consultancy contract expires September 2024, with the ability to extend up to a maximum of three years.

3.19.2 Key Milestones:

Key Milestones.	Dates.	On target for completion?
Complete Investment Consultancy (IC) Objectives review	July 2024	On target.
Decision as to whether to extend or re-procure the investment consultancy contract	October 2024.	On target.
Implement Committee decision	October 2024 – March 2025	On target.

- 3.19.3 Update: The agreed pathway is to align a decision regarding the investment consultancy contract to the annual IC objectives review with a decision at the meeting following the review. This would require a short-term extension to the investment consultancy contract should a procurement be required.
- 4. Relevant Fund objectives.
- 4.1 To continually monitor and measure clearly articulated objectives through business planning.
- 5. Risk Management.
- 5.1 The Pension Fund Committee approves the Annual Business Plan and Medium-Term Strategy every March for the upcoming year. The plan highlights the key activities of the Fund, and the progress of these activities are reported through the

Business Plan Update reports provided to the Pension Fund Committee and Pension Fund Board at every meeting.

5.2 The risks associated with failing to monitor progress against the Business Plan have been captured in the Fund's risk register as detailed below:

Risk.	Residual risk rating.
Those charged with the governance are unable to fulfil their	Green.
responsibilities effectively.	
Failure to provide relevant information to the Pension	Green.
Committee/Pension Board to enable informed decision making.	
Pension Fund objectives not defined and agreed.	Green.

- 5.3 Please see the Cambridgeshire Pension Fund Risk Register Executive Summary
- 6. Communication Implications.

The Business Plan Update will be presented to the Pension Fund Committee and Pension Fund Board at each meeting.

- 7. Finance & Resources Implications.
- 7.1 Any updated financial implications are set out in the relevant activities.
- 8. Legal Implications.
- 8.1 Not applicable.
- 9. Consultation with Key Advisers.
- 9.1 Consultation with the Fund's advisers was not required for this report.
- 10. Alternative Options Considered.
- 10.1 Not applicable.
- 11. Background Papers.
- 11.1 Council and committee meetings Cambridgeshire County Council > Meetings (cmis.uk.com)
- 12. Appendices.
- 12.1 Appendix 1 Variances against the forecast of investments and administration expenses based on original setting of assumptions.

Appendix 2 – Cambridgeshire Pension Fund Climate Action Plan

Checklist of Key Approvals

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Has this report been cleared by Head of Pensions?	Mark Whitby – 15/1/2024	

Appendix 1 – Variances against the forecast of investments and administration expenses based on original setting of assumptions.

Fund Account.	2023/24 Budget.	2023/24 Forecast.	Variance	Comments.
	£000	£000	£000	
Contributions.	148,000	156,000	8,000	Cambridge City Council and Fenland District Council elected to pay a prepayment of their annual deficits up to 25/26 in 23/24. The 23/24 estimate only counted their 23/24 deficits for these employers, which caused the variance
Transfers in from other pension funds.	11,000	21,800	10,800	Demand led
Total income.	159,000	177,800	18,800	
Benefits payable.	(137,000)	(138,000)	(1,000)	Benefits in line with current membership numbers
Payments to and on account of leavers.	(9,000)	(16,400)	(7,400)	Demand led
Total Payments.	(146,000)	(154,400)	(8,400)	
Net additions/(withdrawals) from dealings with members.	13,000	23,400	10,400	
Management Expenses (Invoiced).	(4,947)	(5,308)	(361)	See below
Management Expenses (Non- invoiced).	(22,900)	(20,000)	2,900	Calculated using fees from prior year plus actuarial growth assumption on AUM at September 23 to March 24
Total Management Expenses	(27,847)	(25,308)	2,539	
Total income less expenditure.	(14,847)	(1,908)	12,939	
Investment income.	34,000	72,900	38,900	Actual income received to Q2 plus two estimated quarters
Taxes on income.	-	-	-	Actual Q2 return followed by
profit and (losses) on disposal of investments and changes in the market value of investments	204,000	137,000	(67,000)	actuarial long term growth assumption

Fund Account.	2023/24	2023/24	Variance	Comments.
	Budget.	Forecast.		
	£000	£000	£000	
Net return on investments.	238,000	209,900	(28,100)	
Net increase/(decrease) in the net assets available for benefits during the year.	223,153	207,992	(15,161)	

Management Expenses.	2023-24 Budget £000	2023-24 Forecast £000	Variance £000	Comments.
Total Administration Expenses.	(3,221)	(3,181)	40	See below
Total Governance Expenses.	(881)	(987)	(106)	Payroll for final IHLI termination account from 2021 - not included in 23/24 budget and under estimated consultancy costs for the implementation of the investment strategy
Total Investment Invoiced Expenses.	(845)	(1,140)	(295)	New investment mandate with Osmosis
Total Management Expenses.	(4,947)	(5,308)	(361)	

Administration Expenses Analysis.	2023-24 Budget	2023-24 Forecast	Variance	Comments.
	£000	£000	£000	
Staff Related.	(2,080)	(2,171)	(91)	Budget based on estimated 23/24 pay rates, higher than expected pay awards received.
Altair administration and payroll system.	(485)	(448)	37	Actual maintenance costs lower than expected.
Data assurance.	(25)	(32)	(7)	A more proactive approach to address tracing has been undertaken in preparation for Dashboards.
Communications.	(51)	(51)	-	
Other Non-Pay and Income.	(27)	74	101	Bank interest received to date
Council Overhead Recovery.	(553)	(553)	-	
Total Administration Expenses.	(3,221)	(3,181)	40	