

# City of London Corporation Committee Report

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| <b>Committee(s):</b><br>Police Pensions Board   | <b>Dated:</b><br>10 February 2025           |
| <b>Subject:</b><br>CoL Police Pension Scheme – Risk Register  | <b>Public report:</b><br>For Information    |
| <b>This proposal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides statutory duties</li> <li>• provides business enabling functions</li> </ul> |   |
| <b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>  | No  |
| <b>If so, how much?</b>   | n/a   |
| <b>What is the source of Funding?</b>   | n/a   |
| <b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?</b>   | n/a   |
| <b>Report of:</b>   | The Chamberlain                             |
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## Summary

This report reviews the Risk Register for Police 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 some similar/generic risks are also included in the Local Government Pensions Committee risk register. The risks are CHB COLP PSB 02 Legislative Compliances, CHB COLP PSB 05 Pension Fraud, CHB COLP PSB 07 Cyber security and CHB COLP PSB 08 McCloud Legal Case.

Officers have conducted a preliminary review of the Risk Register and following the discussion at the November 2024 Board meeting are recommending an additional action be added to the CHB COLP PSB 08 McCloud Legal Case risk to cover scheme member understanding of the Police Pension Scheme.

The Risk Register is included at Appendix 1 with risk updates underlined throughout. The Risk Register is reviewed at each meeting by the Police Pensions Board and more frequently by officers, who report any material changes or new risks identified in between reviews on an exception basis.

## **Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

- review the existing risks and actions present on the Police Pension Board’s Risk Register, and confirm that appropriate control measures are in place; and
- consider whether there are any further risks relating to the pension administration overseen by the Police Pension Scheme Board

## Main Report









### Background

1. The Police Pension Board instituted a Risk Register to help identify and manage the strategic risks facing the Board in discharging its responsibilities to oversee administration of the Police Pension Scheme. The current Risk Register, as agreed by the Board on 5 November 2024, is included as Appendix 1.
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 exception 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 2** 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".
4. The Risk Register to be reviewed is attached at **Appendix 1**

Table 1: Risk Summary

| Risk code       | Risk title                       | Current Risk Score | Current Risk Score Indicator  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| CHB COLP PSB 08 | McCloud Legal Case               | 12                 |  |
| CHB COLP PSB 02 | Legislative Compliance           | 4                  |  |
| CHB COLP PSB 03 | Pension Scheme Admin (Personnel) | 4                  |  |
| CHB COLP PSB 04 | Pension Scheme Admin (Systems)   | 4                  |  |
| CHB COLP PSB 05 | Pension Fraud                    | 4                  |  |
| CHB COLP PSB 07 | Cyber Security                   | 4                  |  |
| CHB COLP PSB 01 | Actuarial Data                   | 2                  |  |
| CHB COLP PSB 06 | Protected Pension Age            | 1                  |  |

5. The Risk Register contains eight risks which are summarised above. In the table, "Current Risk Score indicator" displays the current "RAG" rating for each risk. 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.
6. Officers have reviewed the Risk Register to establish whether the risk environment has changed and whilst all scores have been maintained at their previous levels each has been reviewed and updated where necessary in the Register itself.

Updates to the Risk Register are underlined throughout with deletions being struck through.

7. Officers have also considered whether any new risks have emerged since the last review. Although the Board's operating environment continually changes officers have determined that the existing Register captures the material risks facing the Board and enables the Board to concentrate on the most prescient risks
8. While no new risks have been identified, an additional action has been added to the risk CHB COLP PSB08 – McCloud Legal Case. At the last Board meeting on 5 November 2024, Members identified that scheme member lack of understanding of the scheme's rules and its complexities should be included within the Risk Register, as this will have a knock-on effect to the work of the administration team.

### **Conclusion**

9. The risks overseen by the Police Pension Board are primarily of low likelihoods but may represent substantial impact. There is one amber risk around the McCloud remedy (CHB COLP PSB08 – McCloud Legal Case). Continued implementation of the Remedy allows for the impact of the Remedy and the associated risk rating to be constantly assessed with the expectation that the score will continue to decrease.
10. 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 1 – Risk Register
- Appendix 2 – Risk Matrix

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