# Investment Performance and Actuarial Update

#### Warwickshire Pension Fund

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- 22 November 2018





## Quiz – Strictly Come Pensions

- 1. In what year was William Shakespeare born?
  - a) 1564
  - b) 1501
  - c) 1589
- 2. Which famous actor was born in Warwickshire?
  - a) Daniel Radcliffe
  - b) Tom Hardy
  - c) Clive Owen
- 3. How many calories does the average salsa dancer burn in one hour of dancing?
  - a) 0-200
  - b) 200-400
  - c) 400-600







- 4. How many pages are there in the draft Withdrawal Agreement of the UK from the EU
  - a) 585
  - b) 695
  - c) 1,033
- 5. The current employer contribution rate for the unfunded Fire Scheme is 17.6% of pay. What size of increase will arise due to the cost cap and a change to the Government's discount rate?
  - a) 4.2% of pay
  - b) 8.5% of pay
  - c) 12.6% of pay
- 6. How many participating employers are in the Warwickshire Fund?
  - a) 150
  - b) 220
  - c) 180



## Warwickshire Pension Fund

**Investment Performance** 

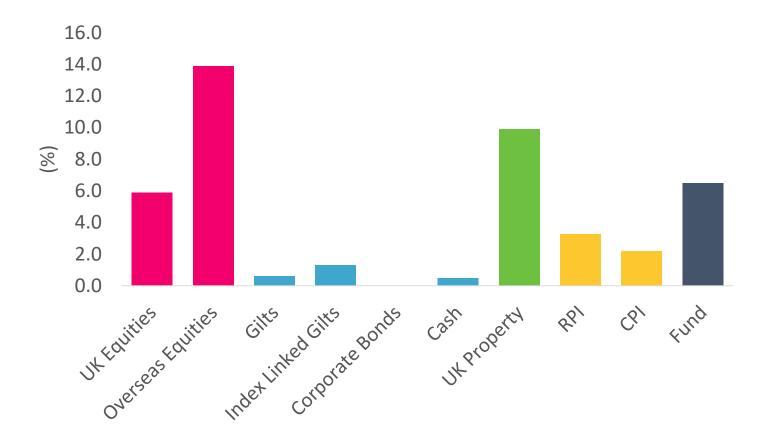
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#### Market Returns

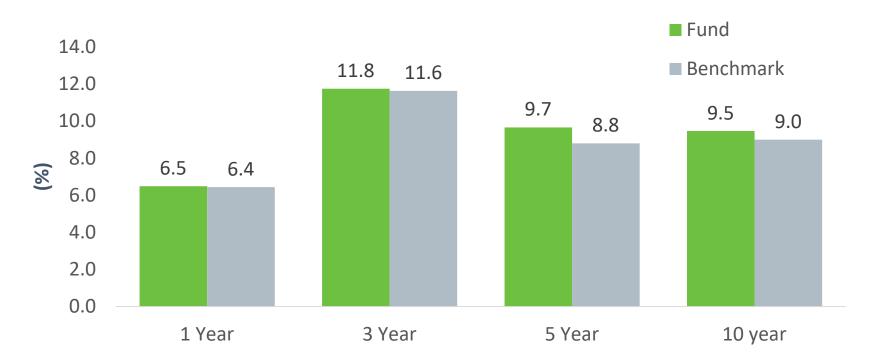
12 month returns to 30 September 2018



Source: Datastream and BNYM

#### Fund Performance

Annualised Performance to 30 September 2018



- Outperformance over all periods
- Total Fund value £2.2bn



## The Managers

Asset class	Manager(s)
Passive Index Tracker	Legal & General
UK Equities	COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS
Global Equities	<b>₩FS</b>
UK Property	COLUMBIA SCHRODES SCHRODES
Private Equity	HARBOURVEST
Absolute Return Fixed Income	J.P.Morgan Asset Management
Infrastructure	SL Capital Partners  Passion for Alternative Investments  Passion for Alternative Investments
Private Debt	Partners Group Passing for Alternative Investments  Alcentra



## Active Manager Performance

Relative performance – 1 and 5 years to 30 September 2018



### Recent activity

- Q2 2017 Investment strategy review carried out
- Q3 2017 Removed hedge funds allocation
- Q4 2017 Switched UK Fixed Interest Gilts into Absolute Return Bonds
- Q1 2018 BCPP pool company launched
- Q2 2018 Introduced allocation to Private Debt
- Q4 2018 Reduced UK Equity in favour of Global Equity
- Q4 2018 UK active equities transition to BCPP
- H1 2019 Global active equities due to transition to BCPP

## Border to Coast Pensions Partnership (BCPP)

- Progress to date
  - Submission to Government, and approval (2016)
  - Establishment of BCPP company and FCA approval
  - Transfer in and recruitment of staff
  - Discussions with partner funds on requirements
  - Proposals on sub fund range subject to ongoing discussion
- The first Warwickshire assets are beginning to transfer into the pool
  - Active UK Equities November 2018

## Decision-making under pooling

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#### **Pensions Committee** UK / global **Equity** Active / passive Growth Access **Alternatives Private equity** via **Border** to Coast range Strategy **Property** Income of sub Infrastructure funds Index-linked Protection **Corporate bonds** FI govt. bonds HYMANS # ROBERTSON

## Looking Forward

- Performance of the Fund remains strong
- Retain strong bias towards 'return-seeking' assets
- Transfers of assets into the BCPP pool are now starting
- Strategy changes planned for post pooling
  - Reduce active UK Equity further in favour of Global Equity
  - Target higher yielding bond mandates for the absolute return allocation

## Thank you



## General risk warning

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## Warwickshire Pension Fund

**Actuarial Update** 

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## Agenda

- What is a valuation?
- Clean data and its importance
- What has happened since the 2016 valuation?
- 2019 valuation planning
- Hot topics

## What is a valuation?

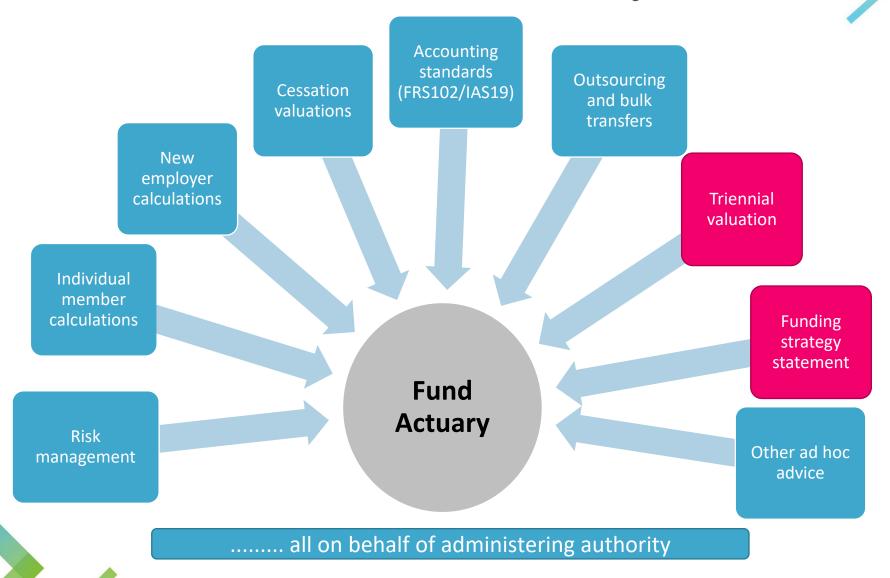


## What is an actuary?





### The Role of the Fund Actuary



#### How the Fund works

Investment returns

Member contributions

**Employer contributions** 

Warwickshire Pension Fund

Benefits to members and dependants

Determined by investment strategy & manager performance

**Determined by LGPS Regulations** 

Must meet balance of cost over longer term

## Why we do a valuation



Calculate employer contribution rates



Compliance with legislation



Analyse actual experience vs assumptions

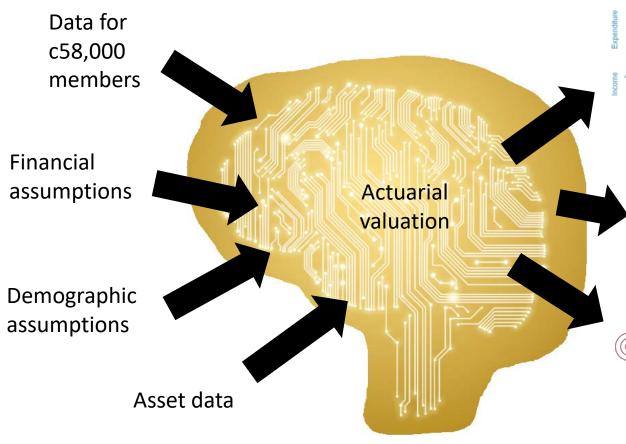


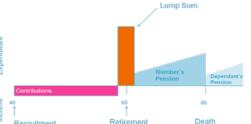
Review Funding Strategy Statement



• Part of continual 'health check' on fund solvency

#### How we do the valuation





Benefit projections

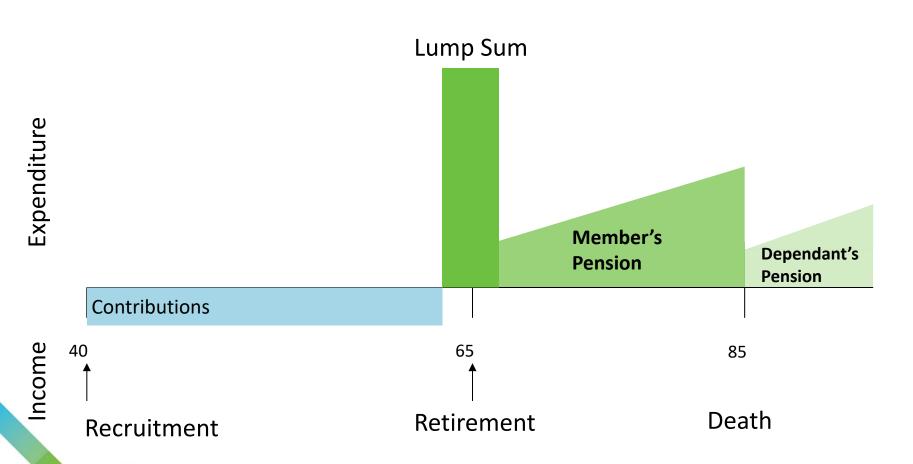
	31 March 2013	31 March 2016
Past Service Position	(£m)	(£m)
Past Service Liabilities	1,798	2,023
Market Value of Assets	1,379	1,665
Surplus / (Deficit)	(419)	(358)
Funding Level	77%	82%

Total liability estimate

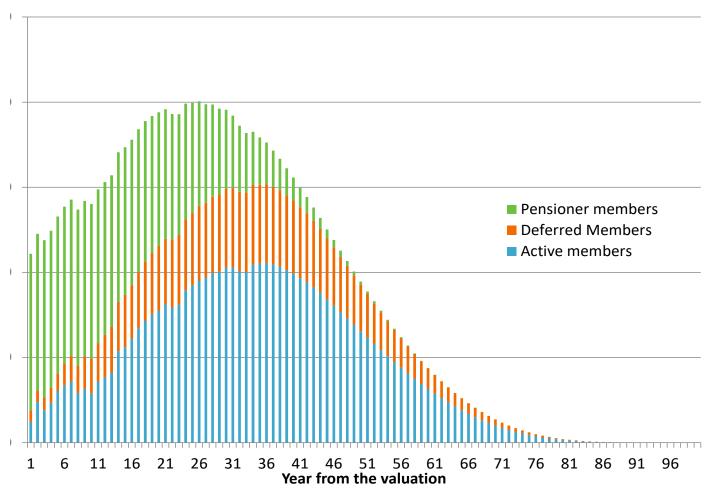


Contribution calculations

## Valuation begins at member level



## Valuing all members



We project future cashflows for every member to build up the picture for the whole fund

#### Valuation 'health check'

Liabilities

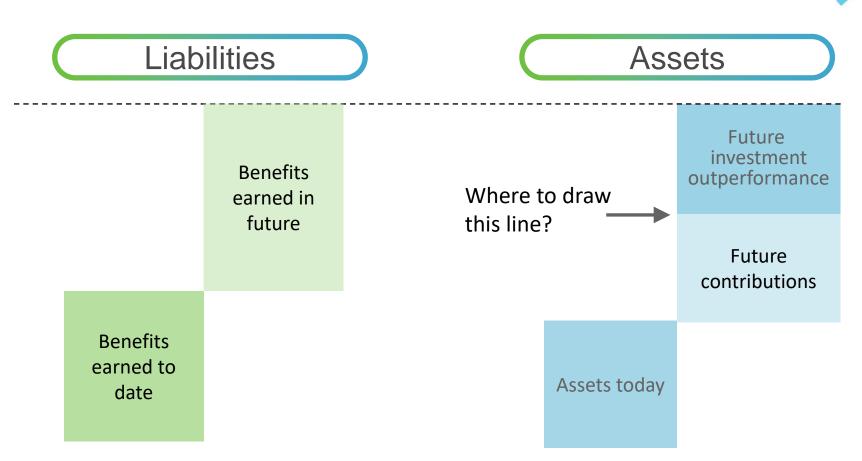
**Assets** 

Benefits earned to date

Assets today

Most LGPS funds have not met their funding target for past service Comparison is commonly referred to as "funding level"

## Approach to setting contributions



The key valuation decision is the balance of contributions and investment performance

Clean data and its importance



## What data are we talking about?

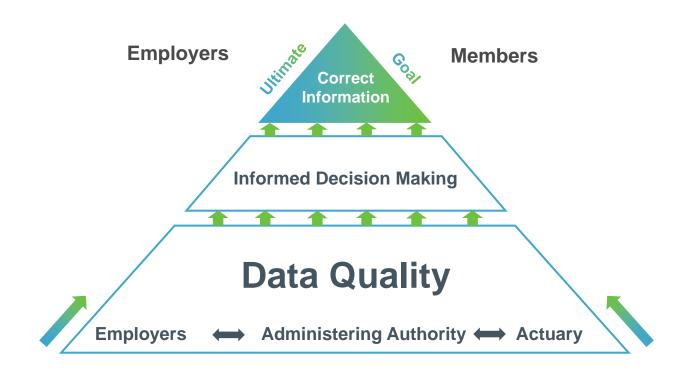
Membership data

Liabilities

Cashflow data Assets

Employer circumstances Funding plan

### The importance of clean data



## Does it really matter?

As long as the member data is correct by the time of retirement, that's the main thing?



We can pick up everything once a year



You may end up paying much higher contributions than you need to



4. You may receive your valuation results much later in comparison to the rest of the LGPS









## Impact of incorrect data Pensionable Pay:

#### Example (Active Member)

Sex	DOB	Start Date	FTE Salary £	Liability £	Annual CARE £
М	01/01/1954	01/01/1998	10,500	50,667	214
М	01/01/1954	01/01/1998	<b>15,0</b> 00	76,000	306
			+50%!		

Please note – all figures and calculations contained herein are based on a number of assumptions and are therefore for illustrative purposes only.



## Impact of incorrect data Date of Birth:

#### Example (Pensioner)

Sex	DOB	Pension £	Liability £
F	01/01/19 <b>23</b>	2,000	15,600
F	01/01/19 <b>32</b>	2,000	23,500 / 1%!

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## Impact of incorrect data Membership:

#### Example (Active Member)

Sex	DOB	Start date	Liability £
M	01/01/1954	01/01/19 <b>98</b>	33,800
M	01/01/1954	01/01/19 <b>89</b> +125	76,000 <b>%</b>

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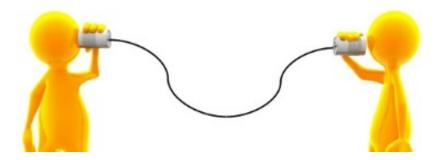
## Employer engagement is essential



## How you can help



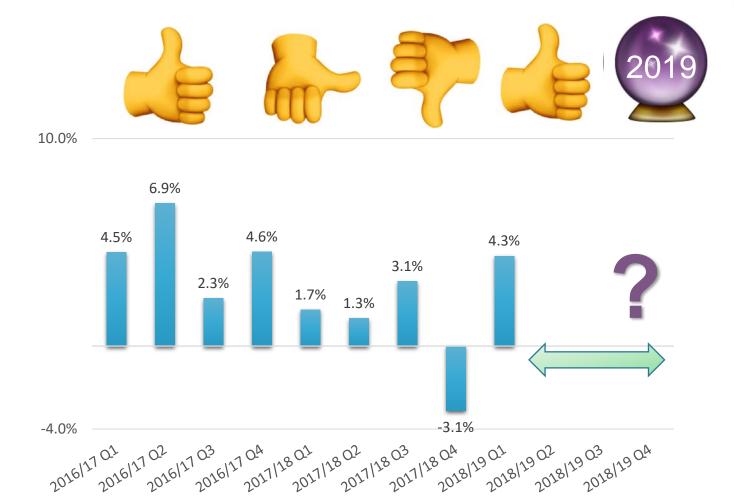




What has happened since the 2016 valuation?



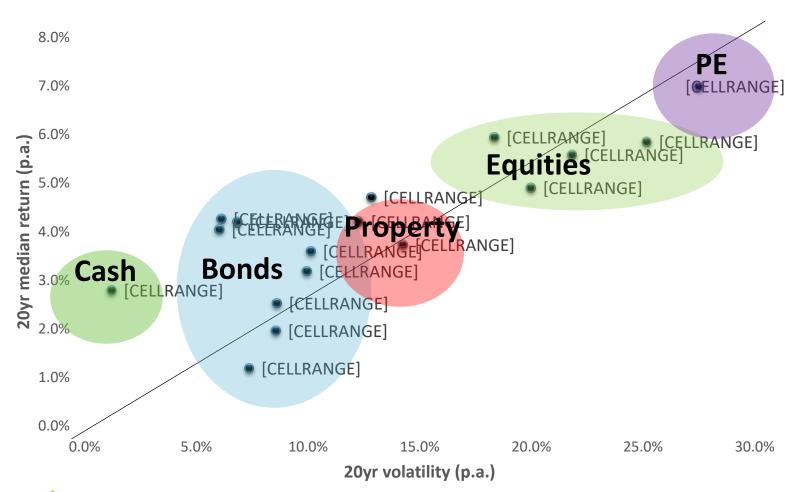
### Warwickshire – returns since 2016



Total return of 28% is ahead of 2016 expectations

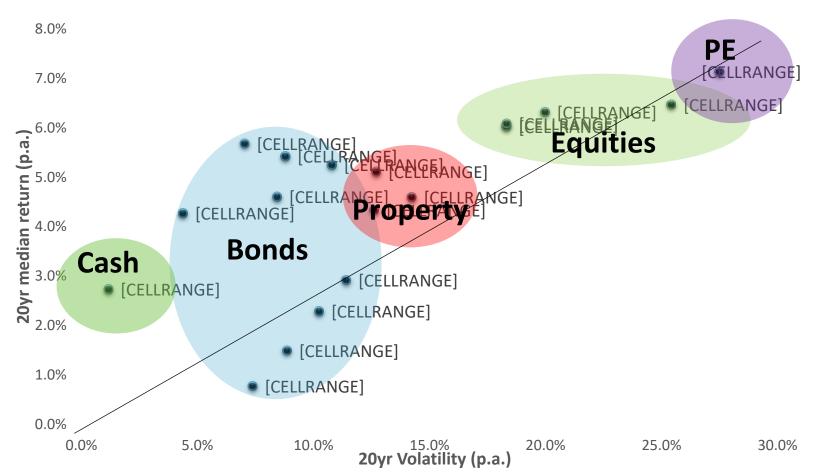
### Outlook for investment returns – March 2016

#### **Future investment return vs risk**



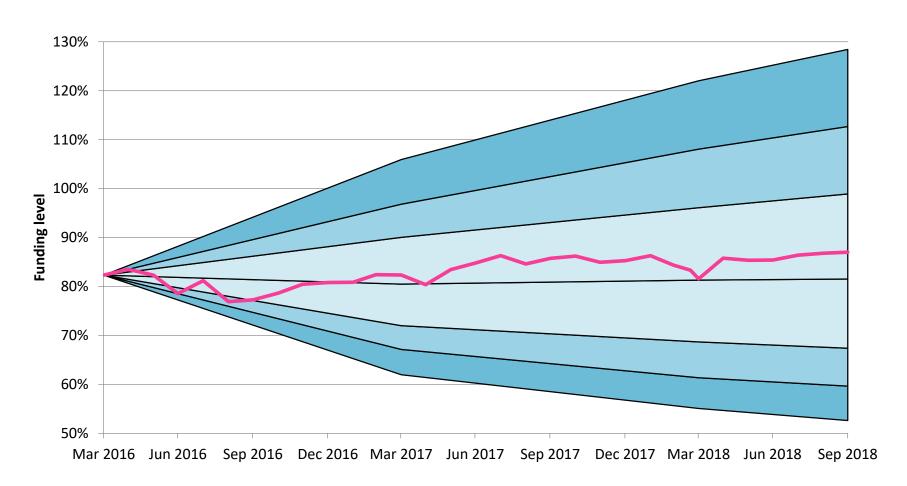
# Outlook for investment returns – Sept 2018

#### **Future investment return vs risk**



Outlook for future investment returns broadly similar

## Funding level (Whole Fund)



Funding level movement is generally in line with expectations



## Will we keep living longer?





#### UK among worst for life expectancy rises















#### Life expectancy of men and women in Britain has STOPPED getting longer, new figures reveal

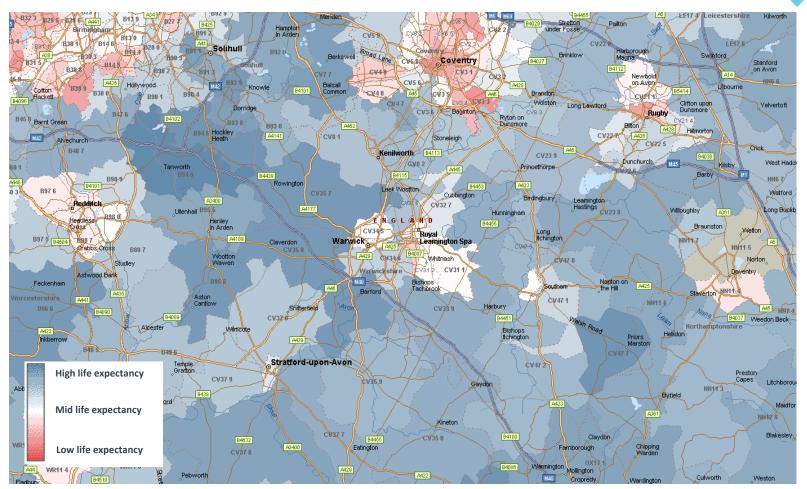
- . Improvements in life expectancy in the UK have almost come to a halt since 2010
- · Lifespans have lengthened thanks to medical advances and economic changes
- Analysts appeared to challenge the suggestion that government cuts could be responsible

By STEVE DOUGHTY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT FOR THE DAILY MAIL PUBLISHED: 01:04, 19 June 2018 | UPDATED: 13:10, 19 June 2018

#### What does this mean for the LGPS?

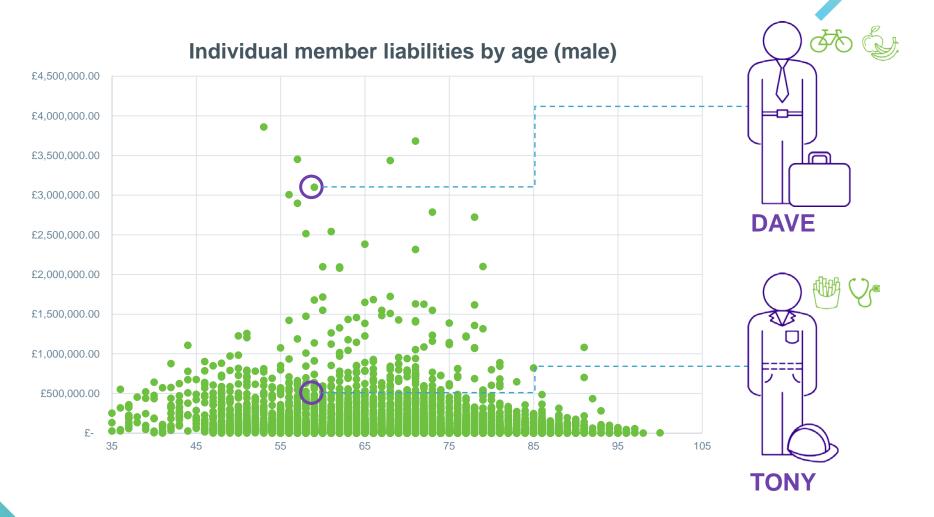


### Observed life expectancies in Warwickshire



Source: Club Vita research based on VitaBank as at November 2018

### One size fits none

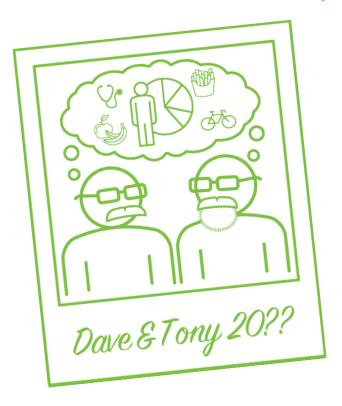


# Two steps to calculate life expectancy



### **Baseline mortality**

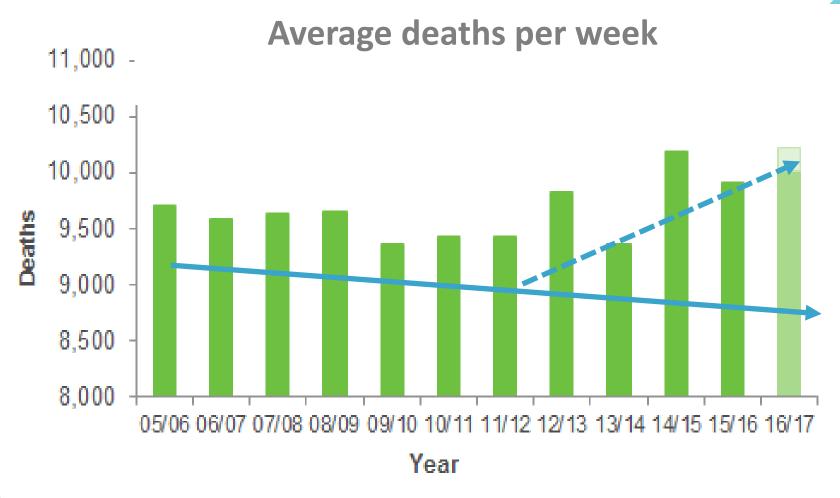
Snapshot of current state of longevity



#### **Future trends**

How longevity will change in the future

### Improvements slowing or just volatility?



Austerity, flu, cold winters?



### What influences future trends?







Group	Annualised mortality improvement (age-standardised)		
	2000-2005	2005-2010	2010-2015
England & Wales	2.8%	2.8%	1.1%
Club Vita	2.4%	2.8%	1.3%
Comfortable	2.4%	2.1%	2.1%
Making-do	2.2%	3.2%	0.9%
Hard-pressed	2.5%	2.9%	1.0%

Source: PLSA / Club Vita Longevity Trends Report

Slowdown in life expectancies should reduce liabilities and employer contributions



# 2019 Valuation Planning



### 2019 valuation timeline

#### Q4 18 – Q1 19

Pre-valuation work:

- Planning
- Data cleansing
- Long term strategy modelling

#### June - August 2019

Data cleansed and submitted to actuary

#### October 2019

Employer results reviewed and funding and investment strategy discussed

#### December 2019

**FSS** consultation started Individual employer results prepared and issued

#### March 2020

Final valuation report signed off by 31 March

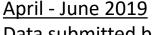












Data submitted by employers

#### August – September 2019

Actuarial calculations processed.

Whole Fund results issued

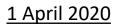
#### November 2019

**Employer AGM** 

Funding Strategy Statement (FSS) drafted

<u>January - February 2020</u>

Consultation of FSS and employer rates



New contributions start to be paid.



# Hot topics



# Hot topics

- National initiatives
  - Cost Cap
  - GAD Section 13
  - Quadrennial Valuations
  - SAB Separation Project
- Other
  - Exit Credits

**Impact on 2019 valuation?** 



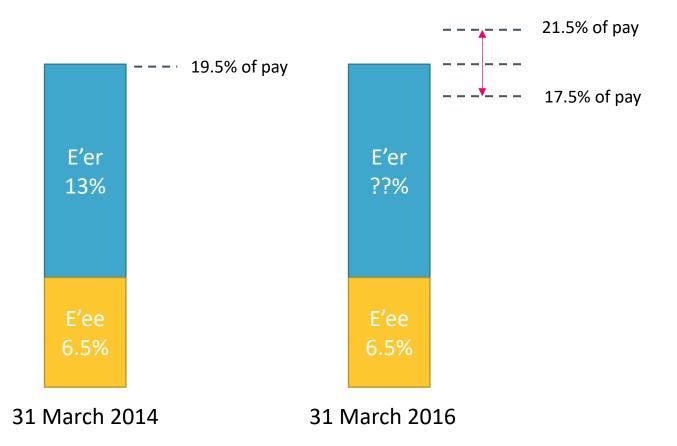
# What is cost management?





Aim is to ensure affordable and sustainable public sector pensions

# How does cost management work?



Benefits are amended if 2% of pay buffer is breached.

# Cost Cap Valuations x 2



- Trigger change if cost +/- 2% of pay
- Excludes actual investment returns, changes in financial assumptions (future salary, inflation), 50/50 uptake
- If breach, changes to benefits to reset cost to middle of range





- Similar to above
- Includes uptake of 50/50
- Done before HMT
- Cost has reduced from 19.5% to 19.0%
- Resultant changes to benefits or employee contributions will feed into HMT cost cap

Changes to benefits or employee contributions are effective from 1 April 2019

# Cost cap valuation in unfunded schemes



- Trigger change if cost +/- 2% of pay
- Excludes actual investment returns, changes in financial assumptions (future salary, inflation)
- If breach, changes to benefits to reset cost to middle of range
- Initial results suggest saving of <u>c.3% of pay</u>
- Benefit improvement will be implemented





- Similar to above
- Inc
   uptake of 50/50
- Done
- Cost b 19.0%
- Reserved changes to benefits employee contributions will feed into HMT cost cap

### Section 13 valuation

"Section 13 provides an independent review (by GAD) of the valuation and employer contribution rates to check that they are appropriate, and requires remedial action to be taken where that review identifies a problem."

#### Compliance

 Have valuations been completed in accordance with the Regulations?

#### **Consistency**

 Has a Fund's valuation been completed on a basis "not inconsistent" with other Funds?

#### Solvency

 Will certified contributions accumulate enough assets to meet liabilities over an "appropriate" period?

# Long term cost efficiency

- Are certified rates "enough"?
- Are employers kicking the contribution can down the road?

A high level health check on funding in the LGPS

### Overview of 2016 Local Valuations in E&W

- Funding levels have improved
  - 2013 87% => 2016 95% (SAB standardised basis)
  - Mostly due to better than expected asset returns
  - Also reduced life expectancy a factor
- Actuaries more cautious about economic outlook => for many funds average employer contribution rates have increased

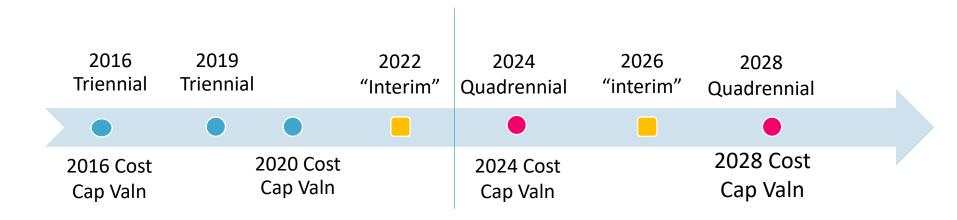
Warwickshire: green flags, ranked 22nd out of 89 funds based on standardised assumptions

Government Actuary's Department www.gov.uk/gad



# Quadrennial valuations

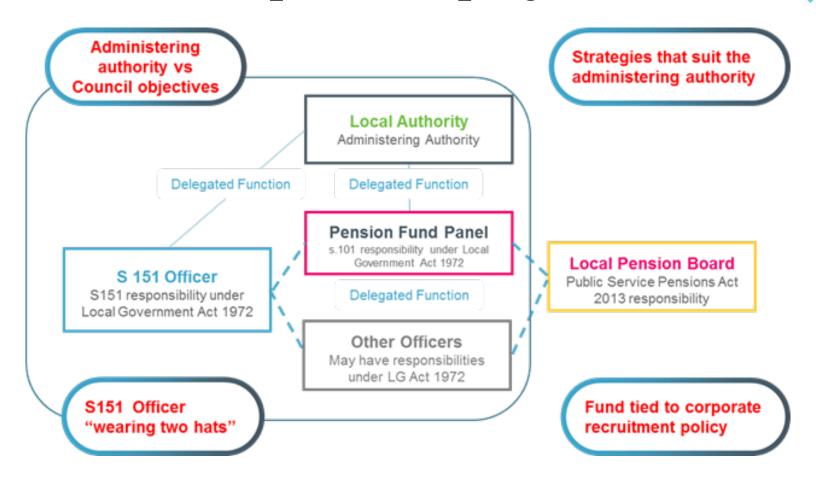
- Brings LGPS funding valuations into line with public sector cost sharing valuations
- Four years too long for some LGPS employers? May need "interim" valuations



2019 valuation will go ahead



# The SAB 'separation project'



Two options currently under review – watch this space!



### Exit credits

- Affects all cessations triggered from 14 May 2018
- Ceasing employers entitled to receive any funding surplus via an "exit credit"
- Implications for both funds and employers:
- no transitional arrangements
- refund is not taxable
- is funding risk truly symmetrical?

"Pass-through" is becoming increasingly popular



# 2019 Valuation - summary

	Impact	
Investment outperformance	Helps contain employer costs	
Funding levels up	Helps contain employer costs	
Longevity improvements	Slowing down for some groups?	
Future investment returns	Still low	
Cost share valuations	Cost increase for employers?	
Quadrennial valuations	But 2019 going ahead	

**Expect contribution rates to remain fairly steady** 



Thank you



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