



Quarterly Risk and Return Analysis Total Fund

Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund





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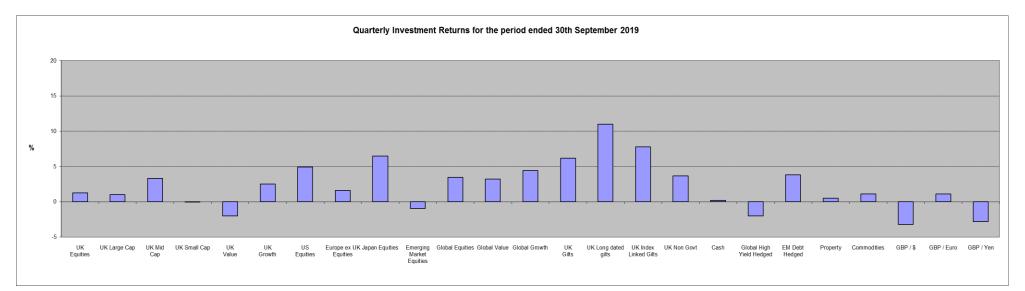




Portfolio Evaluation Ltd Market Commentary Q3 2019 (Sterling)

After a positive first quarter and year most markets continued with positive returns, albeit at a more subdued level, in the quarter ended September 2019. The markets continue upwards, even after a small correction in August that was followed by a recovery in September despite lower economic growth and lower corporate earnings growth. Some of this could be due to continued global economic growth (albeit slower) supported by dovish central bank policy, continuing low inflation and positive consumer demand (it should be noted that there is in the developed world a lower supply of available workers); however the markets appear to be going from panic mode to complacency when reviewing risk. The positive global outlook this quarter saw growth stocks continue to outperform value but the difference between the two was less than in periods last year.

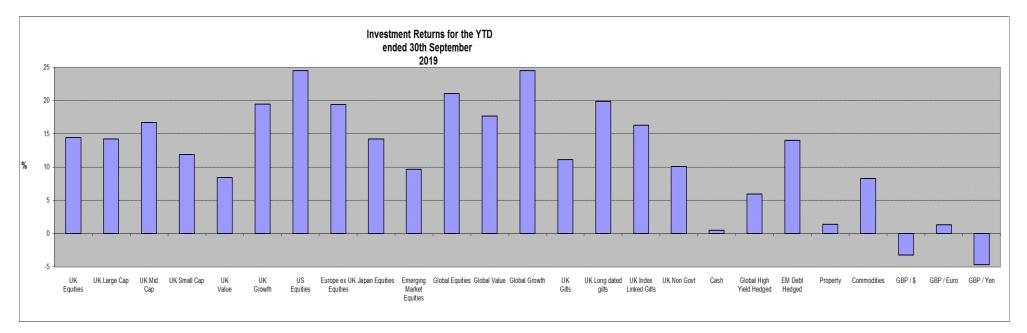
It would appear that markets are set to remain in a late market cycle phase for a while given the economic growth and it is not uncommon for markets to produce positive returns in this phase; however this can be more volatile. Looking forwards market commentators continue to expect lower global economic growth and corporate earnings growth with the Eurozone looking particularly vulnerable. Many investors seem to expect growth to continue into 2020 and potentially to 2021 as the outlook for a recession gets moved back due partly positive central bank actions and benign inflation. However many market commentators are discussing more defensive strategies going forwards, and many are also viewing emerging markets positively. Commentators are also investing more in bonds to secure income and as a defensive move. There are some risks in the returns that can be achieved , these include Trade Wars remain on going between the US, China and to some degree Europe, we are also in the position where central banks may not be able to continue lowering interest rates much more. We are also seeing increased political risk.







Within the UK the obsession and lack of resolution with Brexit has continued through yet another quarter. This continues to lower the economic growth outlook and reduce the willingness of both companies and investment managers to invest in the UK. The 'high street' sector continues to struggle with high costs and lower revenues whilst business is still reviewing how to proceed in the future. Despite posting significant equity market gains the concerns about the future outlook helps to explain the relatively lack lustre performance of UK stockmarkets when compared to many others.



Market volatility has continued to increase as a result of the outlook and in particular the risk levels between asset classes has also increased as diversification benefits reduce. Many commentators expect this to continue throughout the remainder of this year.

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Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund - Commentary Period ending 30th September 2019

QUARTERLY SUMMARY: Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund Return: 2.3% Benchmark Return: 2.3% Excess Return: 0.0%

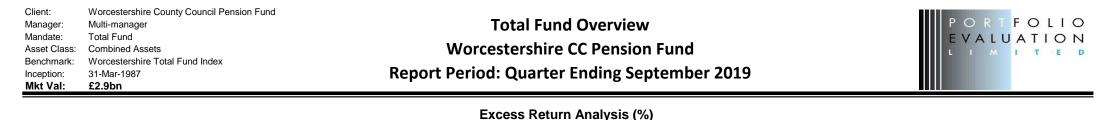
- The Fund invested approximately 11% of its assets in the new LGPSC Equity Emerging Markets Fund at the beginning of this quarter. This was primarily funded by disinvesting from the Equity Emerging Markets Funds managed by JP Morgan and Schroders. The LGPSC Equity Emerging Markets Fund was transitioning assets from the beginning of July and went live on the 19th July. Please note that for reporting purposes the LGPSC Emerging Markets Fund has been measured from the 19th July whilst the period from 2nd July to the 19th July is shown as a transition portfolio.
- All primary asset classes achieved similar returns (between 1.8% and 2.3%) over the quarter. Within equities the Alternatives section was the highest performer. Over the quarter the Nomura portfolio (Far East Equities), EQT mid-market credit, Walton (property), Hermes II (infrastructure) and First State were the notable outperformers. The primary underperformer was the Equity Emerging Markets portfolio group; however it should be noted that this group was in transition in July. The other significant underperformers were the Invesco property funds, Green Bank (UK Infrastructure) and the bond portfolio underpinning the Equity Protection Overlay (EPO).
- Over the quarter the EPO portfolio had an overall return of 0.1% and improved the overall equity return by 0.2%.
- Over the quarter the Fund outperformed marginally (less than 5 bps) due to the EPO, excluding the EPO the Fund would have underperformed slightly; the same pattern is evident for the equity totals. The Fund had positive excess return from asset allocation due to being overweight equities (higher performing sub asset classes when compared to the Total Fund benchmark). In terms of stock selection attribution the overall contribution to excess return was neutral (i.e. 0) and the only significant positive contributor was the Nomura Far East equity portfolio.
- All index funds tracked their benchmarks as expected.
- The latest valuation data supplied by VENN, Walton Street I, Green, EQT, Invesco Real Estate UK Residential Fund and Stonepeak was for period ending June 2019.

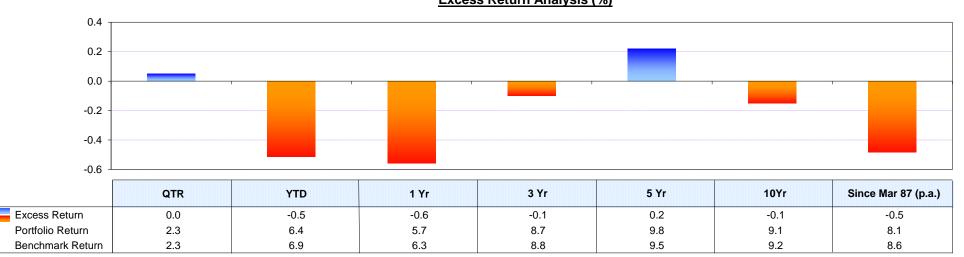
YEAR SUMMARY: Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund Return: 5.7% Benchmark Return: 6.3% Excess Return: -0.6%

- Over the year the Fund has generated a return of 5.7% underperforming its benchmark by -0.6%; when excluding the equity options overlay, the Total Fund underperformed by -0.7% (i.e. the EPO strategy has added value). Over the year bonds have been the strongest performer followed by Infrastructure, Property and finally Equities.
- Stock selection was the dominant contributor of the underperformance over the year due primarily to the underperforming Emerging Equity Market portfolios this quarter (this group was in transition mode from mid-June to mid-July).
- Asset allocation was a negative contributor over the year via the overweight exposure to the low returning Active Equity portfolios;
- Overall whilst providing a positive boost to the Equity return of the Fund the EPO, because no benchmark has been assigned and the gilts used as collateral has been a drag on Fund performance, as it has a lower return than other asset groups. However it has provided excess return in the relevant markets and has lowered Fund volatility i.e. it is performing as expected.
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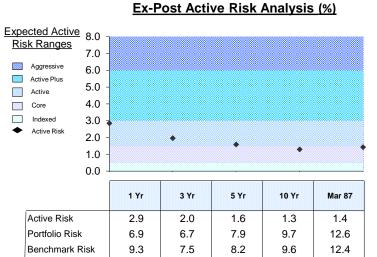
THREE YEAR SUMMARY AND LONGER: Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund Return: 8.7% Benchmark Return: 8.8% Excess Return: -0.1%

- Over the three year period, the Fund has generated a return of 8.7% and has underperformed the benchmark by -0.1%. It should be noted that there has been a significant number of new mandates established in that timeline especially in the property and infrastructure asset classes. Additionally an equity protection overlay program (EPO) has been started and recently the EMM equity portfolio has been restructured.
- The EPO has reduced overall performance because equity markets have continued to rise over the last few years; however Fund volatility has reduced. In effect the EPO is performing as expected given its mandate and structure.
- The Total Risk and Active risk are consistent with a typical multi asset class fund that uses both passive and active strategies.

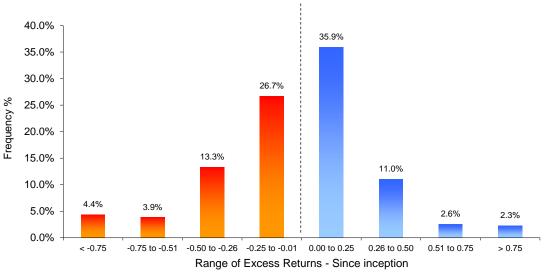


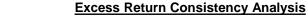


All returns for periods in excess of 1 year are annualised. The portfolio return is net.









Attribution to Total Fund Excess Return Analysis Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund for Quarter Ended 30th September 2019

Market Value: £2.9bn





The Returns Summary details the Portfolio, Benchmark and Excess Returns. The Excess Returns are plotted. the Asset Allocation Summary details the weights held by the portfolio and benchmark in each asset class/manager. The green plots are the over/underweight exposures of the Fund (v Fund benchmark) at the beginning and end of the period. The Attribution to Excess Return, identifies how each asset class/manager has contributed to the overall excess return of the Total Fund. It is broken down into Asset Allocation (how successful the decision to over/underweight each asset class was) and then into Stock Selection (how well each manager/s decisions have performed). The Asset Allocation (how successful the decision to over/underweight each asset class was) and then into Stock Selection (how well each manager/s decisions have performed). The Asset Allocation plus the Stock Selection excess returns are all additive and equal the Total Excess Return of the Fund.

Attribution to Total Fund Excess Return Analysis Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund for Year Ended 30th September 2019





Attribution to Total Fund Excess Return Analysis - Unannualised Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund for 3 Year Ended 30th September 2019



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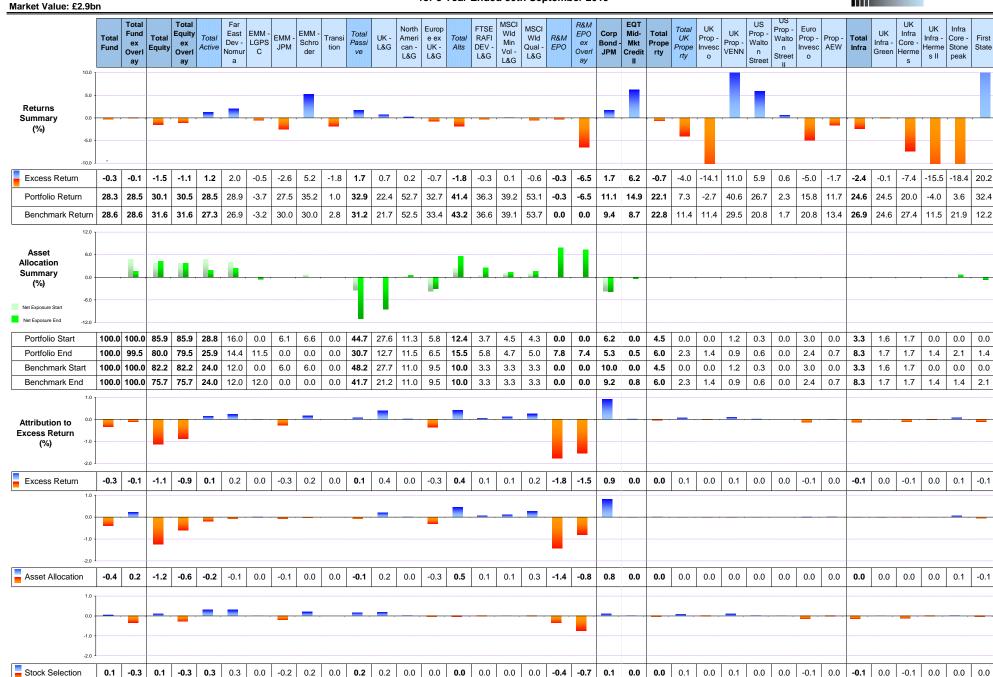
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Manager Return Analysis Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund for Period Ended 30th September 2019

Market Value: £2.9bn



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	Benchmark	Incep Date	Market Value (£m)	Weight	PF	BM	ER	PF	BM	ER	PF	BM	ER	PF	BM	ER	PF	BM	ER	PF	BM	ER	PF	BM	ER
Total Equity Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	2,345.6	80.0	2.4	2.3	0.0	6.7	7.5	-0.8	5.5	5.8	-0.3	9.2	9.6	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0		
Total Equity Fund ex Overlay	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	2,331.3	79.5	2.2	2.3	-0.1	7.2	7.5	-0.3	5.4	5.8	-0.4	9.3	9.6	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0		
Total Active Equity Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	759.3	25.9	1.3	1.3	-0.1	5.9	5.3	0.6	3.0	4.4	-1.4	8.7	8.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.2	13.4	0.8
Far East Developed Fund - Nomura	FTSE Developed Asia Pacific Index	Feb-03	423.1	14.4	4.9	3.1	1.8	9.4	7.4	2.0	2.1	1.6	0.4	8.8	8.3	0.6	11.8	11.1	0.8	9.0	8.5	0.5	10.5	10.4	0.1
Emerging Markets Fund - LGPSC	FTSE All World Emerging Market Index	Jul-19	336.2	11.5	-3.7	-3.2	-0.5																-3.7	-3.2	
Emerging Markets Fund - JPM	FTSE All World Emerging Market Index	Dec-11	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	-1.6	4.4	5.5	-1.0	6.1	9.4	-3.3	8.9	9.7	-0.8	9.5	9.5	0.0				7.7	7.8	-0.1
Emerging Markets Fund- Schroder	FTSE All World Emerging Market Index	Oct-11	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	-1.6	5.5	5.5	0.0	8.0	9.4	-1.5	11.2	9.7	1.5	11.2	9.5	1.7				9.1	7.2	1.9
Transition Fund	FTSE All World Emerging Market Index	Jul-19	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.8	-1.8																1.0	2.8	-1.8
Total Passive Equity Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	900.5	30.7	2.7	2.3	0.4	8.5	7.7	0.8	6.1	5.4	0.7	9.9	9.5	0.5							12.9	12.3	0.6
UK Equity Fund - L&G	FTSE All Share Index	Dec-15	373.4	12.7	1.3	1.3	0.0	4.6	4.6	0.0	2.7	2.7	0.0	7.0	6.8	0.2							9.8	9.6	0.2
North American Equity Fund- L&G	FTSE All World North American Index	Dec-15	337.2	11.5	4.9	4.9	0.0	12.1	12.1	0.0	10.4	10.4	0.0	15.2	15.1	0.1							18.7	18.7	0.0
Europe ex UK Equity Fund- L&G	FTSE Developed Europe Ex. UK Index	Dec-15	189.9	6.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	10.3	10.5	-0.2	6.0	6.2	-0.2	9.9	10.1	-0.2							12.4	12.7	-0.2
Total Alternatives Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	455.7	15.5	4.9	5.0	-0.1	11.5	11.8	-0.2	10.5	11.2	-0.6	12.2	12.7	-0.5							15.3	15.7	-0.4
FTSE RAFI DEV Fund - L&G	FTSE RAFI Developed 1000 QSR Net Index	Dec-15	170.7	5.8	3.5	3.5	0.0	9.4	9.4	0.0	5.1	5.2	0.0	10.9	11.0	-0.1							14.9	15.0	-0.1
MSCI World Min Vol TR Fund - L&G	MSCI World Minimum Volatility Net Index	Dec-15	138.6	4.7	6.6	6.5	0.1	14.0	13.9	0.0	16.3	16.3	0.0	11.7	11.6	0.0							16.9	16.9	0.0
MSCI World Quality TR Fund - L&G	MSCI World Quality Total Return Net Index	Dec-15	146.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	11.8	11.9	0.0	11.9	12.0	-0.1	15.3	15.4	-0.1							18.3	18.4	-0.1
Equity Protection - River & Mercantile	noor nona quanty rotal netan net mack	Jan-18	230.2	7.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	-5.1	0.0	-5.1	4.5	0.0	4.5	10.0	10.1	0.1							-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Equity Protection - River & Mercantile ex Overla	n	Jan-18	215.8	7.4	-1.2	0.0	-1.2	-1.0	0.0	-1.0	1.7	0.0	1.7										-3.8	0.0	-3.8
Corporate Bond Fund- JPM	Barclays Capital Global Aggregate - Ex Treasury, Ex Government Related 100% Hedged to GBP	Mar-03	154.8	5.3	2.4	2.3	0.1	6.2	5.7	0.4	10.1	9.7	0.4	3.6	3.0	0.5	4.3	3.9	0.5	5.7	5.2	0.5	5.3	5.4	-0.1
EQT Mid-Market Credit II	Absolute Return + 6.5%	May-18	13.8	0.5	6.6	1.6	5.0	5.9	3.2	2.7	8.0	6.5	1.5										10.7	6.8	4.0
Total Property Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	176.5	6.0	1.1	1.8	-0.7	3.6	3.6	0.0	4.6	7.1	-2.5	6.9	7.1	-0.2							8.2	7.1	1.1
Total UK Property Fund	Absolute Return +9%	Jul-18	68.2	2.3	1.6	2.2	-0.6	2.6	4.4	-1.8	7.3	9.0	-1.7										7.3	9.0	-1.7
UK Property Fund - Invesco	Absolute Return +9%	Oct-18	40.7	1.4	0.9	2.2	-1.3	-2.7	4.4	-7.1	-2.7	9.0	-11.7										-2.7	9.0	-11.
UK Property Fund - VENN	Absolute Return +9%	Jul-15	27.5	0.9	2.5	2.2	0.4	3.9	4.4	-0.5	9.1	9.0	0.0	12.0	9.0	3.0							10.5	9.2	1.4
US Property Fund- Walton Street GBP	Absolute Return + 6.5%	Feb-16	16.2	0.6	4.1	1.6	2.5	3.7	3.2	0.5	11.9	6.5	5.4	8.2	6.5	1.7							12.6	6.2	6.4
US Property Fund- Walton Street USD	N/A	Feb-16	N/A	N/A	1.8	0.0	1.8	3.8	0.0	3.8	8.1	0.0	8.1	7.6	0.0	7.6							8.6	0.0	8.6
US Property Fund- Walton Street II GBP	Absolute Return + 7.0%	Jun-19	1.6	0.1	2.3	1.7	0.6																2.3	1.7	0.6
Euro Property Fund- Invesco	Absolute Return + 6.5%	Feb-16	70.5	2.4	-0.1	1.6	-1.7	3.7	3.2	0.5	1.8	6.5	-4.7	5.0	6.5	-1.5							7.6	6.3	1.3
Property Fund- AEW	Absolute Return + 6.5%	Oct-17	19.9	0.7	1.4	1.6	-0.2	3.7	3.2	0.5	5.2	6.5	-1.3										5.7	6.5	-0.8
Total Infrastructure Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16		8.3	2.8	2.1	0.8	5.1	4.3	0.8	8.1	8.7	-0.7	7.6	8.3	-0.7							7.3	8.2	-1.0
UK Infrastructure Fund - Green	Absolute Return +7.6%	Apr-15	49.1	1.7	-0.5	1.8	-2.3	3.3	3.7	-0.5	8.9	7.6	1.3	7.6	7.6	0.0							6.0	7.6	-1.6
UK Infrastructure Core Fund - Hermes	Absolute Return +8.4%	May-15	48.9	1.7	2.3	2.0	0.2	3.7	4.1	-0.4	5.9	8.4	-2.5	6.3	8.4	-2.1							6.9	8.4	-1.5
UK Infrastructure Fund - Hermes II	Absolute Return +8.5%	Jun-18	40.5	1.4	5.3	2.1	3.3	5.5	4.2	1.3	-0.8	8.5	-9.3	0.5	0.4	2.1							-3.1	8.8	-11.
Infrastructure Core Fund - Stonepeak	Absolute Return +12%	Jan-18	60.7	2.1	1.5	2.9	-1.4	1.9	5.8	-3.9	24.4	12.0	12.4										2.0	12.0	
First State Fund	Absolute Return +9%	Jun-18	42.1	1.4	22.4	2.5	20.3	25.0	4.4	20.6	24.4	9.0	12.4]						2.0	9.3	14.9
Worcestershire CC Total Fund ex Overlav	Absolute Return +9%	Mar-87	42.1 2,918.4	1.4	22.4	2.2	-0.1	25.0 6.8	6.9	-0.1	5.5	9.0 6.3	-0.7	8.7	8.8	0.0	9.8	9.5	0.3	9.1	9.2	-0.1	24.1 8.1	9.5 8.6	-0.5
Worcestershire CC Total Fund ex Overlay		Mar-87	2,918.4	100.0	2.2	2.3	0.0	6.4	6.9	-0.1	5.7	6.3	-0.7	8.7	8.8	-0.1	9.8	9.5	0.5	9.1	9.2	-0.1	8.1		-0.5
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	CLIENT SPECIFIC BM AS AT JUNE 2017:	Notes:	
	25.5% FTSE Developed Europe Ex UK 12% FTSE All World Emerging Markets	Q3 2019: - Disinvested from Schroders Emerging Market Equity Fund as at 1st July 2019 - Disinvested from JP Morgan Emerging Market Equity Fund as at 1st July 2019 - Invested into the LGPSC Emerging Market Fund as at 19th July 2019 - Assets from JP Morgan and Schroders moved to transition Fund COB 1st July, assets then moved to LGPS Central COB 18th July Therefore the returns for the above are partial period returns	
otal Fund Benchmark		Q2 2019: Invested into the Walton Street US Property Fund II on 28/06/2019 and the inclusion of Equity Protection - River & Mercantile ex Overlay which follows in the Total Equity and Total Fund For the Total Fund benchmark the weightings for the Infrastructure and Property will match the actual drawdowns/market values of the funds, then the remainder will be put into UK Passive Equities .	
		Fees/fund charges have been taken into account for the Total Fund return. Fees were found within the data for Hermes in July and L&G for August. The fees applied may not be final or all of the fees for Worcestershire CC Total Fund Portfolio.	•
	Infrastructure: Weighted Client Specific Index	Total Infrastructure and Total Property are measured against a weighted index of the funds underlying benchmarks.	
	Property: Weighted Client Specific Index	Historic data up to and including 31.03.2016 has been provided by the WM Co and L&G.	

Total Fund Reconciliation Analysis Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund for Quarter Ended 30th September 2019



Market Value: £2.9bn

	30th Jun 2019		Net	Total	Total	30th Sept 2019			
	Market Val (£000s)	Exposure (%)	Investment (£000s)	Income (£000s)	Gain/Loss (£000s)	Market Val (£000s)	Exposure (%)		
Fotal Equity Fund	2,328,901	81.2	-38,333	4,940,021	55,074	2,345,642	80.0		
otal Equity Fund ex Overlay	2,330,555	81.2	-38,333	4,940,021	39,080	2,331,302	79.5		
Total Active Equity Fund	777,324	27.1	-28,333	0	10,286	759,277	25.9		
Far East Developed Fund - Nomura	403,065	14.1	0	0	20,042	423,106	14.4		
Emerging Markets Fund - LGPSC	0	0.0	349,212	0	-13,041	336,171	11.5		
Emerging Markets Fund - JPM	173,103	6.0	-173,103	0	0	0	0.0		
Emerging Markets Fund- Schroder	201,156	7.0	-201,156	0	0	0	0.0		
Transition	0	0.0	-3,286	0	3,286	0	0.0		
Total Passive Equity Fund	887,184	30.9	-10,000	0	23,340	900,523	30.7		
UK Equity Fund - L&G	378,827	13.2	-10,000	0	4,557	373,384	12.7		
North American Equity Fund- L&G	321,338	11.2	0	0	15,895	337,233	11.5		
Europe ex UK Equity Fund- L&G	187,019	6.5	0	0	2,888	189,907	6.5		
Total Alternatives Fund	434,448	15.1	0	0	21,222	455,670	15.5		
FTSE RAFI DEV Fund - L&G	165,005	5.8	0	0	5,716	170,721	5.8		
MSCI World Min Vol TR Fund - L&G	130,062	4.5	0	0	8,568	138,630	4.7		
MSCI World Quality TR Fund - L&G	139,381	4.9	0	0	6,938	146,319	5.0		
Equity Protection - River & Mercantile	229,945	8.0	0	4,940	226	230,172	7.8		
Equity Protection - River & Mercantile ex Overlay	231,599	8.1	0	4,940	-15,768	215,831	7.4		
Corporate Bond Fund- JPM	151,119	5.3	0	0	3,664	154,783	5.3		
QT Mid-Market Credit II	12,928	0.5	0	0	849	13,777	0.5		
Total Property Fund	177,217	6.2	-1,861	923	1,100	176,456	6.0		
Total UK Property Fund	67,250	2.3	-78	0	1,056	68,228	2.3		
UK Property Fund - Invesco	40,134	1.4	220	0	368	40,722	1.4		
UK Property Fund - VENN	27,116	0.9	-298	0	688	27,506	0.9		
US Property Fund- Walton Street	17,307	0.6	-1,783	0	713	16,238	0.6		
US Property Fund- Walton Street II	1,571	0.1	0	0	37	1,608	0.1		
Euro Property Fund- Invesco	71,261	2.5	0	667	-731	70,530	2.4		
Property Fund- AEW	19,827	0.7	0	255	25	19,853	0.7		
Total Infrastructure Fund	198,619	6.9	37,847	0	5,650	242,116	8.3		
UK Infrastructure Fund - Green	50,198	1.7	-856	0	-244	49,098	1.7		
UK Infrastructure Core Fund - Hermes	47,908	1.7	-64	0	1,085	48,929	1.7		
UK Infrastructure Fund - Hermes II	27,538	1.0	12,363	0	1,465	41,366	1.4		
Infrastructure Core Fund - Stonepeak	10,860	0.4	-2,358	0	52,162	60,664	2.1		
First State Fund	62,116	2.2	28,763	0	-48,818	42,060	1.4		
Cash Fund	0	0.0	2,347	0	-2,347	0	0.0		
Worcestershire CC Total Fund ex Overlay	2,870,438	100.1	0	5,863	47,996	2,918,434	99.5		
Worcestershire CC Total Fund	2,868,784	100.0	0	5,863	63,990	2,932,774	100.0		

Note: Cashflow into cash reflects sum of portfolio contributions minus net investments. It is assumed that cash for the Fund is held outside of the invested assets and is therefore withdrawn from the Total Fund