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Investment Committee – Overarching Investment Portfolio Risk Register (for City Fund and City's Estate)



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0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	 Cause: Inappropriate split of assets between property and financial assets and/or inappropriate asset allocation within the underlying property and financial portfolios Event: Poor assessment of market conditions and outlook for returns – failure to react to changes in market conditions leading to lower than expected returns/income, decline in capital or insufficient liquidity Effect: Failure to meet return targets and spending commitments – significant decline in capital – shortfall in income – inadequate liquidity – forced sales of assets at an inopportune moment in order to fund distribution requirements 	Impact	6	Top level and underlying portfolio Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) reviewed formally every three years by the IC with annual updates with specialist advice provided by investment consultants Performance monitored on a regular basis against targets to highlight any shortfall and potential action needed Positions monitored on a regular basis to ensure that they remain appropriate in light of changing market conditions with specialist advice provided by investment consultants 28 August 2024	poolulia NIT Impact	4	31-Mar- 2025	Constant	

Action no	Action description	Latest Note		Latest Note Date	Due Date
IC 01a	Combined asset allocation risk This action seeks to ensure an appropriate balance between property and financial assets in the combined portfolio in order to achieve the portfolio's real return objective over the long term with no more risk than necessary.	The appropriate split between the property and financial portfolios was reviewed by the Investment Committee on advice from the OCIO team in December 2023 and formal long- term ranges have been proposed for property assets of 50-60% and financial assets 40-50%. The ranges reflect the diversification benefits which would accrue from an increase in the financial portfolio's share of the combined portfolio while taking into account the illiquid nature of the property portfolio. The intention is to bring the combined portfolio into line with the formal ranges gradually to avoid forced sale of properties in the current weak market conditions.	Caroline Al-Beyerty	8	31-Mar- 2025
IC 01b Pa	Property Investment Strategy Risk This action seeks to balance the organisation's ability to maximise its property returns for an acceptable level of risk. This is covered in further detail in the City Surveyor's Departmental Risk SUR SMT 003.		Robert Murphy	0	31-Mar- 2025
4 ^{01c}	Financial Investment Strategy risk This action seeks to ensure that the financial portfolio has the appropriate strategy and management structure to generate a sufficient return to meet the portfolio's objective without taking excessive risk	The appropriate long-term strategy for the financial portfolio was reviewed by Mercer, the financial portfolio's investment adviser in July with a number of changes proposed to improve the balance of risk and return in the portfolio including the recommendation of a specific allocation to private credit and infrastructure funds. These were presented to the Investment Committee at its July meeting.			31-Mar- 2025

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	 Cause: Adverse global economic developments or unexpected geopolitical crisis (e.g. Covid, Russian invasion of Ukraine, etc.) Event: Sharp rise in energy prices and inflation, collapse in sterling and/or downturn in property and financial markets leading to a reduction in purchasing power, decline in investment values and/or erosion of reserves Effect: Failure to meet real return objectives and maintain the purchasing power of distributions – failure to match rising demands from the operational activities supported by the portfolio – reputational and organisational risk if budgets need to be cut as a result – balance sheet problems potentially created if the downturn in asset prices is sustained (e.g. inability to set up sinking fund for debt repayment) 	Impact	12	Continuous monitoring of external developments across markets Appointment of external managers for the financial portfolio with discretion to take appropriate action in the event adverse economic developments or a geopolitical crisis – advice also provided by external investment consultants 28 August 2024	pooulie	6	31-Mar- 2025	Constant

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IC 02a	This action seeks to ensure that the overall asset allocation	The proposed ranges for property and financial assets reflect the portfolio's long term time horizon and return objective but shorter term economic and political developments are monitored by the Chamberlain's office and OCIO team to ensure appropriate action may be taken via the liquid financial portfolio before a major correction in markets.	Caroline Al-Beyerty	0	31-Mar- 2025
IC 2b	Financial Investment Strategy Risk This action seeks to ensure that positions in the financial portfolio take account of major economic and political risks.	The financial portfolio is invested in a range of funds whose managers will take account of major economic and political developments in their stock and sector selection. The financial portfolio is also monitored on a regular basis by the investment consultant, Mercer, whose role is to report on performance and highlight key risks within the portfolio.	Al-	28-August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

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IC 05 Sustainability and impact Page 6 3-May-2024 C Al-Beyerty	 Cause: Insufficient attention is paid to the City's sustainability goals and Climate Action Strategy in managing the investment portfolio Event: Negative news stories create an adverse public perception of the City' approach to sustainable investment, reputational damage and potential loss of trust in the City's financial stewardship Effect: The investment portfolio does not meet its sustainability goals and the targets set in the Climate Action Strategy – investment decisions based on financial factors without due consideration of their impact on sustainability could also create reputational risk and public relations efforts to repair the City's reputation would incur unnecessary costs – the lack of a clear impact measurement framework does not allow for an accurate assessment of performance and could delay achieving the sustainability goals 		 Regular monitoring and reporting of the portfolio against sustainability and climate change targets enabling the Investment Committee to challenge officers and staff on progress Selection of external managers who are able to manage their portfolios in line with the City's sustainable and climate action objectives – changing external managers when necessary Setting clear sustainability objectives for the internal property team and assessing their recommendations in light of those objectives 28 August 2024 	Poulary Impact	31-Mar- 2025	Constant

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IC 05a	Committees/Boards) 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.	Caroline Al- Beyerty	0	31-Mar- 2025

IC 05b	The Committee receives update reports on climate (both financial and property) on a quarterly basis.	For the financial assets, climate date is collected quarterly from managers and reported to Members. Annually data (as at 31 March) covering all the workstreams of the City's Climate Action Strategy are published on the Climate Action Dashboard.	Caroline Al- Beyerty	28-August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
IC 05c	The Climate Action Team within I&G have reorganised with a new Investment Board to oversee the delivery of the actions to meet the targets of the Climate Action Strategy. Included within the Board are financial, investment property and goods and purchasing.	The Board meets quarterly and held its first meeting in September 2024.	Robert Murphy; Kate Limna	28- August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
IC 05d Page 7	Climate Action Strategy Delivery – Investment Property Portfolio The alignment of the organisation's property portfolio with the future strategic needs of occupiers, particularly supporting their ESG (Environmental-Social- Governance) needs. Climate Action is principally managed through the Climate Action Strategy.	For the property assets, Climate Action is an area of focus for the entire real estate industry and commercial property occupiers including the City of London. It is imperative that the organisation progresses its property estates to support this growing area of demand. This is supported by the City's Climate Action Strategy, which seeks to achieve net zero carbon emissions across our investments and supply chain by 2040. The delivery of Climate Action across the City's investment portfolio is regularly reported through to Investment Committee though the Climate Action Dashboard and business planning. Asset Managers are receiving additional training to enhance their understanding of the subject and the application of appropriate management measures. Two specialist advisors will be embedded in IPG to support the AMs and ensure coherent plans will be evolved.		28-August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

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IC 03 Governance/ Compliance risk (Previously CHB FIB 06) 08-Mar-2018 Kate Limna; Jenny Wong	 Cause: Inadequate understanding of regulations and investment practices among Members, officers and other staff involved in the investment portfolio etc. Event: Committee Members and officers do not have appropriate skills or knowledge to discharge their responsibilities. Regulatory breach. 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. 	4	 Regular training of Members, officers and staff involved in the investment portfolio Appointment of external consultants to provide advice on asset allocation, manager selection and regulation 28 August 2024 	Impact	2	31-Mar- 2025	Constant
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IC 03a (previously CHB FIB 06a)	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.	Training delivered to Members of the Board has included treasury management in February 2019 via the treasury consultant; investment strategy training in June 2020 from the Investment Consultant in relation to the Pension Fund Investment Strategy review; sustainable investment implementation from FTSE Russell in September 2020; and climate risk training from various sessions led by Aon and Carbon Tracker in Q2 2021. In November 2023, two Treasury Management training sessions were held for Members of the Investment Committee and Finance Committee. The first session provided an appreciation of what Treasury management involves, how it is undertaken, the roles of Members and Officers, and the risks in Treasury Management and how they should be managed. The second session covered developing the Treasury Management Strategy, including Prudential Indicators, cashflow forecasts, investment strategy, credit worthiness, counterparty list, ESG considerations, and a review of the investment portfolio and an economic outlook.				28-August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

IC 03b (previously CHB FIB 06b)	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, CIPFA's Treasury Management Network plus the LAPFF, LPFA and PLSA – all providing access to training opportunities via courses, seminars and conferences.	appropriate to enhance understanding of markets, financial instruments, regulatory and	28-August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
IC 03c (previously CHB FIB 06c)	÷ · · · ·	policy.	28-August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
IC 03d (previously CHB FIB 06d)	External professional advice sought where required.	The investment consultant attends each meeting of the Investment Committee providing advice on investment matters.	28-August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

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IC 04 Cash flow management (Previously CHB FIB 05) 08-Mar-2018 Kate Limna; Jenny Wong	 Cause: Inaccurate cash flow modelling for Corporation as a whole. Event: There is insufficient cash available to meet day to day obligations. The organisation is forced to liquidate long term investment assets without adequate planning or fails to identify external borrowing requirements. Effect: Overdrawn position incurs unnecessary expenditure and missed payments damage the Corporation's reputation. Inefficient treasury management decisions increase costs. 	Mpact <u>8</u>	Officers continue to maintain a cash flow model projecting the Corporation's cash flow requirements for the forthcoming year on an on- going basis. Cash flow is regularly monitored, and short-term cash balances are invested over appropriate time horizons. 28 August 2024	Impact	4	31-Mar- 2025	Constant
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604a (previously CHB FIB 05a)	Combined cashflow daily forecast maintained to project inflows and outflows over the year forward to ensure a sufficient level of on-going liquidity. Cashflow requirement is the fundamental consideration when agreeing duration of fixed term deposits or placing capital in money market funds.	Cash flow model maintained and updated on a daily basis, incorporating known flows and stimating payments and income of uncertain timing based on historic cash flow profiles and stimations for the timing and value of future payments and receipts.			Kate Limna	28-August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
IC 04b (previously CHB FIB 05d)	A balance sheet review exercise enables the Corporation to further understand the likely timing of any future need to liquidate long term investment assets or external borrowing requirement.	Estate projected balance sheet. T	m-term cash flow forecast based on City his forecast will be updated in line with will be being reviewed in tandem with th 023/24.	the evolution of the	Kate Limna	28-August- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

SUR Departmental risks - DETAILED REPORT EXCLUDING COMPLETED ACTIONS for COMMITTEE



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Risk no, title, creation date, owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating & Score	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating & Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
Construction	Cause: Market conditions have led to input price inflation Event: Project and programme cost escalation Impact: Inability to delivery capital and revenue projects within budget	Impact 16	Material costs and labour availability are continuing to raise costs beyond that has been anticipated or planned. This item impacts property projects, our facilities management (FM) provision, reactive repairs, and revenue works. Whilst construction cost inflation had been forecast to level out, this has yet to happen. This is across both building materials and construction expertise where labour constraints continue to place upward pressure on pricing. Market conditions remain dynamic and will be kept under review. As such the target date should be considered a review point.	Impact 6	31-Mar- 2025	
14-Oct-2021			12 Jul 2024		Reduce	Constant
Ola Obadara						

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	Procurement Strategy The department is working with legal and procurement to identify different buying options, thereby managing the risk to the department / organisation.	This exploration included a review of the prior Single Stage tender process (which had been preferred for medium range projects - £2m - £50m). Following the review Two Stage contracts will be used more frequently which is the current market norm for these projects. This change enables contractors to better transfer their risk, however, leaves the City with a degree of cost uncertainty, even post Gateway 5. Whilst this transfer is not desired, it does offer far better market coverage and reflects the prevailing external conditions.		21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 005d	Contracts Exploring the potential to include different clauses into contracts such that work offered by the City remains attractive to suppliers.	The department and the Chamberlain's Procurement team to have explored the inclusion of fluctuating provisions in our contracts. This has resulted in attracting a greater number of contractors to bid on projects, however the inflation risk has been transferred to the organisation. The value of this approach will be continually reviewed.	Ola Obadara	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
SOR SMT 005e	Contract Engagement Expanding the amount of information available at an early stage of contract exploration. This will provide greater cost certainty.	The team plan to engage early with our contractors on a consultancy basis to obtain as much information as possible prior to contract.	Ola Obadara	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 005f	Specification and Materials Ensuring materials are readily available before and during the design phase and, if possible, procure in advance of the contract. This limits the impact of further price rises in at risk commodities.	Inflation in raw materials has decreased, however, it should be noted that prices are not typically falling elsewhere. Further consideration is being given to the origin of source materials to ensure supply.	Ola Obadara	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

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SUR SMT 006 Construction Consultancy Management	Cause: Poor performance by consultants Event: Abortive work, delays, or non-performance. Impact: Additional costs, project delays	Impact	16	This relates to abortive design / development. The department continues to suffer the impacts of this risk, with action being taken against consultants when their performance does not meet expectations. The individuals assigned in the commercial market to City (and public sector generally) projects do not have the skill and competency required to deliver the work to the standard required. This issue is being seen across the construction industry.	Impact	4	31-Mar- 2025	
a Obadara				21 Aug 2024			Reduce	Constant

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	Commissioning stage The department has commenced going to market at RIBA stage 3 rather than RIBA stage 4. This is designed to prevent abortive design and development.	Close work with the Procurement team in Chamberlain's has resulted in this change. The impact will be tracked over the coming months.	Ola Obadara	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
	The team is working closely with the legal department to		Ola Obadara	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

	Procurement Working with Procurement to increasing due diligence, particularly in regard to the quality of contractor appointed (rebalancing the quality/cost equation). This is with the view that we will get better quality applications and this risk may reduce.	available options to manage and mitigate this risk. The City's public sector role limits the number of avenues compared to commercial operators	Ola Obadara	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 006d	Scope of works The team is reviewing and tightening up the scope of works specification. This will counter opportunistic interpretations of the scope of works that we were seeing from some consultants	Detailed scoping is required to ensure that projects are delivered on-time and on-budget which can lead to extended lead times. Due to a wider lack of skills in the industry, consultants allocated to this element of work are making more errors than desired which has contributed to the overall red rating to this risk. Further actions are being explored; however, this is an industry wide issue (particularly for public sector organisations).	Ola Obadara	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
	Review of appointment documents The team is working closely with the legal department to ensure that procurement activity aligns with project objectives and the consultants meet quality requirements		Ola Obadara	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

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SUR SMT 009 Recruitment and retention of property professional Page Q-Jan-2022	Cause: Uncompetitive pay and benefits structures within some professional grades; poor quality work environments; lack of professional progression over recruitment freezes and restructuring period; increased employee focus on work-life balance Event : Increasingly difficult to recruit suitably skilled staff at the correct level for the grade being recruited for. Increasingly difficulty to keep staff who get better reward packages from other organisations (both commercial and public sector) Impact : Increased vacancies, objectives unachieved or delivered late (including project delivery and income generation), reduced customer satisfaction, less real estate activity, reduced employee wellbeing, demotivation of staff. Increased costs borne by the organisation though recruitment campaigns and training etc, or to the department through filling vacancies through comparatively expensive temporary contracts.	Impact		This risk has been identified across several divisions of the City Surveyor's Department particularly in Investment Property, Surveying and Project Management. This risk was reviewed in June 2024 and its risk score maintained due to specific issues in certain industries. The department continues to engage with Corporate colleagues to mitigate this risk over the long term. The risk will be kept under review, with the target date reflecting this on- going review. 21 Aug 2024	Impact	8	31-Mar- 2025 Reduce	Constant

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				31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 009b	Best Practice			31-Mar- 2025

	Including delivery of appraisals, regular one-to-ones, team and group meetings. This aims to improve communications at all levels, ensuring that CSD is a positive work environment and that issues/blockers can be raised and addressed. In some areas career graded roles have been instituted, and deployment can be further explored.				
SUR SMT 009c	Communication Including delivery of appraisals, regular one-to-ones, team and group meetings. This aims to improve communications at all levels, ensuring that CSD is a positive work environment and that issues/blockers can be raised and addressed. In some areas career graded roles have been instituted, and deployment can be further explored.	Managers across the service were asked to ensure that all end of year appraisals were inputted into the system.		16-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
Page 1	Engagement with HR Some of the items highlighted as the 'causes' of this risk are outside the control of CSD, and engagement with our Corporate partners will be critical to overcoming these items. This departmental risk directly supports the Corporate Risk on "Recruitment and Retention" (CR39).			21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 009e	Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion The department has an active ED&I network, which regularly engages with the City Surveyor and the Senior Management Team. This is seeking to make the department a more attractive destination for under- represented groups and seek to retain and progress staff from all backgrounds. There is corporate HR representation on this departmentally led Group.		Ola Obadara	15-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 009f	Pay and Review Survey The Corporation is reviewing pay & reward			21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

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SUR SMT 011 Contractor Failure Page-Feb-2023	Cause: Market conditions Event: Failure of either a main contractor, or a substantial sub-contractor Impact: Delayed delivery of projects, or the delivery of projects at a higher cost	Impact		This risk relates to the failure of a main contractor, or a main sub- contractor. In particular, the City Corporation has not historically had a significant influence over who is commissioned to undertake work. Should a main contractor, or sub- contractor, fail, there are knock on implications for warranties, or our capacity to seek redress for any design faults. Recent industry uncertainty has raised the risk likelihood, and this risk remains at Red. 21 Aug 2024	Impact	4	31-Mar- 2025 Reduce	Constant

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SUR SMT 011a		The department has commenced work with Procurement to ensure that our commissioning takes greater account of contractor and sub-contractor failure into consideration. We may need to have a greater say in who a main contractor identifies as an appropriate sub-Contractor. Further actions to follow this initial engagement.		0	31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 011b			Ola Obadara		31-Mar- 2025

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SUR SMT 016 Investment Property Group staffing and Capacity Page 18	Cause: Capacity and the existing skill set of the team is misaligned to deliver changing requirements. Event: Inability to undertake the management of the portfolio at the pace expected by the Market or by senior stakeholders and undertake new requirements as required by the City of London Corporation. Impact: Slow engagement with third parties, reduced capacity to optimise income/capital and ability to react to changes in market conditions at pace impacting on the delivery of the City Corporation's Medium Term Financial Plan, delays to major projects/organisational initiatives, negative impacts on customer/ employee satisfaction and the investment portfolio does not meet its CAS targets.	mpact		This risk identifies the significant volume and change in the nature of activities to be delivered by the team including more demanding Investment Objectives, supporting delivery of major projects, increased lease restructurers and transactions, implementation of Destination City and City Occupiers Strategy and City Bridge Foundation (CBF) being an independent client with different reporting requirements and investment strategy. New skills within the Investment Property Group are required to optimise engagement with the market to raise external capital sources and meet the demands of fund management/ analytics and the management of joint ventures to deliver on changing requirements. The aim is to produce a team which is enabled to deliver high value / judgement / decision making capability with outsourcing of low- level administrative tasks to deliver the income and capital that the Corporation and CBF requires. The Real Estate Investment Strategy paper outlining the above was approved at Investment Committee in July 2024 and Corporate Services Committee in September 2024.	Impact	2	31-Mar- 2025	

12-Jun-2024		This risk is Linked to Recruitment & Retention risk (SUR SMT 009) and Investment Strategy Risk (SUR SMT 003). 20 Aug 2024		Reduce	Constant
Robert Murphy					

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SUR SMT 016a Page	Funding Funding request to resource the extra capacity and capability required	The department presented the Real Estate Investment Strategy to Investment Committee in July R 024. This document highlighted the pressures the function is facing, the changing demands of the market and of the organisation, and how this could be addressed. Included within this was the consideration of additional capacity and capability. This paper was approved at Investment Committee in July 2024 and Corporate Services Committee in September 2024.		20-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
S₿ R SMT ∮ ₽ δb	Training Training on new capabilities to be delivered to existing IPG staff.	Training on new capabilities to be delivered to existing IPG staff (FCA licence and regulatory qualifications, data, analytics, structuring JVs) where appropriate from September.	Robert Murphy	20-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 016d	City Bridge Foundation Approval Seek City Bridge Foundation's approval to the cost consequences of enhanced capability.	Investment Property Group will now seek City Bridge's Foundation (CBF) formal approval following Investment Committee in July and Corporate Services Committee in September. The Group has been working closely with CBF throughout.		20-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 016e	Secondments To consider whether secondments within IPG would support the influx of corporate requests.	This will be considered post September.	Robert Murphy	20-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

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SUR SMT 003 Investment Strategy Risk Page 20 17-May-2021 Robert Murphy	Cause: The business environment declines, flexible working reduces central London demand, retail tenant failure, or demand moves away from City of London assets. Event: Lower rental levels achieved, lower demand, increased turnover of tenancies, increased tenant failure Impact: Inability to maximise property returns and income for an acceptable level of risk	Impact	 12 This risk captures a number of sub-risks which may impact the organisation's ability to maximise its property returns for an acceptable level of risk. The on-going mitigation of this risk is important for the organisation achieving its aspirations regarding Climate Action Strategy and Major Programmes, due to the income generated by the function. As the composition of the portfolio changes, new skills will be required by those working within the function. This links closely with the department's Recruitment & Retention risk (SUR SMT 009) and IPG staffing and capacity risk (SUR SMT 016) The target date on this risk reflects a major review point. Investment Strategy will always be a risk, but the key drivers and extent of the risk will vary. 21 Aug 2024 	Building of the second	31-Mar- 2025 Reduce	Constant

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	Within an overarching Investment Strategy the objective will be to maintain a diverse		0	31-Mar- 2025

	portfolio that reduces the impact of this risk. This includes: 1. Use (office, retail, industrial) 2. Location (City, Southwark, West End etc.) 3. Tenancies (Long term Headlease geared, FRI, directly managed) 4. Covenants (multinationals, SME) 5. Asset management (lease renewals, voids, arrears, etc. 6. Monitoring retail habits in change of building use Portfolio	The overarching Investment Strategy will define the targets and the tactical implementation will be achieved	Robert	0	31-Mar-
	Ensuring that the overall composition of the investment portfolio takes advantage of emerging segments of growth, whilst managing the exposure to property types which are showing reducing demand.	through regular market scanning, and the integration of learning into the Corporation's approach.	Murphy	2024	2025
	Climate Action The alignment of our portfolio with the future strategic needs of occupiers, particularly supporting their ESG (Environmental-Social- Governance) needs. Climate Action is principally managed through the Climate Action Strategy.	Ensure that the investment portfolios are compliant with the emerging demands of both investors and occupiers as well as the Corporation's Climate Action strategy and Design Standards.	Robert Murphy	0	31-Mar- 2025
SUR SMT 003d	Office risk Reviewing post-pandemic office use and demand.		Robert Murphy	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
	Retail Changes in consumer preferences (moving to on-line retail) which has been accentuated through the COVID-19 pandemic. Elements	The City Surveyor's Department continues to engage with peers to understand retail market impacts. Regular arrears monitoring, including the provision of bi-monthly dashboards and the production of the Rental collection snapshot by the Chamberlain's Department.	Robert Murphy	21-Aug- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

of the City portfolio is also dependent on tourism, which is only now returning to activity seen pre-pandemic.				
25	This was presented to Members of Investment Committee in July, with resourcing subject to onward approval.	Robert Murphy	- 0	31-Mar- 2025

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SUR SMT 010 Insurance - Investment and Corporate Estates Page BMay-2022 Robert Murphy;	Cause: Revaluation of the City Corporation's estates (Investment and Corporate) does not happen in a timescale compliant with insurance policy requirements or the terms of leases. Event : The City fails to meet the provision under its insurance policies which typically require revaluations by a qualified person are undertaken at least every five years (Investment and Corporate). The City would be in breach of its legal obligations as a landlord under the terms of its leases to ensure that the full re-instatement value is insured. Impact: The insurance policy does not respond in full (Investment and Corporate).		8	This risk identifies the need of re- valuation of the City of London Estates – (Investment and Corporate) to ensure that the City reaches its legal obligations under its insurance policies. Funding and resource is being applied. The valuations of CBF are nearly complete; City Fund properties have been tendered; and City Estate will go to tender shortly. Although this has lowered the risk likelihood, this risk remains at Amber. 29 Aug 2024	Impact	1	31-Mar- 2025 Reduce	Reduced

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SUR SMT 010a	-	Sites (by RLF).		31-Jan- 2025
SUR SMT 010b		Where leases allow, the cost can be recovered from commercial tenants, and operational occupiers as appropriate. Funding has been agreed and a budget line identified where relevant within the City Corporation.	0	31-Mar- 2025

SUR SMT 010c				0	31-Mar-
	Delivery of the programme of valuation activity. As this progresses the risk score will reduce to target.	underway or in procurement.	Murphy	2024	2025

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SUR SMT 012 Adjudication & Disputes Page 25	Cause: The impact of COVID-19 on project delivery. Event: Regulations restricted access to sites and resulted in more design work being undertaken remotely. Productivity at sites was adversely impacted. Impact: Increased likelihood that projects were designed correctly, and resulting legal and adjudication issues, reputational harm.	Impact 8	The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in 3 years of impact at project sites. Site productivity was limited (circa 60% productivity) and much design work was undertaken remotely, or with limited site access. This has created a situation where some sites were not designed correctly, or there are issues beyond that which would normally be expected on construction builds. We are now in a situation where we are engaged with legal discussions and adjudications with project suppliers in an effort to iron out issues with final products. The department's risk register has a separate risk relating to 'construction price inflation'. The inflation risk is wider as it also captures cost escalations due to other causes (Ukraine, energy, etc). This risk only focusses on adjudication & disputes. This risk may remain on the register until projects commenced prior to, or during, the COVID-19 pandemic, have been delivered and finalised. The risk scoring will be kept under review.		31-Mar- 2025	
31-Aug-2023			21 Aug 2024			Constant
Ola Obadara						

Action no	Action description	Latest Note	 Latest Note Date	Due Date
SUR SMT 012a	Project Review and Claims Consultant Claims consultant can advise the organisation where it can	The department is reviewing projects alongside the contracts to understand our position and have engaged an external Claims Consultants to ensure that risks are managed and the City's position is protected Whilst the Claims Consultant has been effective in seeking redress, unfortunately there is a volume of work that needs to be considered. The current risk scoring will be retained until this knot of projects has been delivered and considered.	0	31-Mar- 2025

CHB **FIB IC** Detailed risk register EXCLUDING COMPLETED ACTIONS

Report Author: Jenny Wong **Generated on:** 17 September 2024



Rows are sorted by Risk Score

Risk no, title, creation date, wner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating	& Score	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating &	Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
SylB FIB IC WInsufficient assets - City's Cash-Estate 08-Mar-2018 Kate Limna; Jenny Wong	 Cause: The asset allocation of the City's Cash-Estate investment portfolio is unable to fund long term expenditure requirements due to market movements. Event: There are insufficient assets to meet expenditure requirements. Effect: Reduced income or lower than anticipated growth which could impact on the Corporation's medium term financial plans. City's Cash-Estate would be required to sell financial assets to fund expenditure requirements. 	Impact	12	From 1 April 2024 the return target for City's Estate has been set at CPI+4% on a rolling 5year basis. 17 September 2024	Impact	8	31-Mar- 2025	Constant

Action no	Action description			Latest Note Date	Due Date
CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 01a	least every three years by the Investment Committee.	(property and financial investments).	Al-	17- September- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

		 <i>City Fund and City's Estate</i>: diversification of asset classes within appetite and appropriate pace for transition. <i>City Fund & City's Estate</i>: Suitable income targets. The City's Estate Investment strategy is expected to be reviewed in 2024/25. 			
CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 01b	1 0	Committee for consideration.	Kate Limna	17- September- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

Risk no, title, creation date, owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating	& Score	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating &	Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
CHB FIB IC 02 Targeted returns - City's Cash-Estate Pa-Mar-2018 Rate Limna; Ony Wong	 Cause: Fund managers fail to achieve the targeted investment returns because the Committee appoints unsuitable fund managers, individual fund managers underperform against the benchmarks agreed by the Committee, aggregate fund manager performance fails to achieve the Committee's long-term targets Event: Failure to be seen to manage the fund responsibly. Effect: Supervisory intervention over management of the funds. 	Impact	6	The performance of fund managers and their aggregate performance is reported against target to each Investment Committee. The Committee sets a diversified investment strategy to mitigate volatility and as such it expects different parts of the strategy to outperform at different times. Where relative returns are negative, Members and officers seek to understand why in order to determine whether there is continued conviction in the manager's strategy to recover performance. 17 September 2024	Impact	6	31-Mar- 2025	Constant

Action no	Action description		Latest Note Date	Due Date
CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 02a	Investment managers' performance and their aggregate performance is measured against appropriate benchmarks and monitored by the Investment Committee throughout the year. It is supplemented by market insight from the Corporation's investment consultants which provides peer group comparisons; checks on movement of key officers; and reviews on the incorporation of ESG considerations in implementing their investment strategies. Fund managers are invited to meet with Officers and Members to account for their performance as and when the Committee deem this necessary/as required.	Limna	17- September- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

Risk no, title, creation date, owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating &	& Score	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating & Sco	ore	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
provider failure	 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: Asset valuations at risk or a period of time without service provision. 	Impact		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.		4	31-Mar- 2025	-
08-Mar-2018				17 September 2024				Constant
Kate Limna; Jenny Wong								

Action no	Action description	Latest Note	Action owner	Latest Note Date	Due Date
CHB FHB IC	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 current investment consultant contract was 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	-	31-Mar- 2025
CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 03b	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	17- September- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 03c	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	17- September- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

Risk no, title, creation date, owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating	& Score	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating & Sco	Ľ	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
CHB FIB IC 07 Failure to discharge responsible investment duties Page 31	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.	Impact	4	The Investment Committee inherits an advanced approach to responsible investment and asset stewardship. The Corporation (via the previous 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 (PRI). The <u>then</u> Financial Investment Board (now Investment Committee) undertook an in-depth review of its climate risk exposure (including the <u>use of scenario analysis</u>) 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. The Corporation second scenario analysis will be undertaken during 2024/25 to better understand the latest risks and opportunities associated with the City's Financial investments.		4	31-Mar- 2025	
20-Jun-2019				17 September 2024				Constant
Jenny Wong								

Action no	Action description	Latest Note	Action owner	Latest Note Date	Due Date
CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 07a	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) receives an annual Transparency Report from the PRI from which it can evaluate progress against responsible investment goals.	The full 2022/23 PRI results were released in January 2024, and the results were presented to the April Investment Committee. The PRI 2023/2024 assessment opened on 2 May 2024, and closes 26 July 2024. The PRI 2024 reporting period opened May 2024 and the Corporation placed its submission by the 26 July 2024 deadline. The PRI have not confirmed when they will release the results at this stage.	Kate Limna	17- September- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
CHB F⊞ <u>IC</u> ∯ D Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q	As part of the regular management and monitoring of investment mandates, the Committee and responsible officers challenge investment managers on ESG issues arising in the portfolio. The Investment Consultant reports to the Committee on its monitoring of ESG risks on a quarterly basis.	The Committee receives regular updates on ESG standings amongst its appointed investment managers from the Investment Consultant on a quarterly basis. The Committee has established new climate risk expectations for existing and potential investment managers and these form part of the regular ongoing monitoring of managers' performance.	Kate Limna	17- September- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
Ω CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 07e	The Board has committed 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 Board 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).	All of the City's Estate UK-based pooled fund managers (i.e. excluding the alternative assets portfolio) are signatories to the Stewardship Code.	Kate Limna	17- September- 2024	31-Mar- 2025
CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 07f	The Committee (along with other relevant Committees/Boards) 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 was undertaken. 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. The Corporation second scenario analysis will be undertaken during 2024/25 to better understand the latest risks and opportunities associated with the City's Financial investments.	Kate Limna	17- September- 2024	31-Mar- 2025

Risk no, title, creation date, owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating & Score	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating & Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
CHB FIB IC 04 Counterparty failure - Treasury Management 08-Mar-2018 Kate Limna; Jenny Wong	Cause: External events, including cybersecurity incidents, threaten the solvency of counterparties the Corporation has lent to. Event: Failure of counterparty to fulfil obligation to the Corporation, i.e. default on repayments. Effect: Asset valuations at risk.	2 Impact	The current Treasury Management Strategy restricts lending to high- quality counterparties and remains fit for purpose. External credit ratings for existing counterparties are currently at acceptable levels. 17 September 2024		31-Mar- 2025	Constant

Action no	Action description	Latest Note		Latest Note Date	Due Date
a ⊕HB FHB <u>IC</u> 04a 33		1 J J	Kate Limna		31-Mar- 2025

CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 04b	Treasury Management Strategy Statement.	All lending is conducted within the parameters of the current 2024/25 Treasury Management Strategy Statement & Annual Investment Strategy (relating to Treasury Management) (TMSS) as agreed by Court of Common Council (CoCo) on 7 March 2024. Additionally, officers have implemented financial metric-based criteria for determining the eligibility of local authority borrowers. When onboarding new financial institutions, officers review banks' financial standing including standard financial reporting ratios for assessing capitalisation and liquidity.	Limna	31-Mar- 2025
CHB FIB <u>IC</u> 04c	and financial publications, plus seeking the advice of treasury investment advisors when appropriate	5 6 1 1	Limna	31-Mar- 2025

City of London Corporation Risk Matrix (Black and white version) Note: A risk score is calculated by assessing the risk in terms of likelihood and impact. By using the likelihood and impact criteria below (top left (A) and bottom left (B) respectively) it is possible to calculate a risk score. For example a risk assessed as Unlikely (2) and with an impact of Serious (2) can be plotted on the risk scoring grid, top right (C) to give an overall risk score of a green (4). Using the risk score definitions bottom right (D) below, a green risk is one that just requires actions to maintain that rating.

(A) Likelihood criteria

(C) Risk	scoring	grid
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	Rare (1)	Unlikely (2)	Possible (3)	Likely (4)
Criteria	Less than 10%	10-40%	40 – 75%	More than 75%

			Imp	act	
	х	Minor (1)	Serious (2)	Major (4)	Extreme (8)
poc	Likely	4	8	16	32
	(4)	Green	Amber	Red	Red
_ikelihood	Possible	3	6	12	24
	(3)	Green	Amber	Amber	Red
	Unlikely	2	4	8	16
	(2)	Green	Green	Amber	Red
	Rare	1	2	4	8
	(1)	Green	Green	Green	Amber

Page 35 (B) Impact criteria

Impact title	Definitions
Minor (1)	Service delivery/performance: Minor impact on service, typically up to one day. Financial: financial loss up to 5% of budget. Reputation: Isolated service user/stakeholder complaints contained within business unit/division. Legal/statutory: Litigation claim or find less than £5000. Safety/health: Minor incident including injury to one or more individuals. Objectives: Failure to achieve team plan objectives.
Serious (2)	Service delivery/performance: Service disruption 2 to 5 days. Financial: Financial loss up to 10% of budget. Reputation: Adverse local media coverage/multiple service user/stakeholder complaints. Legal/statutory: Litigation claimable fine between £5000 and £50,000. Safety/health: Significant injury or illness causing short-term disability to one or more persons. Objectives: Failure to achieve one or more service plan objectives.
Major (4)	Service delivery/performance: Service disruption > 1 - 4 weeks. Financial: Financial loss up to 20% of budget. Reputation: Adverse national media coverage 1 to 3 days. Legal/statutory: Litigation claimable fine between £50,000 and £500,000. Safety/health: Major injury or illness/disease causing long-term disability to one or more people objectives: Failure to achieve a strategic plan objective.
Extreme (8)	Service delivery/performance: Service disruption > 4 weeks. Financial: Financial loss up to 35% of budget. Reputation: National publicity more than three days. Possible resignation leading member or chief officer. Legal/statutory: Multiple civil or criminal suits. Litigation claim or find in excess of £500,000. Safety/health: Fatality or life-threatening illness/disease (e.g. mesothelioma) to one or more persons. Objectives: Failure to achieve a major corporate objective.

(D) Risk score definitions

RED	Urgent action required to reduce rating
AMBER	Action required to maintain or reduce rating
GREEN	Action required to maintain rating

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Agenda Item 8

COUNTERPARTY EXPOSURE AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

APPENDIX 1

TOTAL INVESTED	Counterpart y Limit £M	Total Invested as at 31 August 2024 £M 1,134.5	Average Rate of Return % <u>5.93%</u>
FIXED TERM DEPOSITS UK BANKS			
Goldman Sachs	100.0	60.0	5.57%
Santander	100.0	20.0	5.90%
NatWest	100.0	90.0	5.56%
		170.0	
FOREIGN BANKS Australia & New Zealand	100.0	40.0	5.11%
DBS Bank	100.0	30.0	5.24%
Helaba	100.0	20.0	5.27%
Rabobank	100.0	40.0	5.14%
Toronto Dominion Bank	100.0	80.0	5.22%
United Overseas Bank	100.0	60.0	5.29%
		270.0	
LOCAL AUTHORITIES			
Surrey County Council	25.0	20.0	5.00%
		50.0	
LIQUIDITY FUNDS Aberdeen SLI Liquidity Fund	100.0	50.0	5.04%
CCLA - Public Sector Deposit Fund	100.0	40.0	5.04%
Deutsche Global Liquidity Fund	100.0	39.6	5.02%
Federated Prime Liquidity Fund	100.0	55.0	5.07%
Invesco Sterling Liquidity Fund	100.0	60.0	5.08%
		244.6	
ULTRA SHORT DATED BOND FUNDS			
Payden Sterling Reserve Fund	100.0	66.8	6.41%
Aberdeen SLI Short Duration Fund	100.0	55.7	5.76%
Federated Sterling Cash Plus Fund	100.0	27.9	5.55%
		150.3	
SHORT DATED BOND FUNDS			
L&G	100.0	79.9	9.35%
Royal London	100.0	79.7	9.77%
-		159.6	
NOTICE ACCOUNTS			
Australia and New Zealand 185 Days	100.0	45.0	E 400/
Account Goldman Sachs 272 Days Account	100.0 100.0	45.0 30.0	5.18% 4.81%
Santander 95 Days Account*	100.0	45.0	4.81% 5.00%
Cantandor do Dayo Addount	100.0	90.0	0.0070
TOTAL		1,134.5	
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*Notice has been given on this account, with the full £45m returning on 10/09/24

LINKGroup

City Of London Corporation

Client Designated MMF, USDBF and SDBF Rates

Monthly Investment Analysis Review

August 2024

Monthly Economic Summary

General Economy

The UK Manufacturing PMI rose to 52.5 in August from 52.1 in July, firmly above market expectations and at the fastest pace in over two years. The continued expansion in the manufacturing sector (i.e. a reading above 50) was brought about by an improved sales pipeline and higher risk-taking among clients. On the price front, despite higher shipping and raw material costs, input cost inflation eased to its lowest in nearly four years. Meanwhile, the UK services PMI edged up to 53.3 in August from 52.5 in July, above market expectations of 52.8. This was the tenth consecutive month of expansion in service activity, and the strongest since April, driven by greater business and consumer spending. On the price front, cost pressures eased across the service sector amidst fewer supplier surcharges and more competitive market conditions. However, services providers continued to experience high wage inflation. Consequently, the UK composite PMI rose to 53.4 in August, from 52.2 in July, the highest level since April and exceeding market expectations of 52.9. Meanwhile, the UK Construction PMI rose to 55.3 in July from 52.2 in June (it is released on a one-month lag to other sector reports), and above market expectations of 52.7. This growth extends the current five-month streak of expansion for construction activity, with all categories of construction experiencing increased activity.

The UK economy stalled in June with no growth, after a 0.4% m/m increase in May, and matching market expectations. The largest negative contributions came from retail trade, while professional, scientific, and technical activities were up 0.1%. Meanwhile, industrial production grew by 0.8% m/m in June. Elsewhere, the UK's trade deficit declined to £5.32 billion in June, from an upwardly revised £5.77 billion the previous month. Imports rose by 2.6%, while exports also grew by 3.5%, marking the smallest trade gap since April.

The UK recorded a 97,000 rise in jobs in the three months prior to June, following the 19,000 increase in the previous period. This marked the largest growth in job creation since November 2023, mainly caused by an increase in part-time employees and self-employed workers. Meanwhile, average weekly earnings (including bonuses) increased 4.5% y/y in the three months to June, after 5.7% the previous period. The unemployment rate fell to 4.2% between May and June, below market expectations of 4.5%.

The monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) fell by 0.2% in the month of July, and in line with market expectations. However, due to the base effect, the headline annual rate edged up to 2.2% in July, but below market forecasts of 2.3%. The largest upward contribution came from housing and household services, while restaurants and hotels slowed considerably since the last period.

In the retail sector, sales rose by 0.5% in July, after a revised 0.9% drop in June and aligning with market expectations. Sales at non-food stores increased by 1.4%, driven by summer discounting and sporting events. Meanwhile, GfK Consumer Confidence indicator remained at -13 in August, defying expectations of a slight improvement to -12. Elsewhere, public sector net borrowing, excluding public sector banks, climbed to £3.1 billion in July compared to market expectations of £1.5 billion. Total public sector spending increased by £3.8 billion, driven by higher central government spending on public services and benefits. Furthermore, receipts rose by £2 billion which was bolstered by self-assessed income tax.

US Economy

The US economy added 114,000 jobs in July, below a downwardly revised 179,000 in June and below market expectations of a 175,000 increase. The main areas of gain were healthcare, construction, transportation, and warehousing, while information lost jobs. The US economy expanded an annualised 3% in Q2, up from 1.4% in Q1 and above market expectations of 2.8%. The US inflation rate fell to 2.9% in July, its fourth straight decline, and lowest level since March 2021, matching market expectations.

EU Economy

Eurozone inflation rate increased to 2.6% in July, from 2.5% in June, and matched market expectations. Meanwhile, the core rate, excluding food and energy prices, held at 2.9% still above the two-year low in April of 2.7%. GDP in the Eurozone expanded by 0.3% in Q2, in line with previous estimate. Key economies like France, Italy and Spain all expanded while Germany's economy contracted.

Housing

The Halifax House Price index rose 2.3% y/y in July, the sharpest annual growth since January, above the upwardly revised 1.9% rise in June. The Nationwide House Price Index rose by 2.4% y/y in August 2024, above from the 2.1% increase in July but below market expectations of a 2.9% rise. It marked the seventh consecutive period of rising house prices and marked the strongest growth since December 2022.

Currency

Sterling appreciated against the Euro and Dollar over the month.

August	Start	End	High	Low
GBP/USD	\$1.2793	\$1.3143	\$1.3235	\$1.2709
GBP/EUR	€1.1853	€1.1874	€1.1884	€1.1620

Interest Rate Forecasts

Link Group and Capital Economics did not revise their forecasts during the month.

Bank Rate												
	Now	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26	Sep-26	Dec-26	Mar-27
Link Group	5.00%	5.00%	4.50%	4.00%	3.50%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Capital Economics	5.00%	5.00%	4.50%	4.00%	3.50%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	-

Current Investment List

Borrower	Principal (£)	Interest Rate	Start Date	Maturity Date	Lowest LT / Fund Rating	Historic Risk of Default	Expected Credit Loss (£)
MMF Aberdeen Standard Investments	50,000,000	5.04%		MMF	AAAm		
MMF CCLA	40,000,000	5.04%		MMF	AAAm		
MMF Deutsche	39,600,000	5.02%		MMF	AAAm		
MMF Federated Investors (UK)	55,000,000	5.07%		MMF	AAAm		
MMF Invesco	60,000,000	5.08%		MMF	AAAm		
USDBF Aberdeen Standard Investments	55,672,796	5.76%		USDBF	AAAf		
USDBF Federated Sterling Cash Plus Fund	27,858,481	5.55%		USDBF	AAAf		
USDBF Payden Sterling Reserve Fund	66,795,184	6.41%		USDBF	AAAf		
Goldman Sachs International Bank	20,000,000	6.15%	04/09/2023	04/09/2024	A+	0.001%	101
Santander UK PLC	45,000,000	5.00%		Call10	А	0.001%	569
DBS Bank Ltd	20,000,000	5.28%	08/07/2024	08/10/2024	AA-	0.002%	462
Goldman Sachs International Bank	20,000,000	5.33%	12/04/2024	14/10/2024	A+	0.006%	1112
Santander UK PLC	20,000,000	5.90%	16/10/2023	16/10/2024	А	0.006%	1163
Goldman Sachs International Bank	20,000,000	5.23%	22/03/2024	22/11/2024	A+	0.010%	2098
United Overseas Bank Ltd	20,000,000	5.35%	07/06/2024	09/12/2024	AA-	0.006%	1215
United Overseas Bank Ltd	20,000,000	5.28%	26/06/2024	18/12/2024	AA-	0.007%	1324
United Overseas Bank Ltd	20,000,000	5.23%	28/03/2024	19/12/2024	AA-	0.007%	1336
NatWest Markets Plc (NRFB)	20,000,000	5.23%	10/01/2024	10/01/2025	А	0.017%	3337
Surrey County Council	20,000,000	5.00%	26/07/2024	27/01/2025	AA-	0.009%	0
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	20,000,000	5.31%	29/04/2024	29/01/2025	AA-	0.009%	1834
Toronto Dominion Bank	20,000,000	5.19%	15/05/2024	03/02/2025	AA-	0.009%	1895
NatWest Markets Plc (NRFB)	20,000,000	5.20%	13/05/2024	13/02/2025	А	0.021%	4197
Toronto Dominion Bank	20,000,000	5.31%	24/05/2024	24/02/2025	AA-	0.011%	2150
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	45,000,000	5.18%		Call185	AA-	0.011%	5056
DBS Bank Ltd	10,000,000	5.15%	15/07/2024	14/03/2025	AA-	0.012%	1184
Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A.	20,000,000	5.28%	21/06/2024	18/03/2025	A+	0.025%	5031
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	20,000,000	4.90%	19/08/2024	19/03/2025	AA-	0.012%	2429
Goldman Sachs International Bank	15,000,000	4.81%		Call272	A+	0.034%	5158
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Borrower	Principal (£)	Interest Rate	Start Date	Maturity Date	Lowest LT / Fund Rating	Historic Risk of Default	Expected Credit Loss (£)
Landesbank Hessen-Thueringen Girozentrale (Helaba)	20,000,000	5.27%	07/06/2024	09/06/2025	A+	0.036%	7130
Toronto Dominion Bank	20,000,000	5.21%	05/07/2024	04/07/2025	AA-	0.019%	3729
Toronto Dominion Bank	20,000,000	5.16%	17/07/2024	17/07/2025	AA-	0.019%	3887
Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A.	20,000,000	5.00%	01/08/2024	01/08/2025	A+	0.042%	8470
NatWest Markets Plc (NRFB)	20,000,000	5.30%	28/05/2024	28/05/2026	А	0.108%	21606
NatWest Markets Plc (NRFB)	30,000,000	6.20%	07/08/2023	07/08/2026	А	0.124%	37291
Borrower - Funds	Principal (£)	Interest Rate	Start Date	Maturity Date			
L&G	79,860,736	9.35%					
ROYAL LONDON	79,705,445	9.77%					
Total Investments	£1,134,492,642	5.93%					
Total Investments - excluding Funds	£974,926,461	5.34%				0.023%	£128,922
Total Investments - Funds Only	£159,566,181	9.56%					

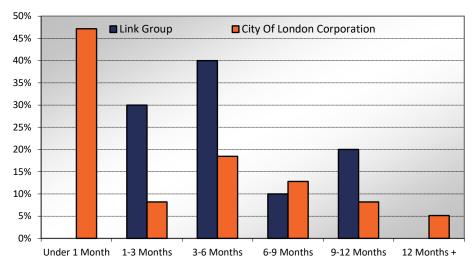
Current Investment List

Note: An historic risk of default is only provided if a counterparty has a counterparty credit rating and is not provided for an MMF or USDBF, for which the rating agencies provide a fund rating. The portfolio's historic risk of default therefore measures the historic risk of default attached only to those investments for which a counterparty has a counterparty credit rating and also does not include investments which are not rated.

The Historic Risk of Default column is based on the lowest long term rating. If clients are using this % for their Expected Credit Loss calculation under IFRS 9, please be aware that the Code does not recognise a loss allowance where the counterparty is central government or a local authority since relevant statutory provisions prevent default. For these instruments, the Expected Credit Loss will be nil. Please note that we are currently using Historic Default Rates from 1990-2023 for Fitch, 1983-2023 for Moody's and 1981 to 2023 for S&P.

Where Link Group have provided a return for a property fund, that return covers the 12 months to June 2024, which are the latest returns currently available.

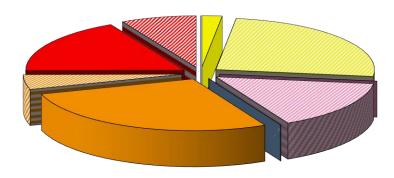
Portfolio Composition by Link Group's Suggested Lending Criteria



Portfolios weighted average risk number = 3.05

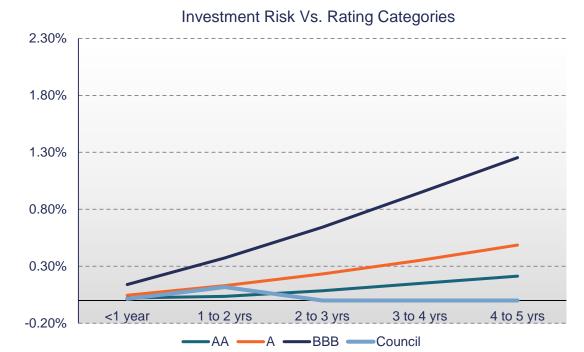
WARoR = Weighted Average Rate of Return WAM = Weighted Average Time to Maturity

									Excluding Call	s/MMFs/USDBFs
	% of Portfolio	Amount	% of Colour in Calls	Amount of Colour in Calls	% of Call in Portfolio	WARoR	WAM	WAM at Execution	WAM	WAM at Execution
Yellow	27.14%	£264,600,000	92.44%	£244,600,000	25.09%	5.05%	11	14	149	185
Pink1	0.00%	£0	0.00%	£0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	0	0
Pink2	15.42%	£150,326,461	100.00%	£150,326,461	15.42%	6.01%	0	0	0	0
Purple	0.00%	£0	0.00%	£0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	0	0
Blue	0.00%	£0	0.00%	£0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	0	0
Orange	32.31%	£315,000,000	14.29%	£45,000,000	4.62%	5.21%	190	255	191	266
Red	25.13%	£245,000,000	30.61%	£75,000,000	7.69%	5.40%	212	376	255	492
Green	0.00%	£0	0.00%	£0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	0	0
No Colour	0.00%	£0	0.00%	£0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	0	0
	100.00%	£974,926,461	52.82%	£514,926,461	52.82%	5.34%	118	181	213	346



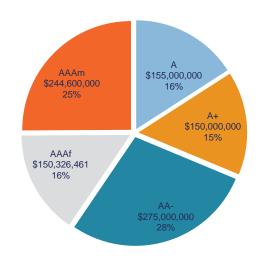
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🖾 Pink2	Calls	Purple		🛛 Purple Calls		ue	Blue Calls	
Y	Pi1	Pi2	Р	В	0	R	G	N/C
1	1.25	1.5	2	3	4	5	6	7
Up to 5yrs	Up to 5yrs	Up to 5yrs	Up to 2yrs	Up to 1yr	Up to 1yr	Up to 6mths	Up to 100days	No Colour

Investment Risk and Rating Exposure



Historic Risk of Default										
Rating/Years	<1 year	1 to 2 yrs	2 to 3 yrs	3 to 4 yrs	4 to 5 yrs					
AA	0.02%	0.04%	0.09%	0.15%	0.21%					
A	0.05%	0.13%	0.23%	0.35%	0.49%					
BBB	0.14%	0.37%	0.64%	0.95%	1.25%					
Council	0.01%	0.12%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%					

Rating Exposure



Historic Risk of Default

This is a proxy for the average % risk for each investment based on over 30 years of data provided by Fitch, Moody's and S&P. It simply provides a calculation of the possibility of average default against the historical default rates, adjusted for the time period within each year according to the maturity of the investment.

Chart Relative Risk

This is the authority's risk weightings compared to the average % risk of default for "AA", "A" and "BBB" rated investments.

Rating Exposures

This pie chart provides a clear view of your investment exposures to particular ratings.

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Monthly Credit Rating Changes FITCH

Date	Update Number	Institution	Country	Rating Action

Monthly Credit Rating Changes MOODY'S

Date	Update Number	Institution	Country	Rating Action			
28/08/2024	2040	Toronto-Dominion Bank	Canada	The Outlook on the Long Term Rating of Toronto-Dominion Bank was changed to 'Negative' from 'Stable'.			

Monthly Credit Rating Changes S&P

Date	Update Number	Institution	Country	Rating Action
07/08/2024	2038	Commerzbank AG	Germany	The Long Term Rating was Upgraded to 'A' from 'A-' and the Short Term Rating was Upgraded to 'A-1' from 'A-2'. The Outlook on the Long Term Rating was changed to Stable from Positive.
27/08/2024	2039	National Bank of Canada	Canada	The Long Term Rating was Upgraded to 'A+' from 'A'.

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APPENDIX 3

TREASURY MANAGEMENT COUNTERPARTIES 2024/25: ESG CHECKLIST

	Counterparty Name	UK (UK) or Foreign (f)	Net Zero Target Y/N	Date Net Zero Target	Interim Target	Signatory to PRI/TCFD	Which ones(s)?	Do they Publish ESG data? Y/N
	UK Banks and their wholly owned subsidiaries							
1	Barclays Bank PLC (NRFB)	UK	Y	2050	50% by 2030	Y	Both	Y
2	Barclays Bank UK PLC (RFB) - Same as parent company above							
3	Goldman Sachs International Bank	UK	Y	2050	N/A	Y	Both	Y
4	Handelsbanken PLC	Foreign	Y	2040	50% by 2030	Y	Both	Y
5	HSBC	UK	Y	2050	N/A	Y	Both	Y
6	HSBC Bank PLC (NRFB) - Same as parent company above							
7	Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets PLC (NRFB)	UK	Y	2050	50% by 2030	Y	TCFD	Y
8	Lloyds Bank PLC (RFB) - Same as parent company above							
9	Bank of Scotland	UK	Y	2050	50% by 2030	Y	TCFD	Y
∇_{10}	NatWest Markets PLC (NRFB)	UK	Y	2050	50% by 2030	Y	TCFD	Y
Page ¹¹	National Westminster Bank PLC (RFB) - Same as parent com- pany above							
5 <u>1</u> 12	The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC (RFB) - Same as parent com- pany above							
13	Santander	UK	Y	2050	N/A	Y	Both	Y
	Building Societies		-					
14	Nationwide	UK	Y	2050	Separated by Scope	Y	TCFD	Y
15	Yorkshire	UK	Y	2050	Separated by Scope	Y	TCFD	Y
16	Coventry	UK	Y	2040	Separated by Scope	Y	TCFD	Y
17	Skipton	UK	Y	2050	Separated by Scope	Y	TCFD	Y
18	Leeds	UK	Y	2050	N/A	N	N/A	Y
	Foreign Banks							
19	Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	Both	Y
20	National Australia Bank Ltd	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	TCFD	Y
21	Bank of Montreal	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	TCFD	Y
22	Royal Bank of Canada	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	TCFD	Y

	Counterparty Name	UK (UK) or Foreign (f)	Net Zero Target Y/N	Date Net Zero Target	Interim Target	Signatory to PRI/TCFD	Which ones(s)?	Do they Publish ESG data?
23	Toronto-Dominion Bank	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	TCFD	Y
24	Landesbank Hessen-Thueringen Girozentrale (Helaba)	Foreign	Ν	NA	N/A	Ν		Ν
25	Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A.	Foreign	Ν	NA	N/A	Ν		Ν
26	DBS Bank Ltd	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	TCFD	Y
27	United Overseas Bank Ltd.	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	TCFD	Y
28	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	TCFD	Y
29	Swedbank AB	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	TCFD	Y
	Svenska Handelsbanken AB - Same a parent company (4)							
	<u>Money Market Funds - Parent Companies Used (MMFs</u> don't have net-zero targets)							
30	CCLA - Public Sector Deposit Fund	UK	N	2050	N/A	Y	PRI	Ν
31	Federated Hermes Short-Term Sterling Prime Fund*	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	Both	Y
32	Aberdeen Sterling Liquidity Fund	UK	Y	2050	N/A	Y	Both	Y
₽ ³	Invesco Liquidity Funds Plc - Sterling Liquidity Portfolio	Foreign	Ν	2050	N/A	Y	Both	Y
a 34	DWS Deutsche Global Liquidity Series Plc – Sterling Fund	Foreign	Y	2050	N/A	Y	Both	Y
Ð	Ultra Short Dates Bonds							
5 2 ³⁵	Payden Sterling Reserve Fund	UK	Y	2050	Based on engagement and other factors	Y	Both	Y
36	Federated Hermes Sterling Cash Plus Fund* - Same as Parent company (31)							
37	Aberdeen Standard Investments Short Duration Managed Li- quidity Fund** - Same as parent company (32)							
	Short Dated Bond Funds							
38	Legal and General Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bond Index Fund	UK	Y	2050	50% by 2030	Y	Both	Y
39	Royal London Investment Grade Short Dated Credit Fund	UK	Y	2050	50% by 2030	Y	Both	Y

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