CHB CoLP Pensions Detailed risk register EXCLUDING COMPLETED ACTIONS

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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	re	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
CHB COLP PSB 08 McCloud Legal Case	Cause: Implementation of the remedy process following the resolution of the McCloud judgement. Event: The impact to the pension administration team of implementing the McCloud judgement remedy. Effect: The Pensions Office is unable to adequately comply with required administration processes arising from the resolution of the McCloud judgement.	Impact	16	In 2015 the Police Pension Scheme, was reformed. These reforms included 'transitional protection', for people closer to retirement. In December 2018, the Court of Appeal ruled that this directly discriminated against some younger pension scheme members – this is now referred to as the McCloud Judgement or McCloud. On 15 July 2019 the government confirmed that the difference in treatment would be remedied in the Police Pension Scheme. On 16 July 2020 the government published a consultation document that sets out options for how the government will remove the discrimination. No updates had been received at the	Impact	8	1 Oct 2023	

		date of updating the Register in		
		January 2021.		
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		On 4 February 2021 HM Treasury		
		published its response to the		
		consultation document and set out its		
		preferred remedy choice.		
		The Home Office also released a		
		document relating to the government		
		response but aimed specifically at the		
		Police Pension Scheme. Their		
		document gives general details as to		
		how the remedy proposal would work		
		for the Scheme.		
		On 10 March 2022 the Public Services		
		and Judicial Offices Act 2022		
		received Royal Assent.		
		The main purpose of the Act was to		
		support the implementation of the		
		McCloud remedy and is to be		
		implemented in two phases.		
		Phase one took effect from 1 April		
		2022 and moved all remaining active		
		members of the legacy schemes into		
		the 2015 Scheme.		
		Phase two will be in respect of		
		implementation of the deferred choice		
		underpin. The Act confirms this must		
		be in place by 1 October 2023, but		
		further regulatory changes and		
		guidance are required before this can		
		happen		
22-Jan-2021		<u>24 May</u> 2022		Constant
Graham				
Newman				

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		Staying aware of all relevant correspondence issued by the Home Office / TWB and regular attendance at seminars, forums, webinars and user groups.	24 May 2022	1 Oct 2023
CHB COLP PSB 08b		Regular contact and discussion between all relevant parties – Force HR / Force Finance / Pensions Administration.	24 May 2022	1 Oct 2023
PSB 08c	Working in conjunction with Force HR to prepare communications and standard responses (FAQs) to be sent to affected officers.	Working in conjunction with Force HR to prepare communications and standard responses (FAQs) to be sent to affected officers.	24 May 2022	1 Oct 2023

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CHB COLP PSB 02 Legislative compliance	Cause: (i) Lack of appropriate knowledge or skill. (ii) Lack of training/ appropriately skilled staff. Event: The failure to comply with legislative requirements. Effect: (i) Inaccurate benefits paid. (ii) Financial loss (iii) Increase in Appeals (iv) Reputational damage (v) Fines from Pensions Regulator	Likelihood	4	The Regulations of the Police Pension Scheme set out how police pensions should be calculated; the procedures to be followed in certain circumstances (i.e. normal retirement and ill health retirement); the timeframes/deadlines to be adhered to; and the notifications to be provided to Scheme members. In addition, other bodies such as the Pensions Regulator, HM Revenue & Customs, the Office of National Statistics and the Financial Conduct Authority impose rules that work alongside the Scheme Regulations or may even supersede them. Failure to comply with the governing legislation may lead to inaccurate benefits being paid or deadlines being missed which in turn may lead to damage to the City's reputation and/or fines being levied by bodies such as the Pensions Regulator. 24 May 2022	Impact	4	31 March 2023	Constant

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PSB 02a		Ensuring that suitable staff are recruited at the correct salary levels and that appropriate training is provided will help to prevent non-compliance with legislative requirements. The vacant Pensions Manager post was advertised, and candidates were interviewed. The successful candidate started the role on 1 February 2022.		31 March 2023
		Regular attendance at seminars, forums, webinars and user groups will ensure that knowledge of the relevant legislation is kept up-to-date and accurate.	24 May 2022	31 March 2023

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CHB COLP PSB 03 Pension Scheme Administration (Personnel)	Cause: (i) Ineffective succession planning. (ii) Inadequately trained staff. (iii) Absences/ Increased Staff turnover. (iv) Data Accuracy. Event: The failure of administrators to accurately calculate and pay the correct levels of benefits. Effect:(i) Inaccurate benefits paid or delayed. (ii) Increased costs of inefficiencies. (iii) Financial penalties/ sanctions	Impact 4	The Regulations of the Police Pension Scheme set out how police pensions should be calculated; the procedures to be followed in certain circumstances (i.e. normal retirement and ill health retirement); the timeframes/deadlines to be adhered to; and the notifications to be provided to Scheme members. In addition, other bodies such as the Pensions Regulator, HM Revenue & Customs, the Office of National Statistics and the Financial Conduct Authority impose rules that work alongside the Scheme Regulations or may even supersede them. The pensions administration software is designed to do the majority of the calculations that are performed, but in some cases manual calculations are required – this may be because the software has not caught up with regulatory changes or simply that the software cannot do what is asked of it. Manual calculations require greater knowledge and ability on behalf of the staff required to perform them; are often significantly more time consuming; and introduce a greater risk of human error. If the members of the Pensions Office that are responsible for administration of the Police Pension Scheme lack the necessary knowledge and skills		31 March 2023	

		payment of benefits may be delayed and may be inaccurate. This may lead to financial penalties and sanctions being imposed by the governing industry bodies such as the Pensions Regulator.		
30-Aug-2019		<u>24 May 2022</u>		Constant

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CHB COLP PSB 03a	Job descriptions used at recruitment to attract candidates with skills and experience related to police pension 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.		24 May 2022	31 March 2023
CHB COLP PSB 03b	Scheme administrators 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	24 May 2022	31 March 2023
CHB COLP PSB 03c	Rigorous and thorough checking procedures are created and implemented to ensure all calculations and letters are checked for accuracy and legislative compliance.	All checking procedures reviewed and where necessary amended due to take account of COVID 19 and officers periodically being required to work working from home.	Graham Newman	24 May 2022	- 31 March 2023
CHB COLP PSB 03d	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 COVID 19 and officers having worked from home since 23 March 2020.	Graham Newman	24 May 2022	31 March 2023

	Staff returned to the office for a minimum two days a week from 31 January 2022. This was extended This will increase to three days a week from 28 February 2022.		
any annual statement with a statutory deadline.		24 May 2022	31 <u>March</u> 2023

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CHB COLP PSB 04 Pension Scheme admin (Systems)	Cause:(i) Ineffective succession planning. (ii) Inadequately trained staff. (iii) Absences/ Increased Staff turnover. (iv) IT system failure (v) Data Accuracy. (vi) Lack of resources. Event: Failure of the Pension Scheme administration software. Effect: (i) Inaccurate benefits paid or delayed. (ii) Increased costs of inefficiencies. (iii) Financial penalties/ sanctions	Impact	4	The Pension Scheme administration software is designed to support the administrator by providing efficient and accurate benefit calculations. The software system is regularly updated by the provider as improvements to the software are developed and as new regulations and guidance is released by the legislative bodies. If the software system fails it may lead to benefits being calculated inaccurately or the failure to calculate them at all. A loss of confidence in the system may require all calculations to be carried out manually which would be time consuming and may mean that statutory deadlines are not met. This may lead to financial penalties and sanctions being imposed by the governing industry bodies such as the Pensions Regulator. 24 May 2022	Impact	4	31 March 2023	Constant

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CHB COLP PSB 04a	Training on how to use the software and how to recognise and report problems and faults to be provided to all staff.	Any faults with the system should be reported to the software provider as soon as possible and therefore it is important that all staff can recognise any issues and know how to report them.	Graham Newman	24 May 2022	31 March 2023
	The software provider is contracted to provide regular updates to the system as developments and enhancements are made. In addition, as regulations are amended, or legislation and factors are updated there is a requirement to ensure the software is also updated.	Monitoring the system updates made by the system provider to ensure they are made accurately and on time.	Graham Newman	24 May 2022	31 March 2023
CHB COLP PSB 04c	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	24 May 2022	31 March 2023

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CHB COLP PSB 05 Pension Fraud	Cause (i) Continued payment of pensions following death. (ii) Staff acting inappropriately Event: Fraudulent claim of pension benefits. Effects: (i) Overpaid pensions.(ii) Financial loss	Likelihood		If the death of a police pension scheme beneficiary is not reported, their pension may continue to be paid when there is no longer an entitlement. This may be a deliberate failure to report the death or may be where there is no fraudulent intention, but in either case it will lead to benefit overpayment and a potential financial loss. 24 May 2022	Likelihood	2	31 Oct 2022	Constant

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CHB COLP- PSB 05a	•	8		31 Oct 2022
		The Pensions Manager is due to meet met with Internal Audit to discuss new procedures and options created by the National Fraud Initiative. A trial of the mortality screening service provided by the NFI has been undertaken and will be compared with the systems already used.		

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CHB COLP PSB 07 Cyber Security 30-Aug-2019 Graham Newman	Cause:(i) Ineffective procedures. (ii) Inadequately trained staff. (iii) IT system failure (iv) Data Accuracy. (v) Lack of resources. Event: Breach of Corporate IT systems and cyber security Effect: (i) Inaccurate benefits paid or delayed. (ii) Increased costs of inefficiencies. (iii) Financial penalties/sanctions. (iv) Breach of Data Protection regulations. (v) Loss/corruption of data	Likelihood		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 DP 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. 24 Feb 2022	Impact	4	31 March 2023	Constant

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CHB COLP PSB 07a	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	24 May 2022	31 March 2023
CHB COLP PSB 07b	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	24 May 2022	31 March 2023
CHB COLP PSB 07c	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.		24 May 2022	31 March 2023
CHB COLP	Pensions administration staff to be aware of Data	Data Protection reviewed and all staff reminded of the legislation and its importance.	Graham	24 May	31 March

PSB 07d	Protection legislation.	Processes amended for home working, ensuring the protection of scheme member data.	Newman	2022	<u>2023</u>
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CHB COLP PSB 01 Actuarial Data	Cause: (i) Inaccurate data supplied to the Home Office either by City of London or any other Police Authority. (ii) Poor assumptions used by the Home Office. Event: The actuarial data provided to the Home Office is inaccurate. Effect: National employer rate incorrectly determined.	Impact	2	The rate of employers' pension contributions for the Police Pension Scheme is set nationally and is based upon the actuarial data provided by all police forces in the country. Data is supplied to the Home Office at the end of each financial year together with a forecast for the following 5 years. The forecasts are subsequently updated twice more during the financial year. If inaccurate data is supplied, either by the City of London Police or other Forces, the assumptions used to determine the employer contribution rate may be flawed which in turn may lead to an incorrect rate being used. At the Police Pension Board meeting of 9 October 2020 Members determined that the Impact of this risk should be increased from 1 to 2, but the Likelihood should remain at 1 thus increasing the overall risk score to 2 and remaining green. 24 May 2022	Impact	1	31 March 2023	Constant

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	thorough, accurate and timely.		24 May 2022	31 March 2023

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CHB COLP PSB 06 Protected Pension Age (PPA) 30-Aug-2019 Graham Newman	Cause: Retiring officers of a certain age losing their PPA as a result of being re-employed by the same sponsoring employer without a sufficient break between retirement and re-employment. Event: Protected Pension Age (PPA) Effect: HMRC make 'unauthorised payment' charges to both the member and the organisation.	Impact	1	The minimum retirement age as set by HMRC is 55, however the Police Pension Scheme Regulations 1987 allow officers to retire before this age. They are therefore awarded a Protected Pension Age (PPA). An officer that retires between the ages of 50 and 55 and is then reemployed by the same sponsoring employer (the City of London Police and the City of London Corporation) will lose their PPA if they do not leave a sufficient break between retirement and re-employment. The required break is 6 months, but this can be reduced to 1 month if the employment is not materially similar. If the PPA is lost, all pension payments made from that point until the member reaches age 55 will be deemed unauthorised by HMRC and a charge will be levied against the City of London Police (as the pension provider) and against the member.	Likelihood page and p	1	31 March 2023	Constant

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CHB COLP PSB 06a	Ensuring that staff within City of London Police HR are aware of the rules regarding re-employment and PPA.	City of London Police HR will ensure that the necessary training in respect of re-employment and PPA is provided to members of the team and that procedures are in place so that this knowledge is maintained and passed on.	Azeem Bhatti	24 May 2022	31 March 2023
		A training session has been agreed with the Pensions Office to provide refresher training to all Human Resource officers on the rules regarding re-employment and PPA.			
CHB COLP PSB 06b	Monitoring job-applicants to ensure retired officers who are being re-employed are leaving the required break.	City of London Police HR will monitor any new applicant to ensure that any retired officer that is between the ages of 50 and 55 and is looking to be re-employed has taken the required break between retirement and re-employment. If necessary, they will determine whether the new employment is materially similar when assessing the length of the break that is needed. Human Resource officers ask for a validation report that shows the last date of service. This then ensures the dates are checked so the required break is built into the recruitment start date.	Azeem Bhatti	24 May 2022	31 March 2023
		The return to work letter has been reviewed and approved by the Pensions Office.			
CHB COLP PSB 06c	Ensuring that officers that are coming up to retirement are aware of the rules regarding re-employment and PPA.	The City of London Police HR will ensure that all retiring officers are informed of the rules regarding re-employment and PPA.	Azeem Bhatti; Graham	24 May 2022	31 March 2023
		A line has been added into the retirement letter issued by Human Resources to remind officers of the required break should they be thinking of re-joining as a member of staff.	Newman		
		When required to provide input at pre-retirement courses, the Pensions Office will include details in respect of re-employment and PPA as part of their presentation.			