

# Leicestershire County Council Pension Fund

Funding and risk report as at 31 December 2018

HEADLINE

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Liabilities	£5,303m
Surplus/(deficit)	(£1,217m)
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## Summary

This funding update is provided to illustrate the estimated development of the funding position from 31 March 2016 to 31 December 2018, for the Leicestershire County Council Pension Fund ("the Fund"). It is addressed to Leicestershire County Council in its capacity as the Administering Authority of the Fund and has been prepared in my capacity as your actuarial adviser.

At the last formal valuation the Fund assets were £3,164m and the liabilities were £4,153m. This represents a deficit of £989m and equates to a funding level of 76%. Since the valuation the funding level has increased by approximately 1% to 77.1% as detailed in the table above.

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Should you have any queries please contact me.

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### What's happened over the last quarter?

- The funding level has fallen by approximately 5% over the last quarter.
- This is due to a combination of slightly lower outlook for investment returns, which has increased the value placed on the past service liabilities and actual Fund returns being much lower than expected (-4.2% compared with c+1% expected).

### What's happened since the 2016 formal valuation?

The main drivers of change since the latest formal valuation are:

- The outlook for future returns from investment classes has fallen since the triennial valuation. This has increased the value placed on the past service liabilities;
- The outlook for future inflation has also risen which increases the value placed on the past service liabilities, as benefits increases are linked to the Consumer Price Index;
- The impact of these changes in market conditions is an increase in deficit of £478m; and
- Despite lower than expected investment returns over the last quarter, investment performance has still been better than expected (28.4% vs 11.4%) leading to a gain of £433m.

The above changes have contributed to the increase in the overall funding level of approximately 1% and an increase in the deficit of around £228m.

### Other points to note

- This report has been prepared using a single set of market-related assumptions derived in line with your Funding Strategy Statement and market yields at the calculation date, as per the table overleaf.
- Contributions will be re-assessed following the 2019 formal valuation. Contributions are set allowing for many future economic scenarios, rather than relying on a single set of market-related assumptions. The assumptions underlying your funding target will also be reviewed at that time.

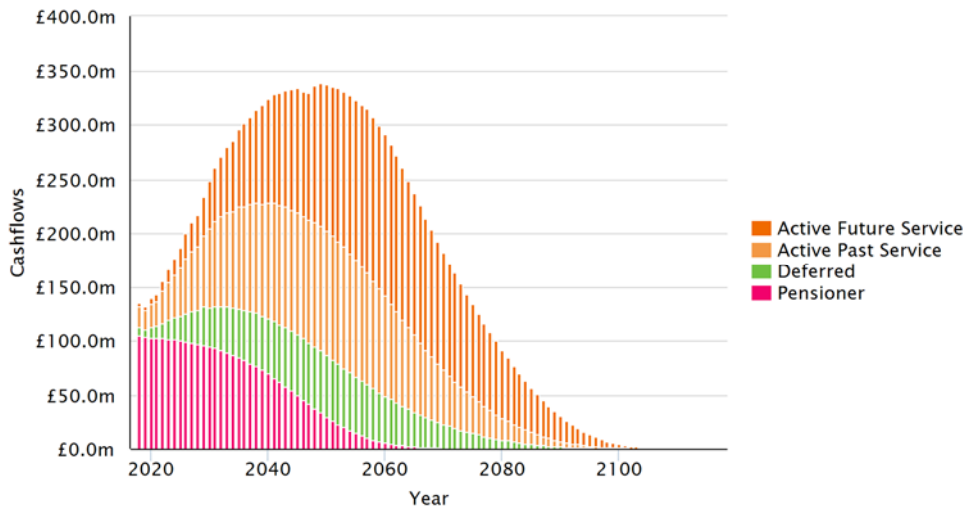
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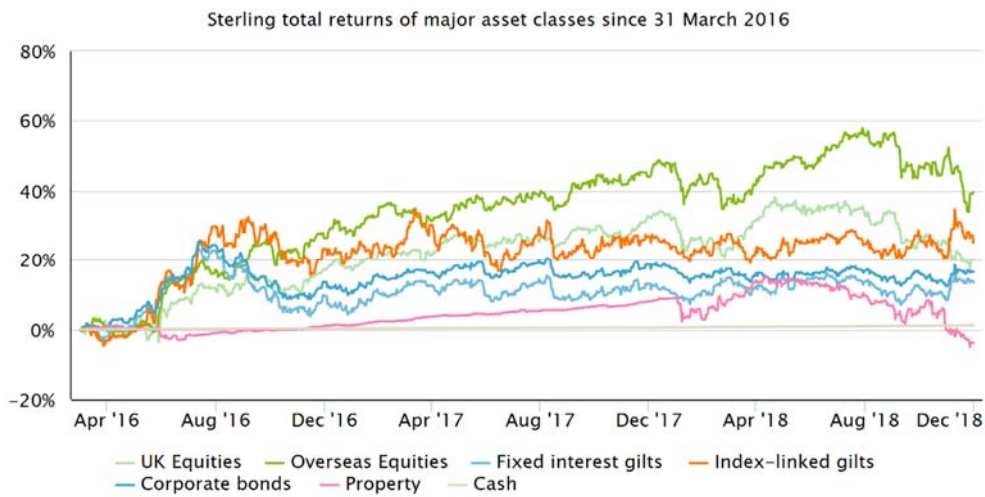
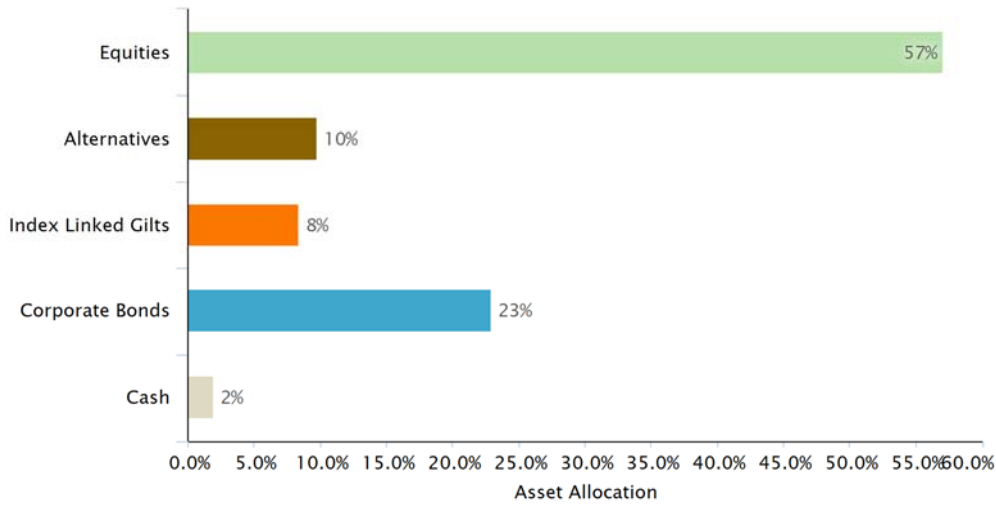
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Surplus/(deficit)	£m
Surplus/(deficit) as at 31/03/2016	(989)
Contributions (less benefits accruing)	(76)
Interest on surplus/(deficit)	(107)
Excess return on assets	433
Impact of change in yields & inflation	(478)
Surplus/(deficit) as at 31/12/2018	(1,217)

	31 March 2016	30 September 2018	31 December 2018
Market Yields (p.a)			
Fixed Interest Gilts	2.17%	1.86%	1.76%
Index-linked Gilts	-0.96%	-1.47%	-1.54%
Implied Inflation	3.16%	3.38%	3.35%
AA Corporate Bonds	3.36%	2.81%	2.76%
Price Indices			
FTSE All Share	3,395	4,128	3,675
FTSE 100	6,175	7,510	6,728

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Sensitivity Matrix as at 31 December 2018 for Ongoing funding basis (£m)

Shift in equity level (using FTSE 100 levels as proxy)

	4,710 -30%	5,383 -20%	6,055 -10%	6,728	7,401 +10%	8,074 +20%	8,747 +30%
+0.6	(1,607)	(1,334)	(1,061)	(788)	(515)	(242)	31
+0.4	(1,741)	(1,468)	(1,195)	(922)	(649)	(376)	(103)
+0.2	(1,884)	(1,611)	(1,338)	(1,065)	(792)	(519)	(246)
0.0	(2,036)	(1,763)	(1,490)	(1,217)	(944)	(671)	(398)
-0.2	(2,198)	(1,925)	(1,652)	(1,379)	(1,106)	(833)	(560)
-0.4	(2,370)	(2,097)	(1,824)	(1,552)	(1,279)	(1,006)	(733)
-0.6	(2,555)	(2,282)	(2,009)	(1,736)	(1,463)	(1,190)	(917)

Shift in bond yields (% p.a.)

Legend for Sensitivity Matrix:

- less than 50% (dark orange)
- 50% - 85% (orange)
- 85% - 95% (light orange)
- 95% - 100% (light green)
- 100% - 105% (medium green)
- 105% - 115% (dark green)
- greater than 115% (very dark green)

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