# **PENSION FUND**

# Pension Fund Account for the year ended 31March 2016

2014/15 £000		Notes	2015/16 £000
	Dealings with members, employers and others directly involved		
05.704	in the fund	-	44.005
35,704	Contributions  Transfers in from other pension funds	7 8	41,065
1,573 37,277	Transfers in from other pension funds	0	1,390 42,455
(33,499)	Benefits	9	(34,973)
(1,506)	Payments to and on account of leavers	10	(1,982)
(35,005)			(36,955)
2,272			5,500
(3,334)	Management expenses	11	(3,663)
	Returns on investments		
6,651	Investment income	12	4,796
-	Taxes on Income	13	(25)
63,061	Profit and losses on disposal of investments and changes in the market value of investments	14a	(8,336)
69,712	Net returns on investments		(3,565)
68,650	Net increase in the net assets available for benefits during the year		(1,728)
506,019	Opening net assets of the Fund at start of year		574,669
574,669	Closing net assets of the Fund at end of year		572,941

#### Net Asset Statement as at 31 March

2014/15		Notes	2015/16
£000			£000
567,999	Investment Assets	14	562,102
(910)	Investment Liabilities	14	(1,387)
8,339	Current Assets	20	13,707
(759)	Current Liabilities	21	(1,481)
574,669	Net assets of the Fund available to fund benefits at end of the year		572,941

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the Fund and the net assets of the Fund. They do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and other benefits which fall due after the financial year end. The actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits, valued on an International Accounting Standard IAS19 basis is disclosed at Note 19 of these accounts.

Notes to the Pension Fund

# 1 Description of the Fund

The Havering Pension Fund is part of the Local Government Pension Scheme and is administered by the London Borough of Havering. Responsibility for management of the Pension Fund has been delegated to the Pensions Committee and the day to day operations of the Fund have been delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Communities and Resources.

The following description of the scheme is a summary only. For more details on the operation of the Pension Fund, reference should be made to the Havering Pension Fund Annual Report 2015/16 and the underlying statutory powers underpinning the scheme, namely the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations.

#### a) General

The scheme is governed by the Public Service Pensions Act 2013. The Fund is administered in accordance with the following secondary legislation:

- The Local government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended),
- The Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014 (as amended)
- The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 (as amended).

The Pension Fund is a contributory defined benefits scheme which provides pensions and other benefits for pensionable employees of Havering Council and a range of other scheduled and admitted bodies. Teachers, police officers and firefighters are not included as they come within other national pension schemes.

The fund is overseen by the Local Pension Board and the London Borough of Havering Pensions Committee, which is a committee of the Havering Council.

# b) Membership

Membership of the LGPS is voluntary and employees are free to choose whether to join the scheme, remain in the scheme or make their own personal arrangements outside the scheme.

Organisations participating in the Fund include:

- Scheduled bodies, which are local authorities and similar bodies whose staff are automatically entitled to be members of the Fund.
- Admitted bodies, which are other organisations that participate in the Fund under an admission agreement between the Fund and the relevant organisation. Admitted bodies include voluntary, charitable and similar bodies or private contractors undertaking a local authority function following outsourcing to the private sector.
- Designated bodies, which are non-community schools, whose employer has changed from the Authority to a Board of Governors. Designated body status allows continued membership in the LGPS for non-teaching staff at non community schools.

During 2015/16 three new employers joined the fund, two ceased and one employer transferred out.

There are 35 employer organisations with active members within the Havering Pension Fund including the Authority. The membership profile is detailed below.

31 March 2015		31 March 2016
35	Number of employers with active members	35
	Number of employees in scheme	
4,897	Havering	4,845
1,468	Scheduled bodies	1,570
119	Admitted bodies	111
6,484	Total	6,526
	Number of pensioners and dependants	
5,432	Havering	5,486
280	Scheduled bodies	320
67	Admitted bodies	78
5,779	Total	5,884
	Deferred pensioners	
4,465	Havering	4,796
700	Scheduled bodies	846
59	Admitted bodies	67
5,224	Total	5,709
17,487		18,119

# c) Funding

Benefits are funded by contributions and investment earnings. Contributions are made by active members of the fund in accordance with the LGPS Regulations 2013 and range from 5.5% to 12.5% of pensionable pay for the year ended 31 March 2016. Employer contributions are set based on triennial actuarial funding valuations. The last valuation was at 31 March 2013. Current employer contribution rates range from 17.3% to 28.7% of pensionable pay.

# d) Benefits

Prior to 1 April 2014, pension benefits under the LGPS were based on final pensionable pay and length of pensionable service, summarised in the following table:

	Service pre 1 April 2008	Service post 31 March 2008	
Pension	Each year worked is worth 1/80 x final pensionable salary	Each year worked is worth 1/60 x final pensionable salary	
Lump sum	Automatic lump sum of 3 x pension. In addition, part of the annual pension can be exchanged for a one-off tax-free cash payment. A lump sum is paid for each £12 is paid for each £1 of pension given up	No automatic lump sum. Part of the annual pension can be exchanged for a one-off tax-free cash payment. A lump sum of £12 is paid for each £1 of pension given up	

From1 April 2014, the scheme became a career average scheme, whereby members accrue benefits based on their pensionable pay in that year at an accrual rate of 1/49<sup>th</sup>. Accrued pension is adjusted annually in line with the Consumer Prices Index.

There are a range of other benefits provided under the scheme including early retirements, disability pensions and death benefits. For more details please refer to the pension website <a href="https://www.yourpension.org.uk">www.yourpension.org.uk</a>.

# 2 Basis of Preparation

The Statement of Accounts summarises the fund's transactions for the 2015/16 financial year and its position at year end as at 31 March 2016. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting* in *the United Kingdom* 2015/16 which is based upon International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as amended for the UK public sector.

The accounts summarise the transactions of the Fund and report on the net assets available to pay pension benefits. The accounts do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the financial year.

#### 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Fund Account - revenue recognition

#### (a) Contribution income

Normal contributions, both from the members and from the employer, are accounted for on an accruals basis at the percentage rate recommended by the Fund actuary in the payroll period to which they relate.

Employer deficit funding contributions are accounted for on the due dates on which they are payable under the schedule of contributions set by the scheme actuary or on receipt if earlier than the due date.

Employers' augmentation contributions and pension strain contributions are accounted for in the period in which the liability arises.

#### (b) Transfers to and from 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 (see notes 8 and 10)

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

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

# (c) Investment Income

#### i) Interest Income

Interest income is recognised in the Fund as it accrues.

#### ii) Dividend Income

Dividend income is recognised on the date the shares are quoted as ex-dividend. Any amount not received by the end of the reporting period is disclosed in the Net Assets Statement as an investment asset.

#### iii) Distribution from Pooled Funds

Distributions from pooled funds are recognised at the date of issue.

#### iv) Property- Related Income

Property related income consists primarily of rental income and is recognised at the date of issue.

#### v) Movement in the Net Market Value of Investments

Changes in the net market value of investments are recognised as income and comprise all realised and unrealised profits/losses during the year.

#### Fund Account - Expense Items

#### (d) Benefits payable

Pensions and lump-sum benefits payable include all amounts known to be due as at the end of the financial year. Any amounts unpaid are disclosed in the Net Assets Statement as current liabilities.

# (e) 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.

# (f) Management Expenses

The Code does not require any breakdown of pension fund administrative expenses. However, in the interests of greater transparency, the Authority discloses its pension fund management expenses in accordance with the CIPFA guidance *Accounting for Local Government Pension Scheme Management Costs*.

# **Administrative Expenses**

All administrative expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. The majority of staff costs of the Pensions Administration team have been charged to the scheme. Associated management, accommodation and other overheads are apportioned to the Fund in accordance with Council policy and charged as expenses to the Fund.

# **Oversight and Governance Costs**

All oversight and governance expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. All staff costs associated with governance and oversight is charged to the Fund. Associated management, accommodation and other overheads are apportioned to the Fund in accordance with Council policy and charged as expenses to the Fund.

#### **Investment Management Expenses**

All investment management expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Fees of the external investment managers and custodian are agreed in the respective mandates governing their appointments. Broadly, these are based on the market value of the investments under their management and therefore increase or reduce as the value of these investments change.

The cost of obtaining investment advice from external consultants is included in investment management charges.

For officers' time spent on investment management functions a proportion of the relevant officers' salary costs have also been charged to the Fund.

# **Net Assets Statement**

# (g) 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 assets are recognised by the Fund.

The values of investments as shown in the net assets statement have been determined as follows:

#### (i) Market-Quoted Investments

The value of an investment for which there is a readily available market price is determined by the bid market price ruling on the final day of the accounting period.

## (ii) Fixed Interest Securities

Fixed interest securities are recorded at net market value based on their current yields.

## (iii) Unquoted Investments

The fair value of investments for which market quotations are not readily available is determined as follows:

Investments in private equity funds are valued on the Fund's share of the net assets in the private equity fund.

Investments in pooled property are valued at the net asset value or a single price advised by the manager.

## (iv)Pooled Investment Vehicles

Pooled investment vehicles are valued at the closing bid price if both the bid and offer prices are published; or if single priced, at the closing single price.

# (h) Foreign Currency Transactions

Dividends, interest and purchases and sales of investments in foreign currencies have been accounted for at the spot market rates at the date of transaction. End of year spot market exchange rates are used to value cash balances held in foreign currency bank accounts, market values of overseas investments and purchases and sales outstanding at the end of the reporting period.

#### (i) Derivatives

The Fund uses derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to specific risks arising from its investment activities.

Derivative contract assets are fair valued at bid prices and liabilities are fair valued at offer prices. Changes in the fair value of derivative contracts are included in the change in market value.

The future value of forward currency contracts is based on market forward exchange rates at the year end date and determined as the gain or loss that would arise if the outstanding contract was matched at the year end with an equal and opposite contract.

#### (j) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash comprises cash in hand and includes amounts held by the Fund's external managers.

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

# (k) 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.

#### (I) Actuarial Present Value of Promised Retirement Benefits

The actuarial present value of promised benefits is assessed on a triennial basis by the scheme actuary in accordance with the requirements of IAS19 and relevant actuarial standards.

As permitted under the Code, the fund has opted to disclose the actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits by way of a note to the Net Assets Statement (note 19)

# (m) Additional Voluntary Contributions

The Havering Pension Fund provides an additional voluntary contributions (AVC) scheme for it members, the assets of which are invested separately from those of the pension fund. The Fund has appointed Prudential and Standard Life as their AVC providers. AVCs are paid to the AVC provider by employers and are specifically for providing additional benefits for individual contributors.

AVC's are not included in the accounts in accordance with section 4(2) (b) of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/3093) but are disclosed as a note only (Note 22)

# 4. Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

#### **Pension Fund Liability**

The Pension Fund liability is calculated every three years by the appointed actuary, with annual updates provided to the admitted and scheduled bodies in the Fund, as requested, in the intervening years. The methodology used in the annual updates is in line with accepted guidelines and in accordance with IAS19. Assumptions underpinning the valuations are agreed with the actuary and are summarised in Note 18. This estimate is subject to significant variances based on changes to the underlying assumptions.

# 5. Assumptions Made About the Future and Other Major Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities at the Balance Sheet date and the amounts reported for the revenues and expenses during the year. Estimates and assumptions are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, the nature of estimation means that the actual outcomes could differ from the assumptions and estimates.

The items in the net asset statement at 31 March 2016 for which there is significant risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

Item	Uncertainties	Effect if Actual Results differ from Assumptions	Approximate % Increase to liabilities	Approximate monetary amount £m)
Actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits	Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide the Fund with	The effects on the present value of promised retirement benefits of changes in actuarial assumptions can be significant.  Changes in assumptions could have the approximate following impacts on the Fund's employer liability as follows:  • 0.5% decrease in the	10%	97
	expert advice about the assumptions to be applied	real discount rate could result in an increase of 10%	1070	31
		1 year increase in member life expectancy could result in an increase of 3%	3%	30
		0.5% increase in salary increase rate could result in an increase of 3%	3%	30
		0.5% increase in the pension increase rate could result in an increase of 7%	7%	66

# 6. Events after the Reporting Date

None

# 7. Contributions Receivable

# By category

2014/15 £000		2015/16 £000
	Employees contributions	1000
	Normal:	
5,401	Havering	5,450
1,323	Scheduled Bodies	1,388
152	Admitted Bodies	127
	Additional contributions:	
53	Havering	28
9	Scheduled bodies	25
1	Admitted bodies	1
6,939	Total Employees' Contribution	7,019
	Employers contributions	
	Normal:	
12,470	Havering	12,681
5,127	Scheduled bodies	5,412
576	Admitted bodies	440
	Deficit funding:	
10,056	Havering	*15,117
	Augmentation	
288	Havering	326
248	Scheduled bodies	29
-	Admitted bodies	41
28,765	Total Employers Contributions	34,046
35,704	Total Contributions Receivable	41,065

<sup>\*</sup>The £15.11m deficit funding reflects additional contributions made by the Authority to the Pension Fund. It consists of £6.3m past service contribution and £8.8 in voluntary planned contributions.

# By authority

2014/15		2015/16
£000		£000
28,268	Havering	33,602
6,707	Scheduled bodies	6,854
729	Admitted Bodies	609
35,704	Total Contributions Receivable	41,065

# 8. Transfers in from Other Pension Funds

2014/15		2015/16
£000		£000
1,573	Individual transfers in from other schemes	1,390

# 9. Benefits Payable

# By category

2014/15		2015/16
£000		£000
	Pensions	
26,137	Havering	26,757
782	Scheduled Bodies	887
482	Admitted Bodies	546
27,401	Pension Total	28,190
	Commutation and Lump Sum Retirements	
4,997	Havering	5,151
471	Scheduled Bodies	645
208	Admitted Bodies	375
5,676	Commutation and Lump Sum Retirements Total	6,171
	Lump Sum Death Benefits	
410	Havering	506
85	Scheduled Bodies	106
(73)	Admitted Bodies	-
422	Lump Sum Death Benefits Total	612
33,499	Total Benefits Payable	34,973

# By authority

2014/15		2015/16
£000		£000
31,544	Havering	32,414
1,338	Scheduled bodies	1,638
617	Admitted Bodies	921
33,499	Total Benefits Payable	34,973

# 10. Payments To and On Account of Leavers

2014/15		2015/16
£000		£000
68	Refunds to members leaving service	76
1,438	Individual transfers to other schemes	1,673
0	Group Transfers (Elutec)	233
1,506		1,982

At the year end there are potential liabilities of a further £0.8m in respect of individuals transferring out of the Pension Fund upon whom the Fund is awaiting final decisions (\*See Note 25).

# 11. Management Expenses

2014/15		2015/16
£000		£000
450	Administrative Costs	512
2,618	Investment Management Expenses	2,796
253	Oversight and Governance Costs	344
13	Local Pension Board	11
3,334		3,663

This analysis of the costs of managing the Havering Pension Fund during the period has been prepared in accordance with CIPFA guidance.

The Investment Management Expenses above includes £289k in respect of transaction costs (2014/15 £797k and restated £567k)

In addition to these costs, indirect costs are incurred through the bid-offer spread on investments sales and purchases. These are reflected in the cost of investment acquisitions and in the proceeds from the sales of investments (see Note14).

The management fees disclosed above include all investment management fees directly incurred by the Fund including those charged on pooled fund investments.

## 12. Investment Income

2014/15 £000		2015/16 £000
754	Equity Dividend	642
*3,918	Fixed Interest Securities	*3,960
1,196	Pooled Property Income	1,145
404	Foreign Exchange Gains/(losses)	(1,398)
47	Interest on Cash Deposits	67
332	Other Income	380
6,651		4,796

<sup>\*</sup> Income includes Index linked Interest of £199k (2014/15 £432k)

# 13. Taxes on Income

2014/15 £000		2015/16 £000
-	Withholding Tax	(25)
-		(25)

# 14. Analysis of Investments

2014/15 £000		2015/16 £000
	Investment Assets	
	Investment Assets Equities	
3,906	UK Quoted	1,273
20,485	Overseas Quoted	19,114
24,391	Overloods Quelou	20,387
_ :,= :	Fixed Interest Securities	
13,913	UK Public Sector	11,827
68,003	UK Private (Corporate)	62,191
-	Overseas Public Sector	-
81,916		74,018
,	Index-Linked Securities	•
49,766	UK Public Sector	52,374
731	UK Private (Corporate)	722
13,094	Overseas Public Sector	13,094
63,591		66,190
,	Derivative Contracts	·
21	Forward Currency Contracts	65
21	•	65
	Pooled Investment Vehicles	
	UK Managed Funds	
360,314	UK Quoted	357,428
19	UK Unquoted	169
318	Overseas	273
550	Property	-
	UK Unit Trust	
26,341	UK Property	33,449
387,542		391,319
	Cash Deposits	
9,044	Managers	7,188
9,044		7,188
-	Amounts receivable for sales	1,616
1,236	Investment income due	1,155
258	Outstanding Dividend and Recoverable Withholding Tax	164
1,494		2,935
567,999	Total Investment Assets	562,102

# Note 14( Cont'd)

2014/15		2015/16
£000		£000
	Investment Liabilities	
	Derivative Contracts	
(550)	Forward FX Contracts	(295)
(355)	Amount payable for purchases	(1,092)
(5)	Investment Income Due	-
(910)	Total Investment Liabilities	(1,387)
567,089	Total Net Investments	560,715

# 14a. Reconciliation of movements in investments and derivatives

	Market Value at 31 March 2015	Purchases during the year and derivative payments	Sales during the year and derivative receipts	Change in Market Value during the year	Cash & Other Movements	Market Value at 31 March 2016
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Equities	24,391	11,210	(13,925)	(1,289)		20,387
Fixed Interest Securities	81,916	48,854	(53,785)	(2,967)		74,018
Index-linked Securities	63,591	127,502	(126,772)	1,869		66,190
Pooled Investment Vehicles	387,542	128,240	(118,209)	(6,254)		391,319
Derivatives – forward currency contracts	(529)	244,977	(244,977)	299		(230)
Cash Deposits (fund managers)	9,044			1	(1,857)	7,188
	565,955	560,783	(557,668)	(8,341)	(1,857)	558,872
Other Investment Balances	1,134			5	704	1,843
	567,089	560,783	(557,668)	(8,336)	(1,153)	560,715

	Market Value at 31 March 2014	Purchases during the year and derivative payments	Sales during the year and derivative receipts	Change in Market Value during the year	Cash & Other Movements	Market Value at 31 March 2015
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	000£
Equities	24,720	8,136	(11,533)	3,068	-	24,391
Fixed Interest Securities	68,082	30,756	(26,439)	9,517	-	81,916
Index-linked Securities	53,644	185,632	(186,914)	11,229	-	63,591
Pooled Investment Vehicles	347,520	204,674	(204,540)	39,888	-	387,542
Derivatives – forward currency contracts	109	260,038	(260,038)	(638)	-	(529)
Cash Deposits (fund managers)	5,951	-	-	(1)	3,094	9,044
	500,026	689,236	(689,464)	63,063	3,094	565,955
Other Investment Balances	750	-	-	(2)	386	1,134
	500,776	689,236	(689,464)	63,061	3,480	567,089

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.

Transaction costs are included in the cost of purchases and sale proceeds. Transaction costs include costs charged directly to the scheme such as fees, commissions, stamp duty and other fees. Transaction costs incurred during the year amounted to £289k, including transition costs (2014/15 £797k and £567k restated). In addition to the transaction costs disclosed above, indirect costs 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.

The investments analysed by fund managers and the market value of assets under their management as at 31 March 2016 were as follows:

# 14b. Investments analysed by Fund Manager

Value 31 March 2015		Manager	Mandate	Value 31 Marc	h 2016
£000	%			£000	%
119,855	21.13	Royal London	Investment Grade Bonds	121,510	21.67
26,671	4.70	UBS	Property	33,942	6.05
72,851	12.85	Ruffer	Absolute Return	71,006	12.66
55,502	9.79	State Street Global Assets	Passive UK/Global Equities	72,130	12.87
11,682	2.06	State Street Global Assets	Sterling Liquidity Fund	6,239	1.11
101,846	17.96	Baillie Gifford	Pooled Global Equities	83,794	14.94
17	-	Barings DAAF	Multi Asset	-	-
76,732	13.53	Baillie Gifford DGF	Multi Asset	-	-
101,882	17.97	GMO	Multi Asset	96,197	17.16
		London CIV	Pooled Global Equities	75,874	13.53
51	0.01	Other		23	0.01
567,089	100.00	Total Fund		560,715	100.00

All of the above companies are registered in the United Kingdom

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

Market Value 31 March 2015	% of total fund	Security	Market Value 31 March 2016	% of total fund
£000			£000	
101,882	17.73	GMO Global Real Return (UCITS) Fund	96,197	17
101,846	17.72	Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Pension Fund	83,794	15
-	-	London CIV Diversified Growth Fund	75,724	14
55,502	9.66	SSGA MPF All World Equity Index	72,130	13
-	-	UBS Property	33,449	6
76,732	13.35	Baillie Gifford Diversified Growth Fund	-	

#### 14c. Stock Lending

We do not carry out stock lending directly. We are investors of a pooled fund with the passive equity manager, State Street Global Assets, who carry out stock lending as part of the Fund's activities. It is not possible to allocate a share of the stock lending activity to individual fund members. The lending programme is managed by State Street Securities Finance (SSSF), a division of State Street's Global Markets area. At present, lending is collateralised by non-cash collateral and marked to market on a daily basis. Revenue generated from securities is allocated 60% to the pooled fund in respect of investors and 40% to State Street, which pays all costs associated with the lending programme.

# 15. Analysis of derivatives

# Objectives and policies for holding derivatives

Most of the holdings in derivatives are to hedge liabilities or hedge exposure to reduce risk in the Fund. Derivatives maybe used to gain exposure to an asset more efficiently than holding the underlying asset. The use of derivatives is managed in line with the investment management agreement agreed between the Fund and various investment managers.

# Forward foreign currency

The Fund currently has exposure to forward currency contracts and the purpose of this is to reduce the Fund's exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates. The Fund managers who use forward currency contracts are Royal London and Ruffer. A breakdown of forward contracts held by the Fund as at 31 March 2016 is given below:

# Open forward currency contracts

Settlement	Currency Bought	Local Value	Currency Sold	Local Value	Asset Value (Unrealised Gain)	Liability Value (Unrealised Loss)	
		000		000	£000	£000	
Up to one month	GBP	5,838	JPY	987,454	-	(277)	
Up to two months	GBP	17,500	USD	25,062	65	-	
Up to three months	GBP	818	EUR	1,053	-	(18	
Gross open forwa	rd currency o	ontracts at 31 I	March 2016		65	(295)	
Net forward curre	ncy contracts	at 31 March 20	16		-	(230)	
Prior year comparative  Gross open forward currency contracts at 31 March 2015  21 (550)							
Net forward curre						(529)	

# 16. Financial Instruments

# (a) Classification of financial instruments

Accounting policies describe how different asset classes of financial instruments are measured, and how income and expenses, including fair value gains and losses, are recognised. The following table analyses the carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities (excluding cash) by category and Net Assets Statement heading. No financial assets were reclassified during the accounting period.

3	31 March 2015			31 March 2016		
Fair value through fund	Loans and receivables	Financial liabilities at		Fair value through fund	Loans and receivables	Financial liabilities at
account		amortised		account		amortised
		cost				cost
£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000
			Financial Assets			
24,391	-	-	Equities	20,387	-	-
81,916	-	-	Fixed Interest Securities	74,018	-	-
63,591	-	-	Index linked securities	66,190	-	-
14	-	-	Derivative contracts	65	-	-
361,201	-	-	Pooled investment Vehicles	357,870	-	-
26,341	-	-	Property	33,449	-	-
-	9,044	-	Cash	-	7,187	-
	-		Other Investment Balances	-	2,935	-
-	9,525	-	Debtors	-	13,708	-
557,454	18,569	-	Financial Assets Total	551,979	23,830	-
			Financial Liabilities			
(543)	-	-	Derivative contracts	(295)	-	-
-	-	-	Other Investment Balances	-	-	(1,092)
-	-	(811)	Creditors	-	-	(1,481)
(543)	-	(811)	Financial Liabilities Total	(295)		(2,573)
556,911	18,569	(811)	Grand total	551,684	23,830	(2,573)
	574,669			572,941		

# 16. Financial Instruments

#### (b) Net Gains and Losses on Financial Instruments

2014/15 £000		2015/16 £000
2000		2000
	Financial assets	
63,061	Fair value through fund account	(8,336)
-	Loans and receivables	-
	Financial liabilities	
-	Fair value through fund account	-
-	Loans and receivables	-
63,061	Total	(8,336)

The Authority has not entered into any financial guarantees that are required to be accounted for as financial instruments.

#### (c) Valuation of financial instruments carried out 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.

Listed investments are shown at bid prices. The bid value of the investment is based on the bid market quotation of the relevant stock exchange.

#### 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 equity investments and hedge fund of funds, which are valued using various valuation techniques that require significant judgement in determining appropriate assumptions.

The following tables provides an analysis of the financial assets and liabilities of the Pension Fund grouped into Levels 1 to 3, based on the level at which fair value is observable.

	Quoted Market price	Using observable inputs	With significant unobservable inputs	
Values at 31 March 2016	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£000	£000	£000£	£000
Financial Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through fund account	518,361	169	33,449	551,979
Loans and receivables	23,830	-	-	23,830
Total Financial Assets	542,191	169	33,449	575,809
Financial Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through fund account	(295)	-	-	(295)
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	(2,573)	-		(2,573)
Total Financial Liabilities	(2,868)	-	-	(2,868)
Net Financial Assets	539,323	169	33,449	572,941

	Quoted Market price	Using observable inputs	With significant unobservable inputs	
Values at 31 March 2015	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3	Total £000
Financial Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	531,112	19	26,341	557,472
Loans and receivables	18,551	-	-	18,551
Total financial Assets	549,663	19	26,341	576,023
Financial Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	(543)	-	-	(543)
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	(811)	-	-	(811)
Total Financial Liabilities	(1,354)	-	-	(1,354)
Net Financial Assets	548,309	19	26,341	574,669

The Authority has not entered into any financial guarantees that are required to be accounted for as financial instruments

# 17. 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 Authority 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. Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the authorities' pensions operations. Polices are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in activity and in market conditions.

#### (a) 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 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 administering authority and its investment advisors undertake appropriate monitoring of market conditions and benchmark analysis.

#### 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 share and derivative price risk. This arises from investments held for 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 and the selection of securities and other financial instruments is monitored by the administering authority to ensure it is within limits specified in the investment strategy.

#### Other Price Risk - Sensitivity Analysis

Following analysis of historical data and expected investment return movements during the financial year, in consultation with the Fund's performance monitoring service, it has been determined that the following movements in market price risk are reasonably possible for the 2015/16 reporting period:

Asset Type	31 March 2016 Potential market movements (+/-)	31 March 2015 Potential market movements (+/-)
Global Equities inc. UK	11.30%	-
Fixed Interest Bonds	8.18%	7.74%
Index Linked Bonds	10.82%	11.26%
Global Pooled inc UK	4,78%	9.04%
Property	2.69%	4.86%
Cash	0.01%	0.01%

The potential price changes disclosed above are determined based on the observed historical volatility of asset class returns. 'Riskier' assets such as equities will display greater potential volatility than bonds as an example, so the overall outcome will depend on the Funds asset allocations. The potential volatilities are consistent with a one-standard deviation movement in the value of assets over the last three years. This can be applied to the period end asset mix.

If the market price of the Fund's investments had increased/decreased in line with the above, the change in the net assets available to pay benefits would have been as follows (the prior year comparator is shown below):

Asset Type	Value as at 31	Change	Value on	Value on
	March 2016		Increase	Decrease
	£000	%	£000	£000
Global Equities inc.UK	20,387	11.30%	22,690	18,083
Fixed Interest Bonds	74,018	8.18%	80,073	67,964
Index linked Bonds	66,190	10.82%	73,352	59,028
Global Pooled inc.UK	357,870	4.78%	374,976	340,764
Property	33,449	2.69%	34,349	32,549
Cash	7,187	0.01	7,188	7,186
Total	559,101		592,628	525,574

Asset Type	Value as at 31 March 2015	Change	Value on Increase	Value on Decrease
	£000	%	£000	£000
Global Pooled inc.UK	385,592	9.04	420,450	350,734
Fixed Interest Bonds	81,916	7.74	88,256	75,576
Index linked Bonds	63,591	11.26	70,751	56,431
Property	26,341	4.86	27,621	25,061
Cash	9,044	0.01	9,045	9,043
Total	566,484		616,123	516,845

#### 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 direct exposure to interest rate movements as at 31 March 2016 and 31 March 2015 is set out below. These disclosures present interest rate risk based on the underlying financial assets at fair value.

#### **Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity Analysis**

The Pension Fund recognises that interest rates can vary and can affect both income to the Fund and the value of the net assets available to pay benefits.

The council recognises that interest rates can vary and can affect both income to the fund and the carrying value of fund assets, both of which affect the value of the net assets available to pay benefits. A 100 basis point (BPS) movement in interest rates is consistent with the level of sensitivity applied as part of the fund's risk management strategy.

The analysis that follows assumes all other variables, in particular exchange rates, remain constant, and shows the effect in the year on the net assets available to pay benefits of a +/- 100 BPS (1%) change in interest rates

Assets exposed to interest rate risk	Value as at 31 March 2016	Potential movement on 1% change in interest rates	Value on increase	Value on Decrease
	£000		£000	£000
Bond Securities	140,208	1,402	141,610	138,806
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7,188	72	7,260	7,116
Total Change in Asset Value	147,396	1,474	148,870	145,922

Assets exposed to interest rate risk	Value as at 31 March 2015	Potential movement on 1% change in interest rates	Value on increase	Value on Decrease
	£000		£000	£000
Bond Securities	145,507	1,455	146,962	144,052
Cash and Cash Equivalents	9,044	90	9,134	8,954
Total Change in Asset Value	154,551	1,545	156,096	153,006

This analysis demonstrates that a 1% increase in interest rates will not affect the interest received on fixed interest assets but will reduce their fair value, and vice versa. Changes in interest rates do not impact on the value of cash and cash equivalent balances but they will affect the interest income received on those balances. Changes to both the fair value of assets and the income received from investments impact on the net assets available to pay benefits.

# **Currency Risk**

Currency risk represents the risk that 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, i.e. pounds sterling.

#### Currency Risk - Sensitivity Analysis

Following analysis of historical data in consultation with the Fund's performance measurement service it has been determined that a likely volatility associated with foreign exchange rate movements is 7.80% over a rolling 36 month period.

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

A 7.80% strengthening and weakening of the pound against the various currencies in which the Fund holds investments would increase or decrease the net assets available to pay benefits as follows:

Assets exposed to currency risk	Value as at 31 March 2016	Potential Market movement	Value on increase	Value on Decrease
	£000	7.80%	£000	£000
Overseas Equities	19,113	1,491	20,604	17,622
Overseas Pooled	1,901	148	2,049	1,753
Overseas Index Linked Bonds	13,094	1,021	14,115	12,073
Overseas Cash	26	2	28	24
Total change in assets available to pay benefits	34,134	2,662	36,796	31,472

Assets exposed to currency risk	Value as at 31 March 2015	Potential Market movement	Value on increase	Value on Decrease
	£000	7.80%	£000	£000
Overseas Equities	20,485	1,510	21,995	18,975
Overseas Pooled	2,249	166	2,415	2,083
Overseas Index Linked Bonds	13,094	965	14,059	12,129
Overseas Cash	140	10	150	130
Total change in assets available to pay benefits	35,968	2,651	38,619	33,317

# (b) 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 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 assets and liabilities.

In essence the Fund's entire investment portfolio is exposed to some form of credit risk. 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.

Cash not needed to settle immediate financial obligations are invested by the Authority in accordance with the Treasury Investment Strategy. The Treasury Investment Strategy sets out the criteria for investing and selecting investment counterparties and details the approach to managing risk.

# (c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk represents the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Administering Authority therefore takes steps to ensure that the Pension Fund has adequate cash resources to meet its commitments. The Pension Fund has immediate access to its cash holdings that are invested by the Authority and periodic cash flow forecasts are prepared to 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 cash management policy and in line with the Fund's investment strategy holds assets that are considered readily realised.

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 into cash. As at 31 March 2016 the value of liquid assets was £522m, which represented 93% of the total Fund (31 March 2015 £540m, which represented 95% of the total fund assets).

#### (d) Refinancing Risk

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

#### 18. Funding Arrangements

#### London Borough of Havering ("the Fund")

## **Actuarial Statement for 2015/16**

This statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 57(1) (d) of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013. It has been prepared at the request of the Administering Authority of the Fund for the purpose of complying with the aforementioned regulation.

# **Description of Funding Policy**

The Funding policy is set out in the Administering Authority's Funding Strategy Statement (FSS). In summary, the key funding principles are as follows:

- to ensure the long-term solvency of the Fund, using a prudent long term view. This will ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet all members'/dependants' benefits as they fall due for payment;
- to ensure that employer contribution rates are reasonably stable where appropriate;
- to minimise the long-term cash contributions which employers need to pay to the Fund, by recognising the link between assets and liabilities and adopting an investment strategy which balances risk and return (N.B. this will also minimise the costs to be borne by council tax payers);
- to reflect the different characteristics of different employers in determining contribution rates. This
  involves the Fund having a clear and transparent funding strategy to demonstrate how each
  employer can best meet its own liabilities over future years; and

• to use reasonable measures to reduce the risk to other employers and ultimately to the council tax payer from an employer defaulting on its pension obligations.

The FSS sets out how the Administering Authority seeks to balance the conflicting aims of securing the solvency of the Fund and keeping employer contributions stable.

For employers whose covenant was considered by the Administering Authority to be sufficiently strong, contributions have been stabilised below the theoretical rate required to return their portion of the Fund to full funding over 20 years if the valuation assumptions are borne out. Asset-liability modelling has been carried out which demonstrate that if these contribution rates are paid and future contribution changes are constrained as set out in the FSS, there is still a better than 60% chance that the Fund will return to full funding over 20 years.

# Funding Position as at the last formal funding valuation

The most recent actuarial valuation carried out under Regulation 36 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 was as at 31 March 2013. This valuation revealed that the Fund's assets, which at 31 March 2013 were valued at £461 million, were sufficient to meet 61% of the liabilities (i.e. the present value of promised retirement benefits) accrued up to that date. The resulting deficit at the 2013 valuation was £292 million.

Individual employers' contributions for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2017 were set in accordance with the Fund's funding policy as set out in its FSS.

#### Principal Actuarial Assumptions and Method used to value the liabilities

Full details of the methods and assumptions used are described in the valuation report dated 31 March 2014.

#### Method

The liabilities were assessed using an accrued benefits method which takes into account pensionable membership up to the valuation date, and makes an allowance for expected future salary growth to retirement or expected earlier date of leaving pensionable membership.

#### **Assumptions**

A market-related approach was taken to valuing the liabilities, for consistency with the valuation of the Fund assets at their market value.

The key financial assumptions adopted for the 2013 valuation were as follows:

	31 March 2013	
Assumptions	Nominal	Real
Discount Rate for Period	4.8%	2.3%
Pay increases *	3.3%	0.8%
Price inflation/Pension increases	2.5%	-

The key demographic assumption was the allowance made for longevity. The life expectancy assumption is based on the Fund's VitaCurves with improvements in line with the CMI 2010 model assuming the

current rate of improvements has peaked and will converge to a long term rate of 1.25% p.a. Based on these assumptions, the average future life expectancies at age 65 are summarised below:

	Males	Females
Current Pensioners	22.1 years	24.1 years
Future Pensioners	24.2 years	26.7 years

<sup>\*</sup> Currently aged 45

Copies of the 2013 valuation report and Funding Strategy Statement are available on request from the London Borough of Havering, Administrating Authority to the Fund.

#### Experience over the period since April 2013

Real bond yields have fallen placing a higher value on liabilities. The effect of this has been offset by the effect of strong asset returns and deficit contributions. Funding levels are therefore likely to have improved marginally and deficits fallen over the period.

The next actuarial valuation will be carried out as at 31 March 2016. The Funding Strategy Statement will also be reviewed at that time.

Employers' contribution rates for the Authority, in line with the actuary's recommendation are as shown below:

	Future Service	Past Service	Total Pensionable Pay
	%	%	%
April 14 to March 15	15.6	6.4	22.0
April 15 to March 16	15.6	6.4	22.0
April 16 to March 17	15.6	6.4	22.0

The employer contributions for the other employers in the Fund range from 17.3% to 28.7% of pensionable pay.

# 19. Actuarial Present Value of Promised Retirements

In addition to the triennial funding valuation, the Fund's actuary also undertakes a valuation of the Pension Fund liabilities, on an IAS19 basis, every year using the same base data as the Funding valuation rolled forward to the current financial year, taking account of changes in membership numbers and updating assumptions to the current year. This valuation is not carried out on the same basis as that used for setting fund contribution rates and the fund accounts do not take account of liabilities to pay pensions and other benefits in the future.

In order to assess the value of the benefits on this basis, the actuary has updated the actuarial assumptions (set out below) from those used for funding purposes (see Note 18).

31 March 2015	Year Ended	31 March 2016
£m		£m
1,019	Present Value of Promised	992
	Retirement Benefits	
575	Fair Value of Scheme assets	572
	(bid Value)	
444	Net Liability	420

Liabilities have been projected using a roll forward approximation from the latest formal funding valuation as at 31 March 2013. The approximation involved in the roll forward model means that the split of scheme liabilities between the three classes of member may not be reliable. However, the actuary satisfied the aggregate liability is a reasonable estimate of the actuarial present value of benefit promises. The actuary has not made any allowance for unfunded benefits.

The above figures include both vested and non-vested benefits, although the latter is assumed to have a negligible value.

It should be noted the above figures are appropriate for the Administering Authority only for preparation of the accounts of the Pension Fund. They should not be used for any other purpose (i.e. comparing against liability measures on a funding basis or a cessation basis).

It is estimated that this liability at 31 March 2016 comprises £476m (£460m 31 March 2015) in respect of active members, £153m in respect of deferred pensioners (£164m 32 March 2015) and £363m in respect of pensioners (£395m 31 March 2015). The approximation involved in the roll forward model means that the split of scheme liabilities between the three classes of member may not be reliable. However, the actuary is satisfied the aggregate liability is a reasonable estimate of the actuarial present value of benefit promises. No allowance has been made for unfunded benefits.

The above figures include both vested and non-vested benefits, although the latter is assumed to have a negligible value.

It should be noted the above figures are appropriate for the Administering Authority only for preparation of the accounts of the Pension Fund. They should not be used for any other purpose (i.e. comparing against liability measures on a funding basis or a cessation basis).

#### **Assumptions**

The assumptions used are those adopted for the Administering Authority's IAS19 report as required by the Code of Practice. They are given below. It is estimated that the impact of the change of assumptions to 31 March 2016 is to decrease the actuarial present value by £51m.

# Financial assumptions

The actuary's recommended financial assumptions are summarised below:

Year Ended	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
	% p.a.	% p.a.
Inflation/Pensions Increase Rate	2.1	2.1
Salary Increase Rate	3.1	3.0
Discount Rate	3.4	3.1

# Longevity assumption

As discussed in Note 18, the life expectancy assumption is based on the Fund's VitaCurves with improvements in line with the CMI 2010 model assuming the current rate of improvements has peaked and will converge to a long term rate of 1.25% p.a. Based on these assumptions, the average future life expectancies at age 65 are summarised below:

	Males	Females
Current Pensioners	22.1 years	24.1 years
Future Pensioners	24.2 years	26.7 years

<sup>\*</sup>Future pensioners are assumed to be currently aged 45 at the most recent formal valuation as at Match 2013.

Please note the longevity assumptions are identical to last year 's IAS26 disclosure for the Fund..

# **Commutation assumption**

An allowance is included for future retirements to elect to take 50% of the maximum additional tax-free cash up to HMRC limits for pre-April 2008 service and 75% of the maximum tax-free cash for post-April 2008 service.

#### **Professional notes**

These notes accompanies the covering report titled 'Actuarial Valuation as at 31 March 2016 for IAS19 accounting purposes. The covering report identifies the appropriate reliances and limitations for the use of the figures in this paper, together with further details regarding the professional requirements and assumptions.

# 20. Current Assets

2014/15 £000		2015/16 £000
	Debtors:	
8	Pension Grants	-
7	Other Local Authorities	-
345	Contributions due from employers	288
71	Contributions due from employees	82
-	Pension Fund Investment Interest	67
2,608	Pension Fund Bank Account Balances	675
2	Debtors Refund	-
5,298	Cash deposit with LB Havering	12,595
8,339	Current Assets	13,707

2014/15	Analysis of Debtors	2015/16
£000		£000
8	NHS Bodies	-
7	Other local authorities	-
345	Public corporation and trading funds	288
73	Other entities and individuals	82
433	Total Debtors	370

# 21. Current Liabilities

2014/15 £000		2015/16 £000
	Creditors:	
(188)	Unpaid Benefits	(883)
(263)	Accrued Expenses	(251)
(305)	Income Tax Recoveries	(320)
(3)	Holding Accounts	(27)
(759)		(1,481)

2014/15	Analysis of Creditors	2015/16
£000		£000
(759)	Other entities and individuals	(1,481)
(759)	Total	(1,481)

# 22. Additional Voluntary Contributions

Market	AVC Provider	Market
Value		Value
2014/15		2015/16
£000		£000
803	Prudential	707
160	Standard Life	169

Some employees made additional voluntary contributions (AVC's) of £54,827 (2014/15 £62,496) excluded from these statements. These are deducted from the employees' salaries and forwarded to the stakeholder pension schemes provided by the Prudential and Standard Life. The amounts forwarded during 2015/16 were £40,807 (2014/15 £47,380) to the Prudential and £14,020 (2014/15 £15,116) to Standard Life.

# 23. Agency Services

Havering Council pays discretionary awards to the former employees of Havering. The amounts paid are not included within the Fund Account but are provided as a service and fully reclaimed from the employer bodies. The sums are disclosed below.

2014/15		
		2015/16
£000		£000
1,464	Payments on behalf of Havering Council	1,452

# 24. Related Party Transactions

The Fund is required to disclose material transactions with bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the Fund, or to be controlled or influenced by the Fund.

The Havering Pension Fund is administering by Havering Council and consequently there is a strong relationship between the Authority and the Pension Fund. In 2015/16, £0.450m was paid to the Authority for the cost of administrating the Fund (2014/15 £0.411m).

The Authority is also the largest employer in the Fund and in 2015/16 contributed £27.798m (2014/15 £22.526m) to the Pension Fund in respect of employer's contributions.

Part of the Pension Fund internal cash holdings are invested on the money markets by the treasury management operations of Havering Council, through a service level agreement. As at 31 March 2016 cash holdings totalled £12.9m (2014/15 £7.6m), earning interest over the year of £67k (2014/15 £47k).

#### Governance

Responsibility for management of the Pension Fund has been delegated to the Pensions Committee and the day to day operations of the Fund have been delegated to the Group Director of Communities and Resources.

No members of the Pension Fund Committee are in receipt of pension benefits from the Havering Pension Fund.

Each member of the Pension Fund Committee is required to declare their interests at each meeting.

During the year no Member or Council officer with direct responsibility for Pension Fund issues has undertaken any declarable material transactions with the Pension Fund.

The members of the Pensions Committee do not receive fees in relation to their specific responsibilities as members of the Pensions Committee.

# **Key Management Personnel**

Paragraph 3.9.4.3 of the Code exempts local authorities from the key management personnel disclosure requirements of IAS24, on the basis that the disclosure requirements for officer remuneration and members allowances detailed in section 3.4 of the Code (which are derived from the requirements of Schedule 1 of The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 satisfy the key management personnel disclosure requirements of paragraph 16 of IAS 244. This applies in equal measure to the accounts of the

Havering Pension Fund.

The disclosures required by the above legislation can be found in the main accounts of Havering Council.

# 25. Contingent Liabilities and Contractual Commitments

Outstanding capital commitments (investments) as at 31 March 2016 totalled £186k (2014/15 £186k). This relates to an outstanding commitment due on an unquoted private equity fund.

These commitments relate to outstanding call payments due on unquoted limited partnership funds held in the private equity part of the portfolio. The amounts 'called' by these funds are irregular in both size and timing over a period of between four and six years from the date of each original commitment.

Following the Freedom and Choice provisions announced in the 2014 Budget, the Pension Fund has seen some enquiries from members about transferring benefits out of the LGPS. As mentioned in Note 10 there are potential liabilities of £0.8m in respect of individuals transferring out of the pension Fund upon whom the Fund is awaiting final decisions. Information is not available which shows how much of this is attributable to Freedom and Choice provisions.

#### 26. Contingent Assets

Three admitted bodies in the Havering Pension Fund hold insurance bonds to guard against the possibility of being unable to meet their pension obligations. These bonds total £4.2m and are drawn down in favour of the Pension Fund. Payment will only be triggered in the event of employer default.

Five admitted bodies, which are subject to pending legal agreements, will hold bonds or guarantees totalling £1.7m.

# 27. Impairment Losses

There were no material impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts as at 31 March 2016.