

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Local Government Pensions Board	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022
<b>Subject:</b> The City of London: Local Government Pension Scheme – Risk Register	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Chamberlain	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

This report reviews the Risk Register for the Local Government Pensions Board. The Risk Register details the key risks that the Board has identified alongside a risk score which indicates the likelihood of a risk being realised together with the potential impact and the appropriate mitigations.

When reviewing the risks, the Board should be aware that generic risks are also included in the City of London Police Pension Scheme Pension Board risk register. The risks are CHB LGPS 03 Legislative Compliances, 04 Pension Scheme Administration, 05 Fraud and 07 Cyber security.

Officers have conducted a preliminary review of the Risk Register and are not recommending any changes to the current scores with the exception of the target score for CHB LGPS 001 (Insufficient Assets).

The Risk Register is included at Appendix A(i) with risk updates underlined throughout. The Risk Register is reviewed at each meeting by the Local Government Pensions Board and more frequently by officers, who report any material changes or new risks identified in between reviews on an exceptions basis.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

- review the existing risks and actions present on the Local Government Pension Board’s Risk Register, and confirm that appropriate control measures are in place; and
- confirm that there are no further risks relating to the pension administration overseen by the Local Government Pension Scheme Board.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The Local Government Pension Board instituted a Risk Register on 20 October 2016 to help identify and manage the strategic risks facing the Board in discharging its responsibilities to oversee the City's Pension Fund. The current Risk Register, as agreed by the Board on 7 February 2022, is included as Appendix A (i).
2. The Board reviews the Risk Register at each meeting. Officers review the register more frequently and report any material changes between reviews on an exceptions basis to the Board. This is in line with standard risk review procedures across the rest of the City of London Corporation.

### **Review of Risks**

3. The method of assessing risk reflects the City of London's standard approach to risk assessment as set out in its Risk Management Strategy approved by the Audit and Risk Management Committee in May 2014. The City of London Corporation risk matrix, which explains how risks are assessed and scored, is attached at Appendix A (ii) of this report. Risk scores range from one, being lowest risk, to the highest risk score of thirty-two. These scores are summarised into 3 broad groups, each with increasing risk, and categorised "green", "amber" or "red".

### **Update on Risks**

4. The revised Risk Register is attached at Appendix A(i) and the Risk Matrix at Appendix (ii)
5. The scores for the risks have been maintained at their previous levels, however the target score for CHB LGPS 001 Insufficient Assets has been decreased one place in order to provide a revised target.
6. Members asked officers to consider whether a slightly different approach should be taken with risk CHB007 (Cyber Security), noting that the pensions administration system had moved to a hosted environment. After consideration, officers concluded that this risk does not need to be amended. Although the system is hosted externally, the City of London is the Administering Authority and as such the pensions system should be assessed in the same way as any other system owned or run by the City.
7. The risks have each been reviewed and updated where necessary in the Register itself and updates to the Risk Register are underlined throughout.
8. Each risk presented in the Risk Register is accompanied by one or more "action(s)" which reflect how the risk is managed and mitigated. A "due date" for required completion is set against each action. Due to the nature of the risks overseen by the Board, in many cases it is impossible to entirely eliminate a risk, and therefore corresponding actions will always remain live. These ongoing actions are necessary in order to maintain the current risk score. Where this is the case the Risk Register includes an annual due date, which will be renewed each year.

### **Conclusion**

9. With the exception of the risk for McCloud (CHB LGPS 009), the risks overseen by the Local Government Pension Board are primarily of low likelihoods but represent substantial impact, particularly with regards to financial loss and reputational damage. The Board is requested to confirm that appropriate control measures are

in place for these risks and that there are no other risks that should be added to the Risk Register.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A (i)– Risk Register

Appendix A (ii) - Risk Matrix

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