

CHB PENSIONS COMMITTEE Detailed risk register EXCLUDING COMPLETED ACTIONS

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| CHB Pensions 009 McCloud Remedy | <p>Cause: Implementation of the proposed remedy following new pension legislation and scheme specific regulations for the removal of age discrimination from the LGPS due to the McCloud judgement.</p> <p>Event: The impact of scheme amendments upon scheme members, Pensions Office and scheme employers due to implementation of the proposed remedy for McCloud.</p> <p>Effect: The Pensions Office is unable to adequately comply with legislative and regulatory amendments arising from the proposed McCloud remedy.</p> | <p>Lielihood</p> <p>Impact</p> | 16 | <p>In December 2018, the Court of Appeal ruled that the “underpin protection” included in the 2014 LGPS reforms directly discriminated against some younger pension scheme members – this is now referred to as the McCloud Judgement or McCloud.</p> <p>On 15 July 2019 the government confirmed that the difference in treatment would be remedied in the LGPS and subsequently published a consultation document that set out options for how the government proposed to remove the discrimination.</p> <p>In February 2021 HM Treasury published its response to the consultation document and set out its preferred remedy choice.</p> | <p>Lielihood</p> <p>Impact</p> | 4 | 01-Oct-2023 | |

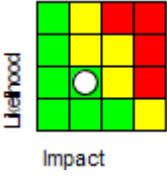
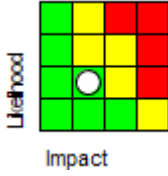

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| 20-Jan-2022 Kate Limna | | | | <p>Further legislative changes are required before the remedy can be implemented, however, due to the complexity of the proposed remedy pension administrators and pension systems providers have commenced development of systems and processes based on current understandings to enable the remedy to be implemented.</p> <p>On 10 March 2022 the Public Services and Judicial Offices Act 2022 received Royal Assent.</p> <p>The main purpose of the Act was to support the implementation of the McCloud remedy, however further guidance and legislation is required before it can be applied directly to the LGPS.</p> <p>11 Aug 2023</p> | | | | Constant |
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| CHB Pensions 009a | DLUHC has confirmed the proposed remedy and the intention to introduce legislation to the statute books from 1 April 2023 but applied retrospectively to 31 March 2012 and 31 March 2014. The Pensions Office will need to understand what this means, develop processes and calculations to apply the regulations for the amended schemes and should be aware of all relevant correspondence issued by the DLUHC, LGA & HMRC and regularly attend seminars, forums, webinars and user groups. | <p>Continue with membership of working groups including South East Counties Senior Officer Group (SEC SOG), Aquila Heywood Remedy Implementation Group, to ensure development of software and understanding of legislation.</p> <p>Attend conferences, webinars, forums and seminars as appropriate and keep up to date with bulletins and guidance from the Home Office.</p> | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 01-Oct-2023 |
| CHB Pensions 009b | Identification of eligible scheme members who will qualify for the remedy. All data must be reviewed and if necessary | Perform data review exercise in bulk and individually to identify scheme members who may qualify and/or identify missing data. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 01-Oct-2023 |

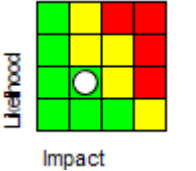
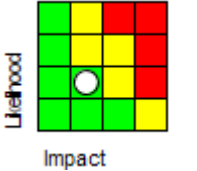
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| | amended. In some cases data may be missing and must be requested from employers and previous pension providers. | Software provider currently developing systems to identify qualifying scheme member on bulk reports. Develop data process to request missing information and scheme member record update. | | | |
| CHB Pensions 009c | System Development Calculation/Revaluation | Software provider currently developing calculations and recalculations of deferred benefits and those already in receipt of pension to identify incorrect values and any over/underpayments. Development should include bulk calculations and calculations for individuals, include revised pension amounts, arrears payable/collectible (benefits and contributions) plus interest payable if applicable. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 01-Oct-2023 |
| CHB Pensions 009d | Working in conjunction with LGA to prepare communications and standard responses (FAQs) to be sent to affected scheme members. | It will be essential for communications to be regular and clear. Further detail about the proposed remedy and delivery of it, including scheme members who may be affected, must be known prior to any specific remedy communications. The Pensions Office website carries current information from various sources including DLUHC. Further communications will be added when they are released. The Annual Benefit Statements (ABS) contain a statement on McCloud provided by the LGA <u>and in 2023 will also include a link to a leaflet that was created by the LGA in conjunction with the Scheme Advisory Board (SAB). This leaflet is also already available on the City's Pension Website.</u> The ABS will need to be amended following implementation of the amended regulations as is anticipated McCloud data will need to be included for each scheme member. Scheme members who may be affected will need a final communication confirming if benefit values have been amended and if so by how much, including value of arrears and interest if applicable. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 01-Oct-2023 |

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| CHB Pensions 001a | The Investment strategy of the Pension Fund is reviewed at least every three years following the triennial valuation with proper advice from the Investment Consultant. | <p>The Pension Fund Investment Strategy was reviewed following the completion of the 2019 triennial valuation of the Fund's liabilities, by the Financial Investment Board in July 2020. This ensured that the investment strategy remained appropriate in the context of the Fund's updated liabilities valuation and the current investment environment.</p> <p>The 2022 triennial actuarial valuation has been finalised is currently being finalised by the scheme Actuary, Barnett Waddingham and once this is completed, the Investment Strategy Statement is being will be reviewed by the Pensions Committee.</p> | Caroline Al-Beyerty; Kate Limna | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 001b | The investment performance of the Pension Fund is measured against absolute return targets required to meet long term objectives. This will be reported to the Pensions Committee throughout the year and is supplemented by market insight from the Corporation's Investment Consultant who will assist any strategic decisions required in between the three-year formal strategy reviews. | The investment performance of the Pension Fund will be brought to each Pensions Committee for consideration. | Kate Limna | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

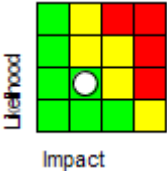
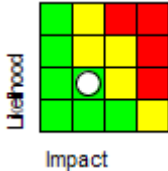

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| | Members to account for their performance as and when deemed necessary/as required. | | | | |
| CHB Pensions 010b | Under the Government pooling agenda, London CIV is the asset pool operator for London LGPS funds. The LCIV holds monthly updates for Shareholders advising on latest developments for examples, product development and ESG/Climate related actions. | <p>At the October <u>August 2023</u> monthly meeting, the LCIV had no changes to the monitoring status of funds but were keeping a close watch on how Fund Manager performance particularly in this volatile market.</p> <p>At a recent meeting <u>in late 2022</u>, the 5-current investors in the Global Alpha Growth <u>Fund (of which there were 5)</u> were advised that should the number of investors fall below 3, an orderly exit from the fund may be considered. <u>The current number of investors remains at 5.</u></p> | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

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| CHB Pensions 003 Short term Cash flows 17-Dec-2019 | Cause: Inadequate cash flow planning and monitoring. Event: Delayed settling of benefits/ assets disinvested at an opportune time Effects: Illiquidity or insufficient liquid assets to meet short term obligations |  | 4 | Insufficient liquidity to meet pension benefit payments, transfer payments and other costs, or to meet cash calls from fund managers. 11 Aug 2023 |  | 4 | 31-Mar-2024 |  Constant |

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| CHB Pensions 003a | The Pension Fund asset allocation is established to ensure appropriate exposure to asset classes. | The Pension fund asset allocation remains within tolerance of control ranges established by Financial Investment Board. | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 003b | Alert fund managers in advance of transferring new monies and Fund managers are required to provide sufficient notice of cash calls and redemption payments. | Fund Managers are aware of the contractual notification period of 10 working days for any drawdowns and Officers alert fund managers Trading + X number of working days in advance of a withdrawal (X is dependent on the fund manager). | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 003c | Cash flow forecasting to ensure adequate monitoring and planning. | A Cash flow forecast <u>has been created</u> is currently being refined to ensure the Pension Fund is able to meet any obligations required of it. <u>This is reported to Committee on a quarterly basis.</u> | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

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| 10-Nov-2022 | <p>Cause: (i) Ineffective procedures. (ii) Inadequately trained staff. (iii) Data Accuracy. (iv) Lack of resources.</p> <p>Event: Scheme members' personal data is released to an unauthorised third party.</p> <p>Effect: (i) Breach of GDPR / Data Protection regulations. (ii) Financial penalties/ sanctions. (iii) Reputational damage</p> |  | 4 | <p>Personal data may be accidentally issued to an incorrect third party or body – e.g. an old postal address may be held for a scheme member or an error is made whilst typing an email address.</p> <p>A breach of the GDPR / DP regulations may lead to financial penalties and sanctions being imposed by the governing industry bodies such as the Pensions Regulator or Information Commissioner's Office.</p> <p>11 Aug 2023</p> |  | 4 | 31-Mar-2024 | Constant |
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| CHB Pensions 004a | Pensions administration staff to be aware of the corporate policy regarding data security and to follow the guidelines given. | Corporate online training regarding data-security to be carried out by all staff and reviewed as required. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 004b | Ensuring that any data sent electronically is sent securely / password protected with the password sent separately. | All staff are trained in how to protect documents and send emails securely. However, it is important that this training is kept up to date as technology / processes evolve and are changed. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 004c | Ensuring that member address details are kept up-to-date and that records are updated when the Pensions Office is made aware that the information held is no longer valid. | Notating the member records when the Pensions Office is made aware that the data held is no longer valid prevents their inclusion in any automated bulk mailshots. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 004d | Pensions administration staff to be aware of GDPR / Data Protection legislation. | GDPR / Data Protection reviewed and all staff reminded of the legislation and its importance. Processes amended for hybrid working, ensuring the protection of scheme member data. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

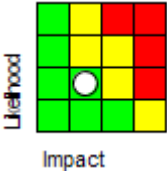
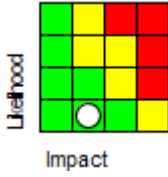
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| CHB Pensions 007 Cyber Security 17-Dec-2019 Kate Limna | Cause: IT system failures due to ineffective procedures, or Inadequately trained staff. Event: Breach of Corporate IT systems and Cyber security. Effect: Inaccurate benefits paid or delayed to scheme members. Financial penalties/ sanctions. Breach of Data Protection regulations. Loss/corruption of data |  | 4 | A malicious breach of Corporate IT systems may lead to a failure of the pensions administration system and/or a breach of Data Protection regulations. A failure of the pensions administration system or a breach of the Data Protection Regulations may mean a failure or inability to calculate benefits accurately and on time which may lead to financial penalties and sanctions being imposed by the governing industry bodies such as the Pensions Regulator or Information Commissioner's Office. 11 Aug 2023 |  | 4 | 31-Mar-2024 |  Constant |
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| CHB Pensions 007a | Pensions administration staff to be aware of the corporate policy regarding cyber security and to follow the guidelines given. | Corporate online training regarding cyber-security to be carried out by all staff and reviewed as required. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 007b | Corporate and departmental specific software to be updated as required to ensure the latest and most secure version is being used. | To ensure the most up-to-date software is being used, staff should update their computers as and when prompted. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 007c | Ensuring that the pensions administration software is included in the departmental business continuity plans | Updating the business impact analysis details used in the departmental continuity plan as required. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 007d | Pensions administration staff to be aware of Data Protection legislation | Data Protection reviewed and all staff reminded of the legislation and its importance. Processes amended for home working, ensuring the protection of scheme member data. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

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| CHB Pensions 008a | Job descriptions used at recruitment to attract candidates with skills and experience related to LGPS administration. The appraisals process to monitor progress and assess training needs. | Ensuring that candidates with the necessary skills and abilities are employed by the City. Once in post, staff continue to receive relevant training and attend courses, seminars and conferences when appropriate. Have trained multiple team members for extra duties due to parental leave cover. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 008b | Pensions administrator staff are trained to use the pensions administration software. | Ensuring that administrators are fully trained to use the pension administration software to enable them to provide accurate and efficient calculations. In addition, administrators should know the correct process to report to the software provider any errors encountered with the system in order that they can be investigated and resolved. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 008c | Practical disaster recovery/succession plans in place to ensure continuity in the event that key staff leave or are unable to work for a prolonged period of time. | Ensuring that skill sets are not restricted to one staff member alone. Priority cases and work types are identified to ensure continuation in the event that staff or other resources become unavailable. Disaster Recovery reviewed in light of hybrid working | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 008e | Accurate and appropriate checking procedures in place at all areas of administration. | All checking procedures reviewed and where necessary amended due to take account of hybrid working. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 008f | Scheme Member records are kept up to date, with any amendments being made as appropriate. | Ensuring that all administrative staff are aware of the amendments that must be made to a member record during the course of their scheme membership and that they are trained in how to make the necessary changes and updates. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

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| CHB Pensions 011 Service provider failure 08-Mar-2018 Kate Limna | Cause: Corporate, financial, economic or cybersecurity threats result in service provision withdrawal or liquidation of partner organisations. Event: Failure of fund manager, investment consultant or other service provider without notice. Effect: Pension Fund asset valuations at risk or a period of time without service provision. | Lifehood Impact | 4 | Officers meet regularly with fund managers, investment consultants and other service providers. Officers write to all counterparties requesting latest internal control report from fund managers and custodian ahead of the closure of accounts. 11 Aug 2023 | Lifehood Impact | 4 | 31-Mar-2024 | Constant |

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| CHB Pensions 011a | Detailed due diligence is carried out when new fund managers, investment consultant or other service provider are appointed. | New manager due diligence undertaken in consultation with investment consultant. There are currently no plans to appoint any additional managers. The investment consultant contract was recently re-tendered via the National LGPS procurement framework. Following a rigorous and competitive exercise Mercer were appointed to the role in October 2021. | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 011b | Review of internal control reports on annual basis. | Corporate Treasury compile an archive of the most up to date relevant annual internal control reports issued by all issuing fund managers and custodian as part of statement of account compilation across Funds. All internal control reports from the pooled fund managers have been received where available. Officers are in the process of reviewing the findings of the reports to ensure they remain satisfied with the control environments operated by the Corporation's appointed asset managers. | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 011c | Monitor markets regularly through financial publications and seek advice of managers and investment consultant when appropriate. | Officers regularly monitor financial press and industry publications particularly in search of any news regarding entities that have an existing relationship across the Corporation's Funds. | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

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| CHB Pensions 012 Governance/Legislative Compliance 08-Mar-2018 Kate Limna | <p>Cause: Lack of understanding of the applicable statutory requirements such as investment regulations, prudential code etc. Inadequate oversight of the operations and developments at the regional pool operator, the London CIV.</p> <p>Event: Committee Members and officers do not have appropriate skills or knowledge to discharge their responsibilities including the calculation and payment off benefits. Regulatory breach. The Pension Fund's pooled assets are managed inappropriately.</p> <p>Effect: Inappropriate decisions are made leading to a financial impact or a breach of legislation or service not provided in line with best practice and legal requirements. Potential regulatory fines. The financial value of the Pension Fund's assets is impaired.</p> |  | 4 | <p>As the Committee has recently been established, Officers will produce a comprehensive training plan incorporating best practice to ensure committee members have access to acquiring the appropriate levels of knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>11 Aug 2023</p> |  | 2 | 31-Mar-2024 | Constant |
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| CHB Pensions 012a | Training provided to Committee Members on a range of investment topics and asset classes on a needs basis. Continued Professional Development (CPD) records maintained and updated annually. | A review will be undertaken of the skills set of the Members of the new Pension Committee. All Members of the Committee will be expected to complete the Pension Regulator's Public Services Toolkit within 12 months of joining the Committee. | | | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 012b | Job descriptions used at recruitment to attract candidates with skills and experience related to investment finance. The Corporation maintains membership of CIPFA's Pension Network, the LAPFF, LPFA and PLSA – all providing access to training opportunities via courses, seminars and conferences. | Officers continue to attend training courses, seminars forums, webinars, user groups and conferences were deemed appropriate to enhance understanding of markets, financial instruments, regulatory and statutory reporting issues and administration. The team has successfully recruited to a number of posts following a redesign of the team structure. | | | Caroline Al-Beyerty; Kate Limna | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 012c | Training plans in place for all staff as part of the performance appraisal arrangements, which are reviewed every six months. | Performance and development appraisals continue to be carried out in line with corporate policy. | | | Caroline Al-Beyerty; Kate Limna | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

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| CHB Pensions 012d | External professional advice sought where required. | The investment consultant attends each meeting of the Pensions Committee providing advice on investment matters. | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 012e | The Committee maintains regular oversight of the London CIV. | The Chair of the Pension's Committee is the City's representative on the London CIV (with the Deputy chair acting as the alternate representative). The Chair is expected to attend 2 general meetings a year and also sits on the Shareholder Committee (4 meetings a year) | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

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| CHB Pensions 013 Responsible investment duties 20-Jun-2019 Kate Limna | Cause: Insufficient attention is paid to the environmental, social and governance (ESG) dimensions of the Corporation's financial investments. Event: The Corporations' financial investments include an underappreciated exposure to negative ESG risks and the means to effectively manage such risks is not understood. Effect: The Corporation suffers reputational or financial damage. | Likelihood Impact | 4 | The newly formed Pension Committee inherits an advanced approach to responsible investment and asset stewardship. The Corporation (via the Financial Investment Board) has formally recognised its asset stewardship role and the need to manage ESG risks through its Responsible Investment Policy which also outlines the Corporation's approach in this area. The City of London Corporation (as a whole) is a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment. The Financial Investment Board undertook an in depth review of its climate risk exposure in 2021 resulting in a commitment to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2040 together with the development of interim goals via a transition pathway. 11 Aug 2023 | Likelihood Impact | 4 | 31-Mar-2024 | Constant |
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| CHB Pensions 013a | Reporting on responsible investment activities to the Principles for Responsible Investment is completed on an annual basis. The Committee (along with other relevant Committees/Boards) will receive an annual Transparency Report from the PRI from which it can evaluate progress | The Corporation's assessment report was reported to this Committee in November 2022. The new PRI framework is due to be <u>was</u> released on 26 January 2023 <u>and the next submission is due 6 September 2023.</u> | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

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| | against responsible investment goals. | | | | |
| CHB Pensions 013b | As part of the regular management and monitoring of investment mandates, the Pensions Committee and responsible officers challenge investment managers on ESG issues arising in the portfolio. The Investment Consultant will report to the Committee on its monitoring of ESG risks on a quarterly basis. | The Committee will receive regular updates on ESG standings amongst its appointed investment managers from the Investment Consultant on a quarterly basis. As part of the City's Climate Action Strategy, new climate risk expectations for existing and potential investment managers have been established and these form part of the regular ongoing monitoring of managers' performance. | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 013c | There is a general commitment by the City Corporation to meeting the standards of the new 2020 UK Stewardship Code and needs to ensure compliance is developed. The Committee (reviews asset stewardship across its investment mandates on an annual basis and uses the exercise to encourage better ESG outcomes amongst its existing managers (this will need to be done in conjunction with other committees which now have investment oversight responsibilities). | Officers anticipate that the Corporation as an organisation will prepare its first Annual Stewardship Report for assessment by the Financial Reporting Council in 2022/23. All of the Pension Fund's UK-based pooled fund managers (i.e. excluding the alternative assets portfolio) are signatories to the Stewardship Code. | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |
| CHB Pensions 013d | The Committee (along with other relevant Boards/Committees) has been assigned several key actions which will enable the Corporation to deliver its Climate Action Strategy. Key to this is achieving a clear plan on how to achieve Paris-alignment by 2040. | With the support of a specialist external consultancy firm, an in depth review of the climate risk exposure involving the use of scenario analysis, the development of a transition pathway consistent with a net zero by 2040 commitment, and the establishment of expectations for existing and potential mandates has been completed. The transition pathway itself involves a series of specific actions with various deadlines which the Committee (along with other relevant Boards and Committees) will target over the coming years. | Kate Limna; Sarah Port | 11-Aug-2023 | 31-Mar-2024 |

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| 005b | their benefits out of the scheme are made aware of the potential for transfer scams. | contain warnings in respect of transfer scams. In addition, website links to appropriate bodies such as the Money Helpline and the Pensions Regulator are included as well as any advisory literature provided by these and similar bodies. | Newman | 2023 | 2024 |
| CHB Pensions 005c | Ensuring all staff are aware of the guidance / instructions provided by the LGA and the Pensions Regulator in respect of transfers-out of the scheme. | All staff dealing with transfers should be proficient with the guidance / instructions that have been provided in respect of transfers-out of the scheme. This will help to spot a transfer scam and/or prevent a payment being made if there is any uncertainty about the receiving scheme. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug- 2023 | 31-Mar- 2024 |
| CHB Pensions 005d | Robust identity verification processes | Controls in place to verify and ensure the legitimacy of any signed discharge form. This must also include timeframes in respect of how long a letter of authority from a scheme member is valid. | Graham Newman | 11-Aug- 2023 | 31-Mar- 2024 |

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| 002b | | <p>form, formal sign off has been delayed until the City Fund audit is completed. Whilst the City Fund accounts have been completed, a wider issue has arisen within local government around accounting for infrastructure assets; this has meant that any local authority accounts that were not signed off prior to this issue being raised cannot be finalised until the issue is resolved. A formal resolution in consultation with CIPFA has recently been agreed and guidance is being issued. The draft Annual Report for 2020/21 was published on the City's LGPS website by the statutory date of 1 December 2021.</p> <p>The Pension Fund Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 are currently awaiting publication in draft format within the City Fund Accounts. The City Fund accounts have been completed but have been delayed by the 2020/21 accounting for infrastructure assets issue. A formal resolution has recently been agreed and guidance is being issued. The draft Pension Fund Annual Report for 2021/22 was uploaded onto the City of London Pensions website by 1 December 2022.</p> <p><u>The Pension Fund Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 were published in draft format within the City Fund Accounts on the 12 July 2023. The Pension Fund Financial Statements along with the City Fund Accounts (of which they form part) for 2020/21 and 2021/22 have not yet been signed off due to delays around the accounting treatment for infrastructure assets (which has now been resolved) and systemic challenges within the local authority audit framework where resourcing pressures have impacted the delivery of audits across all reporting local bodies in England. There has also been a change in auditor, with BDO LLP being the external auditors for 2020/21 and Grant Thornton LLP being the external auditors for 2021/22 onwards. Grant Thornton LLP cannot sign off the 2021/22 accounts until BDO LLP have signed off the 2020/21 accounts.</u> The delays are beyond Pension Fund control and have no material impact on the Fund's position.</p> <p><u>The 2022/23 Pensions Fund audit is currently underway.</u></p> | Limna; Graham Newman | 2023 | 2024 |
| CHB Pensions 002c | Checking for errors or inconsistencies in valuation extract report before submission to the Actuary | Officers review data quality prior to submission to the actuary. Additionally, scheme member data is submitted separately from employer level cash flow data, which are held on two distinct management information systems. As a result, errors are more easily identified during the valuation process itself. For example, if the scheme member data demonstrates that a given number of scheme members belonging to a single employer retired during the valuation period then this should also be evident from the benefit payments reported in the cash flow data. | Kate Limna; Graham Newman | 11-Aug- 2023 | 31-Mar- 2024 |