

Risk Register - Haringey Pension Fund

Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Risk Ranking
GOVERNANCE			
1	GOV1	Pension Fund Objectives are not defined and agreed leading to lack of focus of strategy to facilitate the aims of the LGPS.	3
2	GOV2	Frequent and/or extensive turnover of committee members causing a loss of technical and operational knowledge about the Fund and an inexperienced Committee/Board.	16
3	GOV3	Members have insufficient knowledge of regulations, guidance and best practice to make good decisions.	12
4	GOV4	Member non-attendance at training events.	8
5	GOV5	Officers lack the knowledge and skills required to effectively advise elected members and/or carry out administrative duties.	4
6	GOV6	Committee members have undisclosed conflicts of interest.	3
7	GOV7	The Committee's decision making process is too rigid to allow for the making of expedient decisions leading to an inability to respond to problems and/or to exploit opportunities.	4
8	GOV8	Known risks not monitored leading to adverse financial, reputational or resource impact.	4
9	GOV9	Failure to recognise new Risks and/or opportunities.	4
10	GOV10	Weak procurement process leads to legal challenge or failure to secure the best value for the value when procuring new services.	5
11	GOV11	Failure to review existing contracts means that opportunities are not exploited.	8

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INVESTMENTS			
39	INV1	That the assumptions underlying the Investment and Funding Strategies are inconsistent.	10
40	INV2	That Fund liabilities are not correctly understood and as a consequence assets are not allocated appropriately.	5
41	INV3	Incorrect understanding of employer characteristics e.g. strength of covenant.	10
42	INV4	The Fund doesn't take expert advice when determining Investment Strategy.	5
43	INV5	Strategic investment advice received from Investment Consultants is either incorrect or inappropriate for Fund.	10
44	INV6	Investment Manager Risk - this includes both the risk that the wrong manager is appointed and /or that the manager doesn't follow the investment approach set out in the Investment Management agreement.	10
45	INV7	Relevant information relating to investments is not communicated to the Committee in accordance with the Fund's Governance arrangements.	4
46	INV8	The risks associated with the Fund's assets are not understood resulting in the Fund taking either too much or too little risk to achieve its funding objective.	10
47	INV9	Actual asset allocations move away from strategic benchmark.	12
48	INV10	No modelling of liabilities and cash flow is undertaken.	5
49	INV11	The risk that the investment strategy adopted by London CIV through fund manager appointments does not fully meet the needs of the Fund.	15

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GOVERNANCE			
12	GOV12	Weak process and policies around communicating with a scheme members and employers means that decisions are not available for scrutiny.	3
13	GOV13	Lack of engagement from employers/members means that communicating decisions becomes a "tick box" exercise and accountability is not real.	9
14	GOV14	Failure to comply with legislation and regulations leads to illegal actions/decisions resulting in financial loss and / or reputational damage	5
15	GOV15	Failure to comply with guidance issued by The Pensions Regulator (TPR) and Scheme Advisory Board (SAB), or other bodies, resulting in reputational damage.	10
16	GOV16	Pension fund asset pooling restricts Haringey Pension Fund's ability to fully implement a desired mandate	10
17	GOV17	The Fund adopts and follows ill-suited investment strategy.	10

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COMMUNICATION			
50	COM1	Members don't make an informed decision when exercising their pension options whilst employers cannot make informed decisions when exercising their discretions leading to possible complaints and appeals against the Fund	8
51	COM2	Communication is overcomplicated and technical leading to a lack of engagement and understanding by the user (including members and employers).	6
52	COM3	Employer doesn't understand or carry out their legal responsibilities under relevant legislation.	12
53	COM4	Apathy from members and employers if communication is irrelevant or lacks impact leading to uninformed users.	9
54	COM5	Employers don't meet their statutory requirements leading to possible reporting of breaches to the Pension Regulator.	8
55	COM6	Lack of information from Employers impacts on the administration of the Fund, places strain on the partnership between Fund and Employer.	12

LEGISLATION			
18	LEG1	Failure to adhere to LGPS legislation (including regulations, order from the Secretary of State and any updates from The Pension Regulator) leading to financial or reputational damage	5
19	LEG2	Lack of access to appropriate legislation, best practice or guidance could lead to the Fund acting illegally.	5
20	LEG3	Lack of skills or resource to understand complex regulatory changes or understand their impact.	8

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ACCOUNTING			
21	ACC1	The Pension Fund Statement of Accounts does not represent a true and fair view of the Fund's financing and assets.	10
22	ACC2	Internal controls are not in place to protect against fraud/mismanagement.	8
23	ACC3	The Fund does not have in place a robust internal monitoring and reconciliation process leading to incorrect figures in the accounts.	8
24	ACC4	Market value of assets recorded in the Statement of Accounts is incorrect leading to a material misstatement and potentially a qualified audit opinion.	10
25	ACC5	Inadequate monitoring of income (contributions) leading to cash flow problems.	4
26	ACC6	Rate of contributions from employers' in the Fund is not in line with what is specified in actuarial ratings and adjustment certificate potentially leading to an increased funding deficit or surplus.	5
27	ACC7	The fund fails to recover adhoc /miscellaneous income adding to the deficit.	8
28	ACC8	Transfers out increase significantly as members transfer to DC funds to access cash through new pension freedoms.	12

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FUNDING/LIABILITY			
56	FLI1	Funding Strategy and Investment considered in isolation by Officers, Committee and their separate actuarial and investment advisors	10
57	FLI2	Inappropriate Funding Strategy set at Fund and employer level despite being considered in conjunction with Investment Strategy.	10
58	FLI3	Inappropriate Investment and Funding Strategy set that increases risk of future contribution rate increases.	10
59	FLI4	Processes not in place to capture or failure to correctly understand changes to risk characteristics of employers and adapting investment/funding strategies.	10
60	FLI5	Processes not in place to capture or review when an employer may be leaving the LGPS.	10
61	FLI6	Processes not in place to capture or review funding levels as employer approaches exiting the LGPS.	10
62	FLI7	Investment strategy is static, inflexible and does not meet employers and the Fund's objectives.	5
63	FLI8	Process not in place to ensure new employers admitted to the scheme have appropriate guarantor or bond in place.	5
64	FLI9	Level of bond not reviewed in light of change in employers pension liabilities.	8
65	FLI10	Processes not in place to capture or review covenant of individual employers.	8
66	FLI11	Processes not in place to capture and understand changes in key issues that drive changes to pension liabilities.	5

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ADMINISTRATION			
29	ADM1	Failure to act within the appropriate legislative and policy framework could lead to illegal actions by the Fund and also complaints against the Fund.	10
30	ADM2	Pension structure is inappropriate to deliver a first class service	5
31	ADM3	Insufficiently trained or experienced staff leading to knowledge gaps	12
32	ADM4	Failure of pension administration system resulting in loss of records and incorrect pension benefits being paid or delays to payment.	5
33	ADM5	Failure to pay pension benefits accurately leading to under or over payments.	8
34	ADM6	Failure of pension payroll system resulting in pensioners not being paid in a timely manner.	8
35	ADM7	Not dealing properly with complaints leading to escalation that ends ultimately with the ombudsman	8
36	ADM8	Data protection procedures non-existent or insufficient leading to poor security for member data	10
37	ADM9	Loss of funds through fraud or misappropriation by officers leading to negative impact on reputation of the Fund as well as financial loss.	5
38	ADM10	Officers do not have appropriate skills and knowledge to perform their roles resulting in the service not being provided in line with best practice and legal requirements. Succession planning is not in place leading to reduction of knowledge when an officer leaves.	10

Colour	Risk Level
	Low
	Moderate
	High
	Very High

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1	GOV1	Pension Fund Objectives are not defined and agreed leading to lack of focus of strategy to facilitate the aims of the LGPS.	<p>Objectives defined in the Funding Strategy Statement, Investment Strategy Statement and approved by the Pensions Committee.</p> <p>The Committee has approved updated versions of both of these documents in the last 12 months.</p>	3	1	3	PCB	Mar-19

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Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Controls/Mitigations	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
2	GOV2	Frequent and/or extensive turnover of committee members causing a loss of technical and operational knowledge about the Fund and an inexperienced Committee/Board.	<p>The nature of Council appointees to the Fund means that there is likely to be some annual turnover of appointments to the Pensions Committee. However, Full Council through Democratic Services has been made aware of the consequences of constant turnover of Pensions Committee members, and the outgoing Committee and Board of April 2018 wrote to the Chief Whips of both parties in relation to this.</p> <p>A comprehensive training programme that is in line with CIPFA guideine/The Pension Regulator has been developed and is continously reviewed/updated.</p> <p>Training needs analyses undertaken annually to identify knowledge gaps and training programme adapted accordingly</p> <p>New members required to complete The Pensions Regulators public service toolkit modules as a minimum requirement.</p> <p>All members are encouraged to attend training events (internal/external) to ensure all have adequate knowledge to perform duties as trustees of the Fund.</p>	4	4	16	PCB; HoP	Ongoing, but review in May 2019

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3	GOV3	Members have insufficient knowledge of regulations, guidance and best practice to make good decisions.	<p>Training needs analyses undertaken annually to identify knowledge gaps and training programme adapted as required.</p> <p>New members are requested to complete The Pensions Regulators public service toolkit modules as a minimum requirement.</p> <p>All members are encouraged to attend training events (internal/external) to ensure all have adequate knowledge to perform duties as trustees of the Fund.</p> <p>Officers and advisers (statutory, independent, actuarial) are always present at meetings to provide guidance and assist Members through decision making process.</p>	4	3	12		Jul-18
4	GOV4	Member non-attendance at training events.	<p>A record of training events attended is a standing agenda item.</p> <p>The importance of attending training events is highlighted to all members on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The Committee also runs a series of internal training events which precede or are included on the Committee meeting agenda.</p> <p>Member training is reported as part of the Annual Fund report.</p>	4	2	8	PCB	Ongoing

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5	GOV5	Officers lack the knowledge and skills required to effectively advise elected members and/or carry out administrative duties.	<p>Job descriptions are used at recruitment to appoint officers with relevant skills and experience. The recruitment process would have identified key knowledge/skills that the successful applicant would need to demonstrate that they possess before being offered a role.</p> <p>Training and improvement plans are in place for all officers as part of the Council's performance appraisal programme.</p>	4	1	4	CFO	Ongoing
6	GOV6	Committee members have undisclosed conflicts of interest.	<p>Declaration of conflict of interest is a standing item on the agenda.</p> <p>All members of the Committee are required to complete an annual declaration of interest form.</p>	3	1	3	PCB	Quarterly
7	GOV7	The Committee's decision making process is too rigid to allow for the making of expedient decisions leading to an inability to respond to problems and/or to exploit opportunities.	<p>There are five Committee/Board meetings scheduled for 2018/19 municipal year.</p> <p>Where urgent decisions are required this can be done either by organising an additional meeting outside the scheduled meetings or canvassing opinions and votes electronically following dissemination of relevant information to Members. Delegation of necessary authority can be granted to relevant officers for extremely time critical matters too.</p>	4	1	4	PCB	Ongoing

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8	GOV8	Known risks not monitored leading to adverse financial, reputational or resource impact.	The Committee has agreed to have the risk register on the agenda for all future meetings including a review of all high risk items and a periodic review of risks by category of risk.	4	1	4	PCB	Quarterly
9	GOV9	Failure to recognise new Risks and/or opportunities.	Quarterly Committee/management meeting to identify new risks/opportunities. Attendance at regional and national forums to keep abreast of current issues and their potential impact on the Fund.	4	1	4	HoP; PCB	Quarterly
10	GOV10	Weak procurement process leads to legal challenge or failure to secure the best value for the value when procuring new services.	All procurement carried out in line with the Council's procurement rules and guidance. Expert legal and procurement advice sought where appropriate.	5	1	5	HoP	Periodically
11	GOV11	Failure to review existing contracts means that opportunities are not exploited.	The Pension Fund reviews contracts regularly to ensure that the Fund receives good value. This include soft market testing where applicable to access opportunities that may benefit the Fund. A number of key contracts have been reprocured recently: the Administration system contract, the actuarial contract and the investment consultancy contract. Savings were achieved on the systems administration contract. The actuarial and investment consultancy contracts were procured via the national LGPS frameworks which offer value for money via a reduced and simplified procurement process, and bulk negotiated fees for all LGPS clients.	4	2	8	HoP; PAM	Periodically

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12	GOV12	Weak process and policies around communicating with a scheme members and employers means that decisions are not available for scrutiny.	All Committee/Board minutes to be published within 10 days. Publication of an pension fund annual report on the Council's and Fund websites.	3	1	3	PAM	Quarterly
13	GOV13	Lack of engagement from employers/members means that communicating decisions becomes a "tick box" exercise and accountability is not real.	The Communications Strategy sets out how the Fund will engage with all stakeholders. Employees and employers are represented on the Fund's Committee/Board with full voting rights.	3	3	9	HoP; PAM	Annually
14	GOV14	Failure to comply with legislation and regulations leads to illegal actions/decisions resulting in financial loss and / or reputational damage	Officers maintain knowledge of legal framework for routine decisions. The Council's legal team is involved in reviewing Committee papers and other legal documents. The Fund has engaged a team of experts (Independent Advisor, Actuary, Investment Consultant) that are highly experienced and knowledge about the LGPS and pension fund investments.	5	1	5	HoP; PCB	Ongoing
15	GOV15	Failure to comply with guidance issued by The Pensions Regulator (TPR) and Scheme Advisory Board (SAB), or other bodies, resulting in reputational damage.	Guidance (included updates) issued by TPR and SAB is reported to the Committee with gaps identified and clear timetables to address weaknesses agreed.	5	2	10	HoP	Ongoing

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16	GOV16	Pension fund asset pooling restricts Haringey Pension Fund's ability to fully implement a desired mandate	<p>The London CIV is planning to have as wide a range of mandates as possible and also that there will be a choice of manager for each mandate/asset class.</p> <p>The Fund will be able to retain mandates not currently appointed to by the London CIV, for example niche illiquids such as renewable energy infrastructure. The Fund will not be able to invest in any other regional pools, recent Government guidance has made it clear that Funds may only invest in their own geographic pool.</p> <p>The Secretary of State has stated that where transfer of assets result in significant loss to a Fund, then the assets should be retained under existing arrangements - this may provide an opportunity for the Fund to pursue a strategy that is dissimilar to the London CIV.</p>	5	2	10	HoP	Ongoing
17	GOV17	The Fund adopts and follows ill-suited investment strategy.	<p>The Investment Strategy is in accordance with LGPS investment regulations and it takes into consideration the Funds liabilities and funding levels among other things.</p> <p>The Investment Strategy is documented, reviewed and approved by the Pensions Committee/Board.</p>	5	2	10	HoP	Mar-19

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18	LEG1	Failure to adhere to LGPS legislation (including regulations, order from the Secretary of State and any updates from The Pension Regulator) leading to financial or reputational damage	<p>Officers maintain knowledge of the LGPS legal framework for routine decisions.</p> <p>Use of tools available on the TPR website including the Public Service Toolkit and Scheme Advisory Board Model.</p> <p>The Committee and Board receives reports regarding any changes to necessary legislation, and the Council's legal team is involved in reviewing Committee papers and other legal documents.</p> <p>The Fund has engaged a team of experts (Independent Advisor, Actuary, Investment Consultant) that are highly degree of experience and knowledge about the LGPS and pension fund investments.</p>	5	1	5	HoP: PAM; PCB	Quarterly	Probability of this risk was previously a '2', reduced to a '1' given experiences with recent legislation updates.

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19	LEG2	Lack of access to appropriate legislation, best practice or guidance could lead to the Fund acting illegally.	<p>Access to LGA material, use of specialist advisors, membership on national and regional forums and attending training presentation on impact and implementation of new legislation.</p> <p>Collaborative working with other Funds to assess requirement and impact of new legislation.</p>	5	1	5	HoP; PAM	Ongoing
20	LEG3	Lack of skills or resource to understand complex regulatory changes or understand their impact.	The Pensions Service has been restructured in 2016 to ensure appropriately skilled staff are recruited and to ensure that there is a concentration of knowledge between the pensions administration and investment teams.	4	2	8	CFO; HoP; PAM	Ongoing

RED RATED RISKS

Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Controls/Mitigations	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	
2	GOV2	Frequent and/or extensive turnover of committee members causing a loss of technical and operational knowledge about the Fund and an inexperienced Committee/Board.	<p>The nature of Council appointees to the Fund means that there is likely to be some annual turnover of appointments to the Pensions Committee. However, Full Council through Democratic Services has been made aware of the consequences of constant turnover of Pensions Committee members, and the outgoing Committee and Board of April 2018 wrote to the Chief Whips of both parties in relation to this.</p> <p>A comprehensive training programme that is in line with CIPFA guideine/The Pension Regulator has been developed and is continously reviewed/updated.</p> <p>Training needs analyses undertaken annually to identify knowledge gaps and training programme adapted accordingly</p> <p>New members required to complete The Pensions Regulators public service toolkit modules as a minimum requirement.</p> <p>All members are encouraged to attend training events (internal/external) to ensure all have adequate knowledge to perform duties as</p>	4	4	16	PCB; HoP	Ongoing, but review in May 2019

49	INV11	<p>The risk that the investment strategy adopted by London CIV through fund manager appointments does not fully meet the needs of the Fund.</p>	<p>The Fund is a founding member of London CIV and actively engages with them.</p> <p>The CIV is undertaking a Governance review which has yet to be implemented in full, so it is unclear exactly how Haringey members and officers will be represented within the CIV's new governance structures.</p> <p>The CIV has to reach consensus among its 32 funds, there is therefore a persistent risk that the full complement of mandates in the Fund may not be replicated by London CIV. However, there is acknowledgement within LGPS that more niche illiquid mandates will not transition into the pools due to the inefficiencies involved.</p> <p>Haringey has had a number of interactions with the CIV, in relation to fund managers, which have been generally positive. Haringey has benefited from fee savings, and has a number of investments that are either via the</p>	5	3	15	HoP	Ongoing	Downgraded risk after review, seems the probability of this occurring is unlikely to be a '5' now
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