



# Pension Fund Accounts 2018/19





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## Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

### The Pension Fund's Responsibilities

The Pension Fund is required to:

- Make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. For Powys pension Fund, that officer is the the Section 151 Officer.
- Manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- Approve the Statement of Accounts.

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### Section 151 Officer Responsibilities

The Section 151 Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Pension Fund's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom ("the Code of Practice"). These accounts are required to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund at the accounting date and its income and expenditure for the year.

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Section 151 Officer has:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently.
- Made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and consistent.
- Complied with the Code of Practice.

The Section 151 Officer has also:

- Kept proper accounting records which were up to date.
- Taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Certificate of the Section 151 Officer on the Accounts of Powys County Council Pension Fund for 2018/19.

I certify that the accounts set out on pages 6 to 35 present a true and fair view of the financial position of Powys County Council Pension Fund as at 31 March 2019 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Signature:

Date

J Thomas, Head of Finance

## Fund Administration Report

### Scheme Details

Powys County Council is the Administering Authority for the Powys Pension Fund. The Pension Fund provides pension entitlements under the Local Government Pension Scheme (“LGPS”) to all eligible employees of Powys County Council and other participating bodies. See appendix 2 for a list of the fund employers. Membership of the LGPS is not mandatory and excludes teachers, police officers and fire fighters, for whom specific separate pension schemes are available. The LGPS is a statutory public service defined benefit pension scheme based on final salary for benefits accrued up to 31 March 2014 and Career Average Revalued Earnings (“CARE”) for benefits accrued from 1 April 2014. Contributions payable by employees and the benefits due to them are prescribed by the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations.

### Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) Scheme

Since 6th April 1988, it has been a legal requirement for all pension schemes to provide members with access to an in-house AVC Scheme. The Powys Pension Fund’s appointed providers are the Equitable Life Assurance Society, the Standard Life Assurance Company and Prudential plc. Members are able to pay contributions into a variety of AVC arrangements offered by the providers, to secure additional pension benefits. The AVC investments are excluded from the Pension Fund Accounts but are disclosed for information in note 15.

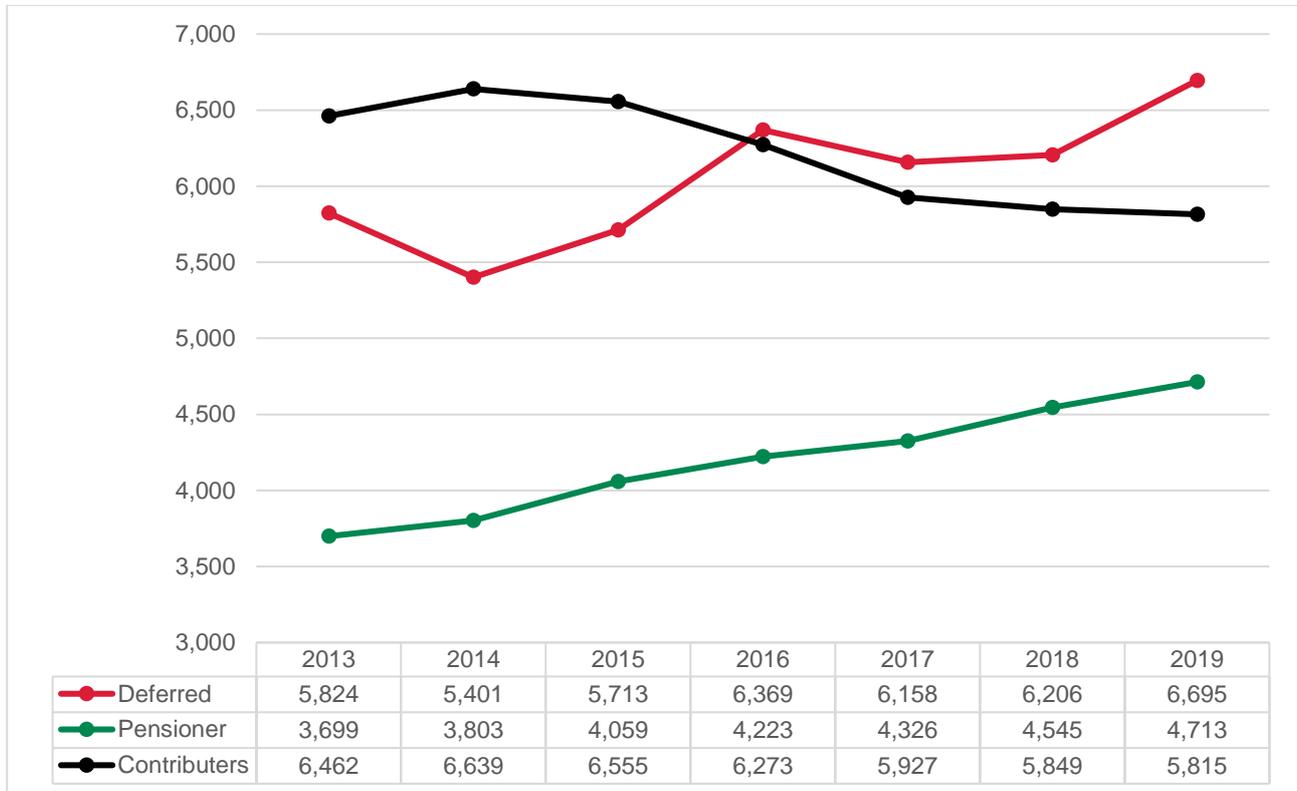
### Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement of Powys County Council is disclosed as a separate document and can be viewed on the Authority’s website.

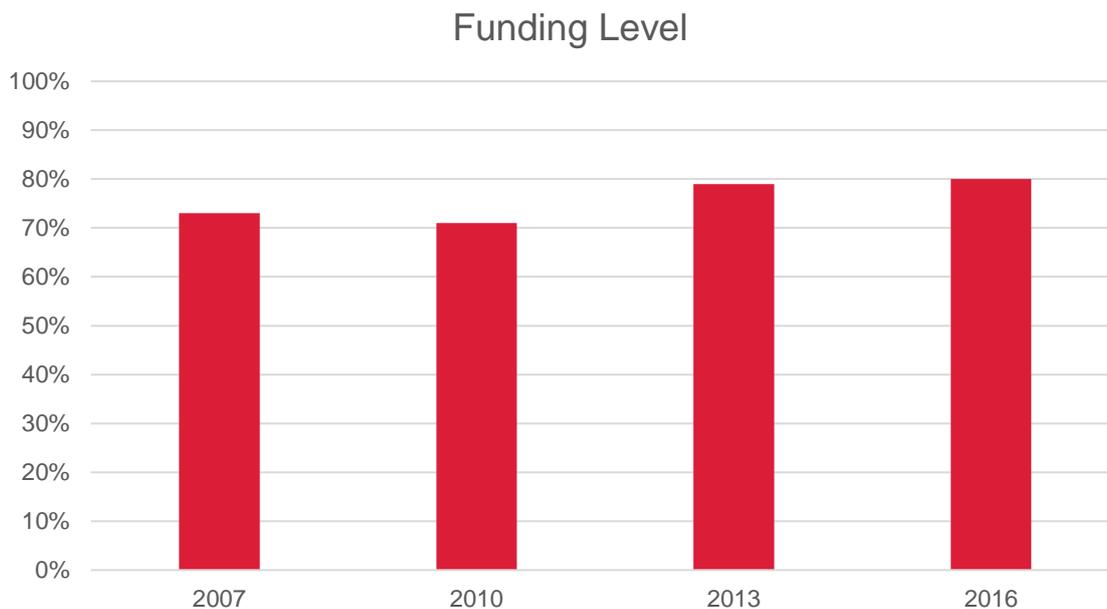
## Scheme Statistics and Performance

### Membership Trends

The graph below shows the membership of the Fund as at 31 March. Deferred members are former employees of the contributing authorities who have yet to draw their pensions.



## Funding and Valuation



The aim of the funding is to accumulate current contributions at a level sufficient to provide known benefits at some time in the future. In short therefore, the scheme benefits are financed by contributions from employees and employers together with income from investments. Both the employees' contributions and the benefits to be provided by the scheme are fixed by the Government as set out in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations, leaving the employers' rate of contribution as the only element which can be deliberately adjusted.

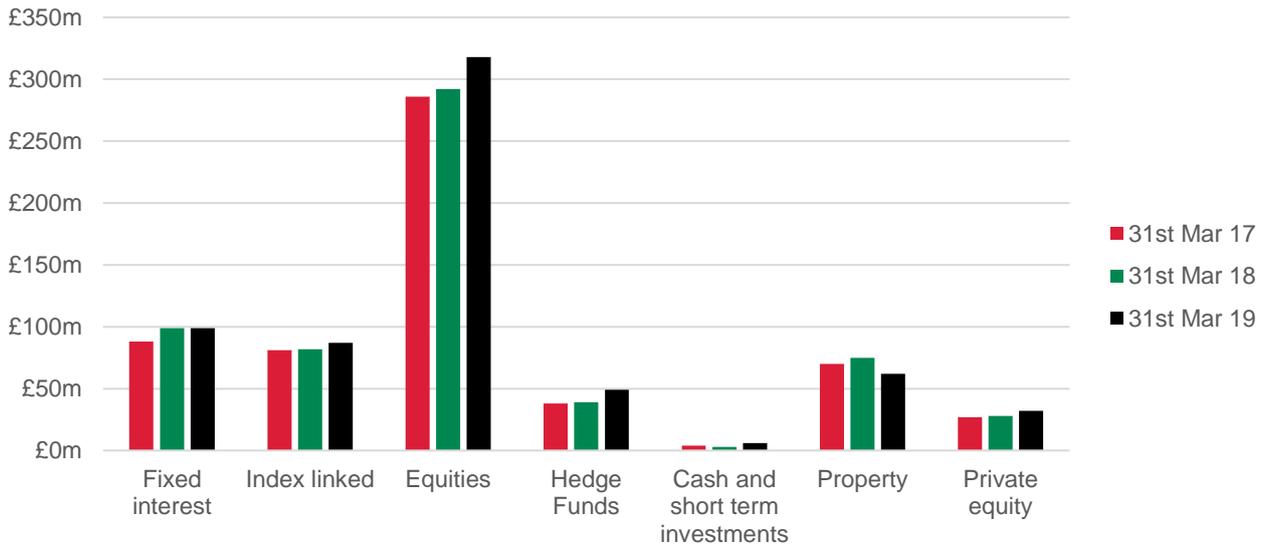
The employers' rate of contribution is assessed by the Actuary to the Fund who reviews the future income and liabilities of the Fund. These reviews, or actuarial valuations, are required by law with a major review being undertaken every third year. The statement of the actuary can be seen on page 33.

The actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2016 showed the assets held at the valuation date were sufficient to cover 80% of the accrued liabilities assessed on an ongoing basis. While this is a slight improvement on the 79% achieved as at 31 March 2013, it is the long-term goal to achieve 100% funding and efforts continue to be made to address this. The level of funding has no impact on members' benefits which are guaranteed by law.

## Investment Report

The prime requirement in managing the Fund is to ensure adequate diversification of its assets over different asset classes and different geographical areas. The right balance must be struck between the desire for enhanced returns and potential ‘risk’ of volatility in those returns i.e. the investment policy of the Fund is aimed at maximising returns within the acceptable limits of risk. There is no ideal split for any fund, so the portfolio balance needs to be regularly monitored and adjusted in line with the economic, financial and market indicators.

Market value by asset class



The investment style of the Fund is to appoint external expert fund managers with clear performance benchmarks and place accountability for performance against those benchmarks on the fund managers. The benchmarks are outlined in paragraph 6.3 of the Investment Strategy Statement which can be viewed at [www.powyspensionfund.org](http://www.powyspensionfund.org). The Chief Financial Officer must ensure that the management of the Fund falls within the requirements of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations.

During 2018/19 the Fund liquidated its Hedge Fund of Funds investments to invest in four single manager Hedge funds. Also, the transition of active equity funds to the Wales Pension Partnership pool was partially completed during the period. Of the £18.9m capital commitment (Note 18) outstanding as at 31 March 2018, £4.7m was drawn down in 2018/19.

## Performance Review

	1 Year %	3 Years %	5 Years %
Powys Pension Fund Overall Return	5.4	9.6	8.7
Inflation CPI	2.3	2.1	1.5
Average Earnings Index	2.9	2.5	2.3

Given the long-term nature of the Fund, perhaps the most significant column above is that detailing the comparisons over five years. Inflation and average earning percentages are taken from the Office for National Statistics data.

Investment manager structure as a percentage of fund total, as at 31 March 2019

Asset Class	Manager						Total %
	Blackrock Passive %	Hosking & Link WPP Active %	Insight Investments Active %	CFM, IPM, MAN, Stone Milliner Active %	Aviva, CBRE, Schroders & Hermes Active %	Standard Life & Harbourvest Active %	
Equities	31.3	17.4	-	-	-	-	48.7
Bonds	3.8	-	11.4	-	-	-	15.2
Index Linked	8.7	-	4.5	-	-	-	13.2
Hedge Fund	-	-	-	7.6	-	-	7.6
Property	-	-	-	-	9.5	-	9.5
Private Equity	-	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9
Cash/ Other	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The strategic asset allocation is as follows:

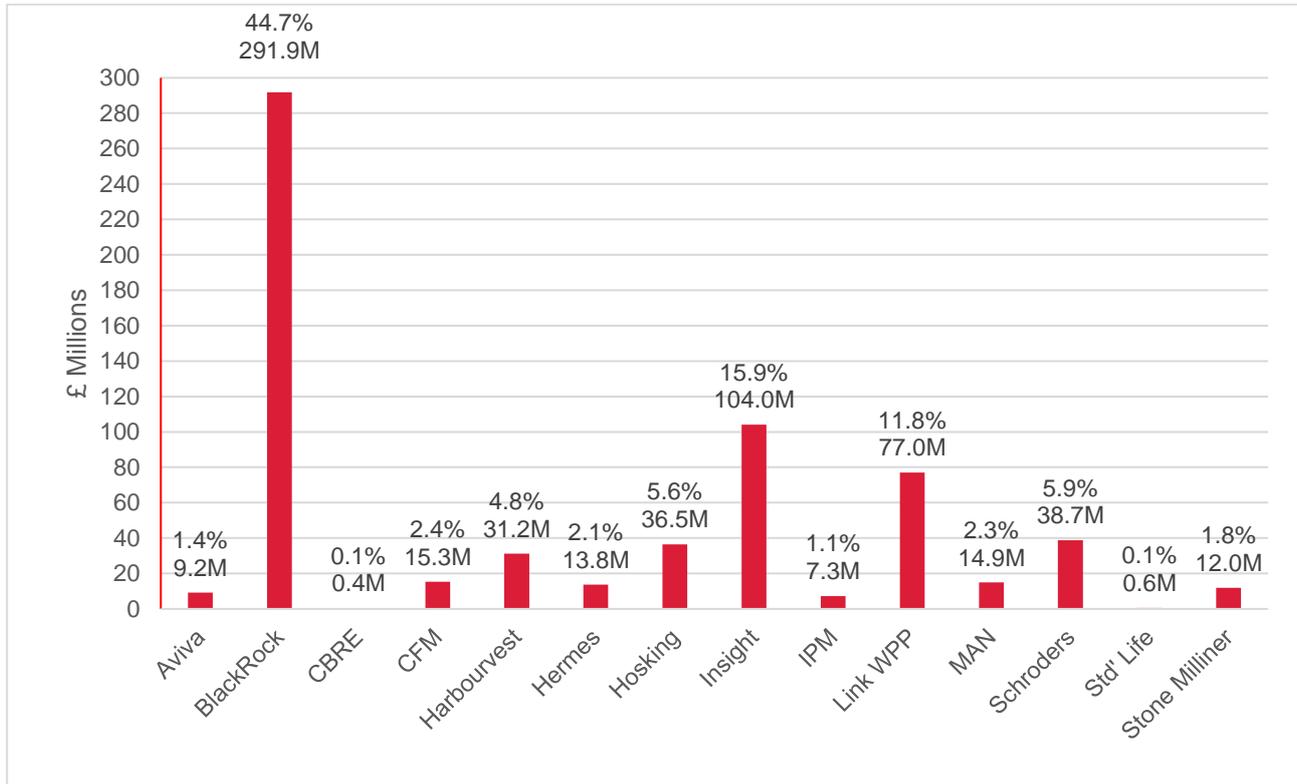
2017/18		2018/19
47%	Equities	47%
30%	Fixed interest and index linked securities	30%
10%	Property	10%
5%	Private equity	5%
8%	Hedge fund of funds	8%
<b>100%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

The current strategic asset allocation is 70% return seeking and 30% risk reducing (matching assets). This strategy was determined with the aid of the fund's Investment Advisors.

The strategic asset allocation is the ideal target and cannot be achieved until the scheme is fully funded in all areas. It does not reflect the actual investments held at the year-end. The current structure aims to have a 70:30 split between return seeking and liability matching assets.

## PENSION FUND ACCOUNTS

AON Hewitt Limited currently operates a Medium Term Asset Allocation (MTAA) project for the Fund. It utilises all of the Fund's assets excluding Private Equity. The MTAA service has the target of increasing the return achieved by these assets by 0.5% per annum by deliberately allocating assets away from the strategic allocation to take advantage of market over/under valuations during the medium term. The MTAA service has an artificial benchmark of 49.5% equity, 32% bonds and 18.5% alternatives. The market value of assets spread between the fund managers as at 31 March 2019 is shown below.



## Net Assets Statement

As at 31 March

2018 £'000		Note	2019 £'000
618,327	Investments	12	652,770
2,081	Current Assets	13	3,215
(1,471)	Current Liabilities	13	(1,412)
618,937	Net Asset as at 31 Mar		654,573

The accounts show cash held with the Investment Managers as investments as recommended in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Financial Reports for Pension Schemes.

## Pension Fund Account

2017/18 £'000		Note	2018/19 £'000
	<b>Contributions and benefits</b>		
(24,248)	Contributions receivable	4	(26,545)
(1,905)	Transfers in	5	(1,851)
(37)	Other income	6	(31)
(26,190)	Total income		(28,427)
26,380	Benefits payable	7	26,218
2,512	Payments on account of leavers	8	2,664
3,424	Management expenses	9	3,602
32,316	Total expenditure		32,484
6,126	Net withdrawals from dealing with members		4,057
	Returns on investments		
(5,888)	Investment income	10	(6,153)
3	Taxes on Income	11	2
(21,036)	Changes in the market value of investments	12	(33,542)
(26,921)	Net profit on investments		(39,693)
(20,795)	Net (increase)/decrease in the fund		(35,636)
598,142	Opening net assets		618,937
618,937	Closing net assets		654,573

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## Note 1: Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 2018/19 CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom which is based upon International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as amended for the UK public sector.

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the scheme and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the trustees. They do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the scheme year. The actuarial position of the scheme, which does take account of such obligations, is dealt with in the statement by the actuary included in the annual report and these financial statements should be read in conjunction with it.

## Note 2: Accounting Policies

### Contributions and Benefits

Contributions are accounted for on an accruals basis. Benefits payable represents the benefits entitlement up to the end of the reporting period.

### Transfers to other Schemes

Transfer values represent the amounts received and paid during the year for members who have either joined or left the fund during the financial year and are calculated in accordance with The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations.

Individual transfers in/out are accounted for when received/paid, which is normally when the member liability is accepted or discharged.

Transfers in from members wishing to use the proceeds of their additional voluntary contribution to purchase scheme benefits are accounted for on a receipts basis and are included in Additional Contributions.

Bulk (group) transfers are accounted for on an accruals basis in accordance with the terms of the transfer agreement.

### Refunds to Leavers

These are accounted for when due.

### Investment Management Expenses

Each fund manager receives a fee for their services based on the market value of the assets they manage.

### Investment Income

#### *Interest income*

Interest income is recognised in the fund account as it accrues.

#### *Distributions from pooled funds*

Distributions from pooled funds are recognised at the date of issue. Any amount not received by the end of the reporting period is disclosed in the net assets statement as a current financial asset.

### Change in Market Value

Changes in market value of investments comprise reinvested investment income and all realised and unrealised profits/losses during the year.

### Foreign Currency Transactions

Assets and liabilities held in a foreign currency are translated at the rate of sterling quoted at year-end. Income and expenditure arising during the year is translated into sterling at the rate quoted on the date of receipt or payment. Resulting exchange gains or losses are recognised through the revenue account.

### Valuation of Assets

No property is directly held by the fund. The market value used for quoted investments is the bid market price ruling on the final day of the accounting period. Fund Managers value unquoted securities at the year-end in line with generally accepted guidelines to ascertain the fair value of the investment. Change in Market value also includes income which is reinvested in the fund, net of applicable tax. Fixed interest securities are recorded at net market value based on their current yields. Fair value for limited partnerships is based on the net asset value ascertained from periodic valuations provided by those controlling the partnership. It is not the intention of the fund to dispose of unquoted investments before maturity.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash in hand and demand deposits.

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash and that are subject to minimal risk of changes in value.

### Taxation

The fund is a registered public service scheme under section 1(1) of Schedule 36 of the Finance Act 2004 and as such is exempt from UK income tax on interest received and from capital gains tax on the proceeds of investments sold. Income from overseas investments suffers withholding tax in the country of origin, unless exemption is permitted. Irrecoverable tax is accounted for as a fund expense as it arises.

### Financial Assets

Financial assets are included in the net assets statement on a fair value basis as at the reporting date. A financial asset is recognised in the net assets statement on the date the fund becomes party to the contractual acquisition of the asset. From this date any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the asset are recognised in the fund account.

### Financial Liabilities

The fund recognises financial liabilities at fair value as at the reporting date. A financial liability is recognised in the net assets statement on the date the fund becomes party to the liability. From this date, any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the liability are recognised by the fund.

### Actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits

The actuarial value of promised retirement benefits is assessed on a triennial basis by the scheme actuary in accordance with the requirements of IAS 19 and relevant actuarial standards. As permitted under IAS 26, the fund has opted to disclose the actuarial value of promised retirement benefits by way of a note to the net assets statement (note 21).

### Administrative expenses

All staff costs of the pension administration team and other overheads are apportioned to the fund in accordance with Council policy.

### Contingent Liabilities

Contingent liabilities are possible liabilities whose existence will only be confirmed by future events and are not recognised until the realisation of the loss is virtually certain.

### Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVC's)

Members of the Pension Fund may make additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) in order to obtain improved benefits on retirement. The AVC investments are excluded from the Financial Statements of the Powys Pension Fund, in accordance with section 4(2)b of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management & Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/3093) but are disclosed as a note only (note 15).

### Note 3: Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

#### Unquoted private equity investments

It is important to recognise the subjective nature of determining the fair value of private equity investments. They are inherently based on forward looking estimates and judgements involving many factors. Unquoted private equity investments are valued by the investment managers using acceptable guidelines. The value of these investments at 31 March 2019 was £31.8m (31 March 2018: £28.5m).

An analysis of investments can be found later in Note 12a.

#### Pension Fund liability

The pension fund liability is calculated every three years by the appointed actuary, with annual updates in the intervening years. The methodology used is in line with accepted guidelines and in accordance with IAS 19. Assumptions underpinning the valuations are agreed with the actuary and are summarised in the statement of the actuary. This estimate is subject to significant variances based on changes to the underlying assumptions.

## Note 4: Contributions Receivable

2017/18 £'000	By Category	2018/19 £'000
19,505	Employers	21,480
4,743	Employees	5,065
24,248		26,545

2017/18 £'000	By Authority	2018/19 £'000
21,946	Powys County Council (administering body)	24,225
875	Scheduled bodies	956
1,427	Admitted bodies	1,364
24,248		26,545

2017/18 £'000	By Type	2018/19 £'000
14,244	Employers normal contributions	15,008
4,743	Employees normal contributions	5,065
406	Employers additional contributions	982
4,855	Employers deficit reduction contributions	5,490
24,248		26,545

## Note 5: Transfers In

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
1,905	Individual transfers from other schemes	1,851

## Note 6: Other Income

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
17	Administrative fees received	10
20	Additional allowances recovered	21
37		31

## Note 7: Benefit Payable

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
21,000	Pensions	22,103
4,898	Commutations and lump sum retirement benefits	3,594
482	Lump sum death benefits	521
26,380		26,218

Benefits can be further analysed as follows:

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
22,366	Powys County Council (administering authority)	22,368
2,580	Scheduled bodies	2,546
1,434	Admitted bodies	1,304
26,380		26,218

## Note 8: Payments to and on Account of Leavers

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
47	Refunds to members leaving service	55
4	Payments to members joining state scheme	-
2,461	Individual transfers to other schemes	2,609
2,512		2,664

## Note 9: Management Expenses

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
1,002	Administration expenses	1,019
2,330	Investment management expenses (see Note 9a)	2,432
92	Oversight and governance costs	151
3,424		3,602

## Note 9a: Investment Management Expenses

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
2,075	Management fees	2,058
223	Investment advice	345
32	Custody fees	29
2,330		2,432

## Note 10: Investment Income

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
(2)	Interest on cash deposits	(25)
(783)	Income from bonds	(752)
(1,691)	Pooled property investments	(1632)
(3,407)	Private equity income	(3,737)
(5)	Other investment income	(7)
(5,888)		(6,153)

## Note 11: Taxes on Income

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
3	Foreign tax on investment	2
3		2

## Note 12: Investments

	Value as at 1 Apr 18	Purchases at Cost	Sales Proceeds	Fees included in NAV	Cash Movement	Change in Market Value	Value as at 31 Mar 19
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bonds	99,294	4,000	(4,752)	(76)	752	(210)	99,008
Index linked Securities	81,959	37,620	(38,200)	-	-	5,039	86,418
Equities (pooled funds)	291,722	95,689	(91,709)	(459)	-	22,906	318,149
Property (pooled funds)	74,542	1,151	(16,071)	(452)	522	2,412	62,104
Private Equity	28,465	4,696	(6,264)	(558)	3,695	1,745	31,779
Hedge Fund of Funds	39,599	48,600	(40,128)	(255)	-	1,549	49,365
Cash & Short Term Investments	2,746	51,600	(48,500)	-	-	101	5,947
	618,327	243,356	(245,623)	(1,801)	4,969	33,542	652,770

	Value as at 1 Apr 17	Purchases at Cost	Sales Proceeds	Fees included in NAV	Cash Movement	Change in Market Value	Value as at 31 Mar 18
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bonds	87,810	11,300	(783)	(81)	783	265	99,294
Index linked Securities	81,265	-	-	-	-	694	81,959
Equities (pooled funds)	285,268	52,498	(58,298)	(454)	-	12,708	291,722
Property (pooled funds)	69,856	1,184	(2,582)	(459)	507	6,036	74,542
Private Equity	27,361	5,107	(6,578)	(313)	3,407	(519)	28,465
Hedge Fund of Funds	38,162	12,328	(12,335)	(403)	-	1,847	39,599
Cash & Short Term Investments	4,441	5,800	(7,500)	-	-	5	2,746
	594,163	88,217	(88,076)	(1,710)	4,697	21,036	618,327

The change in market value of investments during the year comprises all increases and decreases in the market value of investments held at any time during the year, including profits and losses realised on sales of investments during the year. Some transaction costs are included in the cost of purchases and sales proceeds. Transaction costs include costs charged directly to the scheme such as fees, commissions, stamp duty and other fees.

These transaction costs incurred in the year are incurred through the bid-offer spread on investments within pooled investment vehicles. The amount of indirect costs is not separately provided to the scheme. All equity investments held by the fund are in unitised funds.

## Note 12a: Analysis of Investments

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
	<b>Bonds</b>	
99,294	UK unit trusts quoted	99,008
	<b>Index linked securities</b>	
81,959	UK quoted	86,418
	<b>Equities</b>	
16,543	UK unit trusts quoted	13,043
275,179	Overseas unit trusts quoted	305,106
	<b>Hedge Funds</b>	
39,599	UK	49,365
	<b>Private Equity</b>	
28,465	Overseas unquoted	31,779
	<b>Property</b>	
73,482	UK unit trusts quoted	61,692
1,060	Overseas unquoted	412
120	<b>Cash</b>	121
2,626	<b>Liquidity Funds</b>	5,826
618,327		652,770

## Note 12b: Investments Analysed by Fund Manager

31 Mar 18			31 Mar 19	
Market Value £'000	%		Market Value £'000	%
23,350	3.8	Aviva Investors Pensions Ltd	9,151	1.4
293,733	47.3	BlackRock Global Investors Ltd	291,885	44.7
26,477	4.3	Carnegie	-	-
1,060	0.2	CBRE Ltd	412	0.1
-	-	CFM	15,280	2.4
39,600	6.4	Goldman Sachs Asset Management Ltd	-	-
27,558	4.5	HarbourVest Partners LLC	31,184	4.8
13,335	2.2	Hermes Fund Managers Ltd	13,799	2.1
36,165	5.9	Hosking	36,528	5.6
75,815	12.3	Insight Investment Ltd	104,053	15.9
-	-	IPM	7,257	1.1
-	-	Link WPP	77,056	11.8
-	-	MAN	14,874	2.3
43,531	7.0	MFS International Ltd	-	-
36,797	6.0	Schroders Investment Management Ltd	38,742	5.9
906	0.1	Standard Life Investments Ltd	596	0.1
-	-	Stone Milliner	11,953	1.8
618,327			652,770	

The following investments represent more than 5% of the net assets of the scheme:

31 Mar 18			31 Mar 19	
Market Value £'000	%	Security	Market Value £'000	%
61,763	10.0	Blackrock Aquila Life Currency Hedged US Equity Index Fund	72,939	11.2
81,960	13.3	Blackrock Aquila Life Over 5Yr Uk Idx Lkd	56,809	8.7
38,697	6.3	Blackrock Aquila Life Currency Hedged MSCI World Index Fund	41,187	6.3
39,600	6.4	Goldman Sachs Hedge Fund Opportunities Ltd	-	-
36,165	5.9	Hosking Partners	36,528	5.6
48,205	7.8	Insight Bonds Plus fund	47,097	7.2
-	-	Link WPP	77,056	11.8
43,531	7.0	MFS Global Equity Fund	-	-
36,797	6.0	Schroder UK Real Estate Fund	38,742	5.9

### Note 13: Current Assets and Liabilities

2017/18 £'000		2018/19 £'000
	<b>Current Assets</b>	
179	Contributions due from employers and members	167
1,375	Cash balances	2,557
527	Sundry debtors	491
2,081		3,215
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
(437)	Benefits payable	(269)
(1,034)	Sundry creditors	(1,143)
(1,471)		(1,412)

Amounts unpaid at the year end are subsequently paid within a reasonable time frame, i.e. the majority of the balances are paid within a 3 month period.

### Note 14: Related Party Transactions

Details of Members and officers of the Council represented on the Pensions and Investment Committee are shown in Appendix 1. Their combined contributions into the scheme totalled £19.2k in 2018/19 (£18k in 2017/18).

The Fund is administered by Powys County Council. Consequently, there is a relationship between the Authority and the Fund.

The Authority incurred costs of £916k in 2018/19 (2017/18: £894k) in relation to the administration of the Fund and was subsequently reimbursed by the Fund.

The Authority is also the single largest employer of members in the Fund and contributed £18,761k to the Fund in 2018/19 (2017/18: £17,388k) in employers contributions and deficit recovery payments.

## Governance

The makeup of the Pensions and Investment Committee can be seen in Appendix 1.

The role of Section 151 Officer for the Authority, plays a key role in the financial management of the Fund and is also an active member of the Fund.

Councillors are required to declare their interest at each meeting.

The Committee members and Section 151 Officer accrue their benefits in line with the regulations encompassing councillors and employees of the employing bodies of the Fund.

For the full Governance Statement please see Appendix 5.

## Note 15: Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVC)

Members of the Pension Fund may make additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) in order to obtain improved benefits on retirement. The AVC investments are excluded from the Financial Statements of the Powys Pension Fund, in accordance with section 4(2)b of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management & Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/3093). However, as administering authority we oversee the following AVC arrangements:

<b>2018/19</b>	<b>Standard Life</b>	<b>Prudential</b>	<b>Equitable Life</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Contributions received</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Powys County Council	35	286	1	322
BBNP	-	14	-	14

	<b>Standard Life</b>	<b>Prudential</b>	<b>Equitable Life</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Fund Value</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
As at 31 Mar 19	1,055	1,214	71	2,340

## Note 16: Contingent Liabilities

No contingent liabilities were known to exist at the Balance Sheet date.

### Note 17. Post Balance Sheet Events

The accounts outlined in these financial statements represent the financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2019. Since this date, the performance of the global markets may have affected the financial value of Pension Fund investments.

### Note 18: Capital Commitments

2017/18 £'000	Private Equity and Property mandate	2018/19 £'000
904	Standard Life (Private Equity)	937
17,990	Harbourvest (Private Equity)	29,920
18,894		30,857

The Pension Fund has committed to guaranteed investments in private equity that the asset managers can draw down upon as and when required. The Capital Commitments figure above, represents the level of investment guaranteed but not yet drawn down at the year end.

### Note 19: Stock Lending

The Investment Strategy Statement (included in the Annual Report) sets out the fund's policy on stock lending.

## Note 20: Financial Instruments

## Note 20A: Classification of financial instruments &amp; liabilities

31 Mar 18			31 Mar 19	
Amortised cost	Fair value through profit and loss		Amortised cost	Fair value through profit and loss
£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000
		<b>Financial Assets</b>		
	99,293	Fixed interest securities		128,617
	81,960	Index linked securities		56,809
	291,722	Equities (pooled funds)		318,149
	74,543	Property (pooled funds)		62,104
	28,465	Private equity		31,779
	39,600	Hedge fund of funds		49,365
2,746		Cash & short term investments	5,947	
2,081		Current assets	3,215	
4,827	615,583	Total financial assets	9,162	646,823
		<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
(1,471)		Current liabilities	(1,412)	
(1,471)			(1,412)	

## Note 20B: Valuation of financial instruments carried at fair value

The valuation of financial instruments has been classified into three levels, according to the quality and reliability of information used to determine fair values.

*Level 1*

Financial instruments at level 1 are those where the fair values are derived from unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Products classified as level 1 comprise quoted equities, quoted fixed securities, quoted index linked securities and unit trusts.

*Level 2*

Financial instruments at level 2 are those where quoted market prices are not available; for example, where an instrument is traded in a market that is not considered to be active, or where valuation techniques are used to determine fair value and where these techniques use inputs that are based significantly on observable market data.

*Level 3*

Financial instruments at level 3 are those where at least one input that could have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation is not based on observable market data.

Such instruments would include unquoted investments and hedge fund of funds, which are valued using various valuation techniques that require significant judgement in determining appropriate assumptions.

The private equity values are based on valuations provided by the general partners to the private equity funds in which the Powys Pension Fund has invested.

The hedge fund values are based on the net asset value provided by the fund manager.

The tables below show the financial assets and liabilities of the Pension Fund grouped into levels 1 to 3, based on the level at which the fair value is observable.

<b>Value as at 31 Mar 19</b>	<b>Level 1 £'000</b>	<b>Level 2 £'000</b>	<b>Level 3 £'000</b>	<b>Total £'000</b>
Investments	432,466	139,160	81,144	652,770
Current assets	3,215	-	-	3,215
Current liabilities	(1,412)	-	-	(1,412)
Net financial assets	434,269	139,160	81,144	654,573

<b>Value as at 31 Mar 18</b>	<b>Level 1 £'000</b>	<b>Level 2 £'000</b>	<b>Level 3 £'000</b>	<b>Total £'000</b>
Investments	475,721	74,543	68,063	618,327
Current assets	2,081	-	-	2,081
Current liabilities	(1,470)	-	-	(1,470)
Net financial assets	476,332	74,543	68,063	618,938

#### Reconciliation of Level 3 movements

<b>Level 3 asset</b>	<b>Value as at 31 Mar 18 £'000</b>	<b>Purchases, sales &amp; transfers £'000</b>	<b>Change in market value £'000</b>	<b>Value as at 31 Mar 19 £'000</b>
Hedge funds	39,599	8,472	1,294	49,365
Private equity	28,465	(1,568)	4,882	31,779
Total	68,064	6,904	6,176	81,144

**Note 21: Actuarial Present Value of Promised Retirement Benefits**

CIPFA's Code of Practice requires the disclosure for the year ending 31 March 2016 of the actuarial valuation of promised retirement benefits as set out in IAS 26. The actuarial present value should be calculated on an IAS 19 basis. IAS 26 is the accounting standard that sets out the requirements for accounting and reporting in respect of retirement and the requirements for accounting and reporting of promised retirement benefit plans following the move to financial reporting of the Pension Fund Accounts under the IFRS.

The actuarial present value of the promised retirement benefits were as follows

31 March 2013 £'000	31 March 2016 £'000
632,400	724,600

**Assumptions used**

	31 March 2013 %	31 March 2016 %
Discount rate	4.4	3.4
Inflation (CPI)	2.4	1.8
Salary increase rate	3.9	3.3

**McCloud Judgement**

In December 2018 the Court of Appeal ruled in the 'McCloud/Sargeant' judgement that the transitional protection arrangements put in place when the Firefighters' and Judges' pension schemes were reformed were age discriminatory. The Government applied to the Supreme Court for permission to appeal this judgement, however the Supreme Court rejected the government's request on 27 June 2019. The next stage is for the case to be referred to the Employment Tribunal to agree the remedy, following appropriate consultation.

While the judgement was not in relation to members with LGPS benefits it would be reasonable to assume that Government will now seek a remedy for all public sector schemes, including the LGPS, with the remedy potentially differing by Scheme depending on the transitional protections adopted.

Any remedy, and hence the amount to recognise is uncertain. The Government Actuary's Department (GAD), under instruction of the LGPS Advisory Board (England and Wales), were asked to calculate the 'worst-case' scenario impact at LGPS Scheme Level on assumptions that are reflective of those that are used for accounting. The GAD Report provided a worst case scenario that the additional liability is calculated using 3.2% of the active liabilities. The active liabilities at the 2016 valuation were £222.2m, applying 3.2% would mean an additional £7.1m liability. This figure has not been included in the accounts of the pension fund elsewhere, due to the uncertainty. The actuary will provide an up-to-date 2019 valuation in 2019-20.

## Note 22: Nature and Extent of Risks Arising from Financial Instruments

### Risk and Risk Management

The Fund's primary long-term risk is that the Fund's assets will fall short of its liabilities (i.e. promised benefits payable to members.) Therefore the aim of investment risk management is to minimise the risk of an overall reduction in the value of the Fund and to maximise the opportunity for gains across the whole Fund portfolio. The Fund achieves this through asset diversification to reduce exposure to market risk (price risk, currency risk and interest rate risk) and credit risk to an acceptable level. In addition, the Fund manages its liquidity risk to ensure there is sufficient liquidity to meet the Fund's forecast cash flows. The council manages these investment risks as part of its overall pension fund risk management programme. Responsibility for the Fund's risk management strategy rests with the Pension Fund Committee.

### Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss from fluctuations in equity and commodity prices, interest and foreign exchange rates and credit spreads. The Fund is exposed to market risk from its investment activities, particularly through its equity holdings. The level of risk exposure depends on market conditions, expectations of future price and yield movements and the asset mix.

The objective of the Fund's risk management is to identify, manage and control market risk exposure within acceptable parameters, whilst optimising the return on risk.

In general, excessive volatility in market risk is managed through the diversification of the portfolio in terms of geographical and industry sectors and individual securities. To mitigate market risk, the Council and its investment advisors undertake appropriate monitoring of market conditions and benchmark analysis. Specific risk exposure is limited by applying risk-weighted maximum exposures to individual investments.

Equity futures contracts and exchange traded option contracts on individual securities may also be used to manage market risk on equity investments. It is possible for over-the-counter equity derivative contracts to be used in exceptional circumstances to manage specific aspects of market risk.

### Other Price Risk

Other price risk represents the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or foreign exchange risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all such instruments in the market.

The Fund is exposed to price risk. This arises from investments held by the Fund for which the future price is uncertain. All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. Except for shares sold short, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments. Possible losses from shares sold short are unlimited.

The Fund's investment managers mitigate this price risk through diversification.

### Other Price Risk – Sensitivity Analysis

The following movements in market price risk are considered reasonably possible for 2018/19. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates remain unchanged.

PENSION FUND ACCOUNTS

Asset Type	Value as at 31 Mar 19	Percentage Change	Value on Increase	Value on Decrease
	£'000	%	£'000	£'000
Active Equity	113,584	9.85	124,773	102,395
Passive Equity	204,565	10.04	225,113	184,016
UK Corporate Bonds	38,579	5.27	40,613	36,544
Absolute Bonds	47,097	1.97	48,026	46,168
Index Linked	86,418	15.10	99,467	73,369
Government Bonds	13,332	4.23	13,896	12,768
Property	62,104	2.18	63,459	60,750
Private Equity	31,779	10.45	35,101	28,457
Hedge Funds	49,365	2.32	50,512	48,218
Cash & short term investments	5,947	0.17	5,958	5,937
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>652,770</b>	<b>5.83</b>	<b>706,918</b>	<b>598,622</b>

### Interest Rate Risk

The Fund invests in financial assets for the primary purpose of obtaining a return on investments. These investments are subject to interest rate risks, which represent the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Fund's interest rate and return are monitored by the Council and its investment advisors as part of the monthly and quarterly reporting and assessment of interest rate return against benchmark.

A 0.75% volatility associated with interest rates is considered likely, based on the Authorities Treasury Management advisors latest advice. The Fund's exposure to interest rate movements as at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2019 is set out below.

<b>As at 31 Mar 18 £'000</b>	<b>Asset Type</b>	<b>As at 31 Mar 19 £'000</b>
2,746	Cash Instruments	5,947
1,374	Cash balances	2,557
99,294	Bonds	128,617
103,414	Total	137,121

### Currency Risk

Currency risk represents the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Fund is exposed to currency risk on financial instruments that are denominated in any currency other than the functional currency of the fund (£UK). The fund holds both monetary and non-monetary assets denominated in currencies other than £UK.

The fund's currency rate risk is routinely monitored by the Council and its investment advisors in accordance with the Fund's risk management, including monitoring the range of exposure to currency fluctuations.

## PENSION FUND ACCOUNTS

The fund's currency exposure as at 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2018 is set out below.

As at 31 Mar 18 £'000		As at 31 Mar 19 £'000
28,465	Private equity	31,779
36,165	Equities (Pooled Funds)	36,528
64,630	Total	68,307

A 10% volatility associated with exchange rates is considered likely, based on analysis of historical movements.

This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

A 10% strengthening/weakening of the pound against the various currencies in which the fund holds investments would increase/decrease the net assets available to pay benefits as follows:

Asset Type	Value as at 31 Mar 19 £'000	Value on Increase £'000	Value on Decrease £'000
Private equity	31,779	34,957	28,601
Equities (Pooled Funds)	36,528	40,181	32,875
Total	68,307	75,138	61,476

### Credit Risk

Credit risk represents the risk that the counterparty to a transaction or a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the fund to incur a financial loss. The market values of investments generally reflect an assessment of credit in their pricing and consequently the risk of loss is implicitly provided for in the carrying value of the fund's financial assets and liabilities.

In essence the fund's entire investment portfolio is exposed to some form of credit risk, with the exception of the derivatives positions, where the risk equates to the net market value of a positive derivative position. However the selection of high quality counterparties, brokers and financial institutions minimises credit risk that may occur through the failure to settle a transaction in a timely manner.

Contractual credit risk is represented by the net payment or receipt that remains outstanding, and the cost of replacing the derivative position in the event of counterparty default. The residual risk is minimal due to the various insurance policies held by the exchanges to cover defaulting counterparties.

Deposits are not made with banks and financial institutions unless they are rated independently and meet the council's credit criteria. The council has also set limits as to the maximum percentage of the deposits placed with any one class of financial institution.

The Council believes it has managed its exposure to credit risk, and has had no experience of default or uncollectable deposits over the past five financial years. The table below shows the funds cash holding as at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2019.

	Rating	As at 31 Mar 18 £'000	As at 31 Mar 19 £'000
<b>Bank Current Account</b>			
HSBC	AA-	3	91
<b>Bank Deposit Account</b>			
HSBC	AA-	1,372	2,466

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk represents the risk that the fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Council therefore takes steps to ensure that the pension fund has adequate cash resources to meet its commitments. This will particularly be the case for meeting the pensioner payroll costs; and also cash to meet investment commitments.

The Fund has immediate access to its pension fund cash holdings.

The fund defines liquid assets as assets that can be converted to cash within three months. Illiquid assets are those assets which will take longer than three months to convert in to cash. As at 31 March 2019 the value of illiquid assets was £143.2m, which represented 21.9% of the total fund assets - (31 March 2018 - £142.6m, which represented 23.1% of the total fund assets).

Management prepares periodic cash flow forecasts to understand and manage the timing of the fund's cash flows. The appropriate strategic level of cash balances to be held forms part of the fund's investment strategy.

All financial liabilities at 31 March 2019 are due within one year.

### Refinancing risk

The key risk is that the Council will be bound to replenish a significant proportion of its pension fund financial instruments at a time of unfavourable interest rates. The Council does not have any financial instruments that have a refinancing risk as part of its treasury management and investment strategies.

### Note 23: Accounting Standards That Have Been Issued but Have Not Yet Been Adopted.

The Code of Practice requires that the Authority discloses information relating to the impact of an accounting change that will be required by a new standard that has been issued but not yet adopted. This requirement applies to accounting standards that come into effect for financial years commencing on or before 1 January of the financial year in question (i.e. on or before 1 January 2019 for 2019/20). None of the standards introduced in the 2019/20 code are expected to have a material impact on the financial statements.

# The independent auditor's report of the Auditor General for Wales to the members of Powys County Council as the administering authority for Powys Pension Fund

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

### *Opinion*

I have audited the financial statements of Powys Pension Fund for the year ended 31 March 2019 under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004. Powys Pension Fund's financial statements comprise the fund account, the net assets statement and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2018-19 based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the pension fund during the year ended 31 March 2019, and of the amount and disposition at that date of its assets and liabilities,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2018-19.

### *Basis for opinion*

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the pension fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

### *Conclusions relating to going concern*

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require me to report to you where:

- the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the responsible financial officer has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the pension fund's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### *Other information*

The responsible financial officer is responsible for the other information in the Fund Administration Report, Scheme Statistics & Performance and the Investment Report. The other information comprises the information included in these other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

### *Report on other requirements*

#### *Opinion on other matters*

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of my audit:

- the information contained in the Fund Administration Report, Scheme Statistics & Performance and the Investment Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### *Matters on which I report by exception*

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the pension fund and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, I have not identified material misstatements in the Fund Administration Report, Scheme Statistics & Performance and the Investment Report.

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters, which I report to you, if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

### *Certificate of completion of audit*

I certify that I have completed the audit of the accounts of Powys Pension Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Auditor General for Wales' Code of Audit Practice.

## Responsibilities

### *Responsibilities of the responsible financial officer for the financial statements*

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the financial statements, the responsible financial officer is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the responsible financial officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the responsible financial officer is responsible for assessing the pension fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless deemed inappropriate.

### *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website

[www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Anthony J Barrett  
For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales  
10 September 2019

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# Statement of the Actuary for the Year Ended 31 March

## Introduction

The Scheme Regulations require that a full actuarial valuation is carried out every third year. The purpose of this is to establish that the Powys County Council Pension Fund (the Fund) is able to meet its liabilities to past and present contributors and to review employer contribution rates. The last full actuarial investigation into the financial position of the Fund was completed as at 31 March 2016 by Aon, in accordance with Regulation 62 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.

## Actuarial Position

1. The valuation as at 31 March 2016 showed that the funding ratio of the Fund had increased since the previous valuation with the market value of the Fund's assets as at 31 March 2016 (of £501.8M) covering 80% of the liabilities allowing, in the case of pre- 1 April 2014 membership for current contributors to the Fund, for future increases in pensionable pay.
2. The valuation also showed that the theoretical aggregate level of contributions required to be paid by participating employers with effect from 1 April 2017 was:
  - 18.6% of pensionable pay. This is the rate calculated as being sufficient, together with contributions paid by members, to meet the liabilities arising in respect of service after the valuation date (the primary rate),

### Plus

- Monetary amounts to restore the assets to 100% of the liabilities in respect of service prior to the valuation date over a recovery period of 22 years from 1 April 2017 (the secondary rate), equivalent to approximately 8.0% of pensionable pay (or £6.6M in 2017/18, and increasing by 3.5% p.a. thereafter).
3. In practice, each individual employer's or group of employers' position is assessed separately and contributions are set out in Aon's report dated 31 March 2017 (the "actuarial valuation report"). In addition to the contributions certified, payments to cover additional liabilities arising from early retirements (other than ill-health retirements) will be made to the Fund by the employers. Due to stepping in of contributions, the actual contributions paid from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020 are likely to be lower than those set out in 2 above.
  4. The funding plan adopted in assessing the contributions for each individual employer or group is in accordance with the Funding Strategy Statement. Different approaches adopted in implementing contribution increases and individual employers' recovery periods were agreed with the Administering Authority reflecting the employers' circumstances.
  5. The valuation was carried out using the projected unit actuarial method for most employers and the main financial actuarial assumptions used for assessing the funding target and the contribution rates were as follows.

Discount rate	4.4% p.a.
Rate of pay increases	3.5% p.a.
Rate of increase to pension accounts	2.0% p.a.

Rate of increases in pensions in payment (in excess of Guaranteed Minimum Pension)	2.0% p.a.
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In addition, the discount rate for already orphaned liabilities (i.e. where there is no scheme employer responsible for funding those liabilities) was 2.1% p.a.

The assets were valued at market value.

Further details of the assumptions adopted for the valuation, including the demographic assumptions, are set out in the actuarial valuation report.

6. The valuation results summarised in paragraphs 1 and 2 above are based on the financial position and market levels at the valuation date, 31 March 2016. As such the results do not make allowance for changes which have occurred subsequent to the valuation date.
7. The formal actuarial valuation report and the Rates and Adjustments Certificate setting out the Employer contribution rates for the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020 were signed on 31 March 2017. Other than as permitted or required by the Regulations, employer contribution rates will be reviewed at the next actuarial valuation of the Fund as at 31 March 2019 in accordance with Regulation 62 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.
8. Since the date the valuation report was signed, there have been a number of developments in respect of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS):
  - **Increases to GMPs:**  
HM Treasury, in its response to the consultation on indexation and equalisation of GMPs in public sector schemes, announced an extension of the indexation of GMPs to those reaching State Pension Age on or before 5 April 2021 (previously 5 December 2018). This extension period was not allowed for in the valuation results as the actuarial valuation report was signed off in advance of this announcement, but the increase in liability is not expected to be material. In addition, on 26 October 2018 the High Court ruled in the Lloyds Banking Group case that schemes are required to equalise male and female members' benefit for the effect of unequal GMPs. Our understanding is that this will not alter HM Treasury's approach to GMP equalisation in the LGPS.
  - **Cost Management Process and McCloud judgement:**  
Legislation requires HM Treasury and the LGPS Advisory Board to undertake periodic valuations to monitor the cost of the LGPS to ensure it remains sustainable and affordable. Initial results from the Scheme Advisory Board process indicated that benefit improvements / member contribution reductions would be required. However, the cost management process has been paused following the Court of Appeal ruling that the transitional arrangements in both the Judges' Pension Scheme (McCloud) and Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Sergeant) were age discriminatory; these cases could have knock on implications for the LGPS (potentially increasing the liabilities) which also had transitional arrangements when the new scheme was introduced with effect from April 2014.
9. The actuarial valuation of the Fund as at 31 March 2019 is currently underway and the Regulations require the formal report on the valuation and the Rates and Adjustments Certificate setting out employer contributions commencing from 1 April 2020 to be signed off by 31 March 2020. Asset values have increased in value since 2016, on its own leading to an improvement in the funding level due to higher

than assumed investment returns. Liability values and employer contributions, as well as being affected by the items listed in paragraph 8 above, will depend upon membership factors, changes to expectations of future returns and other assumptions (including allowance for the slow-down in longevity improvements) and any changes to funding strategy made as part of the 2019 valuation.

10. This Statement has been prepared by the current Actuary to the Fund, Aon, for inclusion in the accounts of the Fund. It provides a summary of the results of their actuarial valuation which was carried out as at 31 March 2016. The valuation provides a snapshot of the funding position at the valuation date and is used to assess the future level of contributions required.

This Statement must not be considered without reference to the formal actuarial valuation report which details fully the context and limitations of the actuarial valuation.

Aon does not accept any responsibility or liability to any party other than our client, Powys County Council, the Administering Authority of the Fund, in respect of this Statement.

11. The actuarial valuation report is available on the Fund's website at the following address:  
<http://www.powyspensionfund.org/media/2717/powys-pension-fund-valuation-report-31-march-2016.pdf>

Aon Hewitt Limited

**May 2019**

## Appendix 1: Pensions and Investment Committee

The Pensions & Investment Committee is the principal decision-making body for the Pension Fund responsible for management, investment and administration issues. The Committee is governed by its constitution which sets out the Committee's authority, its membership and its overall mode of operation.

Members of the Committee are drawn from Powys County Council as the administering authority with the addition of two further (non-voting) members representing Fund Employers and Scheme Members. The Committee receives advice and guidance from both Officers of Powys County Council and external professional advisers. From 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 the membership of the Committee was as follows:

County Councillor P Lewis (Chair)  
 County Councillor E A Jones (Vice Chair)  
 County Councillor T Van-Rees  
 County Councillor J Morris  
 County Councillor H Williams  
 County Councillor A Davies  
 Mr A M C Weale (Fund Employers)  
 Vacant (Scheme Members)

Officers and Advisors:

Mrs J Thomas (s.151 Officer and Head of Finance)  
 Mr C Hurst (Pension Fund Manager)  
 Mrs R Pinder / Mr S Mayne – Aon (Investment Consultants)  
 Mr C Archer – Aon (Actuary)  
 Burges Salmon (Legal Advisers)

Over the year the Committee met on 6 occasions, Member attendance is shown in the following table:

	13/07/2018	06/09/2018	19/10/2018	13/12/2018	28/01/2019	08/03/2019	Overall %
P Lewis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
T Van-Rees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
J Morris	✓	✓		✓		✓	67%
EA Jones	✓	✓		✓		✓	67%
H Williams	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
A Davies	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	83%
AMC Weale	✓			✓		✓	50%
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

## Appendix 2: Fund Employers

Powys County Council administers the scheme for employees and ex-employees of the following bodies:

Scheduled Bodies	Admitted Bodies
Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Brecon Town Council, Knighton Town Council, Llandrindod Wells Town Council, Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee, Llanidloes Town Council, Machynlleth Town Council, Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council, Powys County Council, Powys Magistrates Courts' Committee, Welshpool Town Council, Ystradfellte Community Council, Ystradgynlais Town Council	Adapt Business Services Agoriad Aramark Ltd BUPA Care Homes, Camping & Caravanning Club, Careers Wales Powys, Development Board for Rural Wales, Elite Supported employment Agency, Freedom Leisure, Heart of Wales Property Services Ltd Kier Facilities Services Ltd. MENCAP, Menter Maldwyn, Mirus Wales, Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations, Powys Dance, Powys Valuation Panel, Presteigne Shire Hall Museum Trust, Solo Service Group, Theatr Brycheiniog, Wales European Centre, Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare & Community Hall Trust Ltd

Community Councils and various other statutory bodies have the right to be included in the Fund. Other bodies can be admitted at the discretion of the County Council.

### Contact List and Communications

A copy of this report is available to anyone on demand, subject to a small administration charge. A full copy of the report can be viewed at [www.powyspensionfund.org](http://www.powyspensionfund.org). Should you have any comments on the financial statement or any other pension matter please contact the appropriate officer in the following list:

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