

City of London: Police Pension Scheme Risk Register for the Police Pensions Board - FOR CONSIDERATION

Risk No.	Risk (Short description)	Risk Owner	Cause	Effect	Existing Controls	Current Risk				Planned Actions	Target Risk		
						Likelihood	Impact	Rating	Direction		Likelihood	Impact	Rating
1	Provision of City of London Police actuarial data to the Home Office	Chamberlain	(i) Inaccurate data supplied to the Home Office. (ii) Poor assumptions used by the Home Office.	National employer rate incorrectly determined.	Robust Year End procedures and updates. Checking for errors or inconsistencies in valuation extract report before submission to the Home Office.	Rare	Minor	Green 1	↔	Continue existing controls	Rare	Minor	Green 1
2	Failure to comply with legislative requirements.	Chamberlain	(i) Lack of appropriate knowledge or skill. (ii) Lack of training/appropriately skilled staff	(i) Inaccurate benefits paid. (ii) Financial loss (iii) Increase in Appeals (iv) Reputational damage (v) Fines from Pensions Regulator	Recruitment of suitable staff appropriate salary levels. Appropriate training. Attendance at seminars and Forums, webinars and user groups.	Possible	Minor	Green 3	↔	Continue existing controls	Possible	Minor	Green 3
3	Pension Scheme Administration (Personnel)	Chamberlain	(i) Ineffective succession planning. (ii) Inadequately trained staff. (iii) Absences/ Increased Staff turnover. (iv) Data Accuracy.	(i) Inaccurate benefits paid or delayed. (ii) Increased costs of inefficiencies. (iii) Financial penalties/sanctions	Recruitment and training of staff plus (i) Ensuring software is the latest version and any known errors are reports. (ii) Robust checking procedures in place at all stages of record management from starting, transfers received, career changes, pension top-ups, leaving and benefit payment. (iii) If staff or other resources are lacking ensure priority cases are covered and all checking levels maintained.	Unlikely	Serious	Green 4	↔	Continue existing controls	Unlikely	Serious	Green 4
4	Pension Scheme Administration (Systems)	Chamberlain	(i) Ineffective succession planning. (ii) Inadequately trained staff. (iii) Absences/ Increased Staff turnover. (iv) IT system failure (v) Data Accuracy. (vi) Lack of resources.	(i) Inaccurate benefits paid or delayed. (ii) Increased costs of inefficiencies. (iii) Financial penalties/sanctions	Recruitment and training of staff plus (i) Ensuring software is the latest version and any known errors are reports. (ii) Ensure IT have sufficient back-ups and Disaster Recovery	Unlikely	Serious	Green 4	↔	Continue existing controls	Unlikely	Serious	Green 4
5	Pension Fraud	Chamberlain	(i) Continued payment of pensions following death. (ii) Staff acting inappropriately	(i) Overpaid pensions.(ii) Financial loss	Use of Mortality Screening Service and Tell Us Once Service [Government initiative that allows us to be notified of a death when registered]. Participation in the National Fraud Initiative. Sending Life Certificates to Overseas Pensioners.	Unlikely	Serious	Green 4	↔	Continue existing controls	Unlikely	Minor	Green 2

6	Protected Pension Age (PPA)	Chamberlain	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.	HMRC make 'unauthorised payment' charges to both the member and the organisation.	(i) Ensuring officers are aware that a break is needed if they are retiring between ages 50 and 55 and intend to seek to be re-employed with CoL Police or the CoL. (ii) Ensuring Police HR are aware of the rules regarding PPA and re-employment	Rare	Minor	Green 1	↔	Continue existing controls	Rare	Minor	Green 1
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