

London Borough of Haringey Pension Fund Risk Register

Governance

Risk Ref	Risk Group	Risk Description	Risk Score
GOV1	Governance	The nature of appointments to the Pensions Committee and Board leads to frequent and/or extensive turnover of members resulting in a loss of technical and operational knowledge about the Pension Fund and therefore, an inexperienced Pensions Committee and Board.	8
GOV2	Governance	Members have insufficient knowledge of regulations, guidance and best practice to make good and informed decisions.	8
GOV3	Governance	Officers lack the knowledge and skills required to effectively advise elected members and/or carry out administrative duties.	8
GOV4	Governance	Lack of engagement from employers and members means that communicating decisions becomes a "tick box" exercise resulting in a lack of accountability.	15
GOV5	Governance	Weak procurement processes lead to legal challenge or failure to secure the best value for money when procuring new services.	10
GOV6	Governance	Failure to comply with legislation and regulations leads to illegal actions/decisions resulting in financial loss and / or reputational damage	5
GOV7	Governance	Pension Fund objectives are not defined and agreed leading to lack of focus of strategy to facilitate the aims of the LGPS.	12
GOV8	Governance	The Pensions Committee and Board'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.	10
GOV9	Governance	Known risks not monitored leading to adverse financial, reputational or resource impact.	12

GOV10	Governance	Failure to review existing contracts means that opportunities are not exploited.	6
GOV11	Governance	Pensions Committee and Board members have undisclosed conflicts of interest.	3

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Investments			
Risk Ref	Risk Group	Risk Description	Risk Score
INV1	Investments	Significant volatility and negative sentiment in global investment markets following disruptive geopolitical and economic uncertainty.	16
INV2	Investments	Increasing risk of a financial downturn due to rising cost of living and global central banks increasing base interest rates.	12
INV3	Investments	Increased scrutiny on environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues, leading to reputational damage. It is widely anticipated that legislation and guidance will be issued on reporting and managing climate-related risks.	16
INV4	Investments	#N/A	#N/A
INV5	Investments	The adequacy of the London CIV's resources regarding investment manager appointments and ongoing monitoring of the investment strategy implementation.	12
INV6	Investments	The Fund has insufficient cash available to meet pension payments when they fall due, especially if inflation remains at sustained higher levels and contributions reduce as a result of the actuarial valuation outcome	15
INV7	Investments	The Pension Fund's actual asset allocations move away from the strategic benchmark.	12
INV8	Investments	Investment managers fail to achieve benchmark/outperform targets over the longer term: a shortfall of 0.1% on the investment target will result in an annual impact of £1.9m.	15

INV9	Investment s	#N/A	#N/A
INV10	Investment s	Mismatching of assets and liabilities, inappropriate long-term asset allocation or investment strategy, mistiming of investment strategy	9
INV11	Investment s	Strategic investment advice received from the investment consultants is inappropriate for the Fund	9

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INV12	Investment s	Financial failure of an investment manager leads to negative financial impact on the fund	8
INV13	Investment s	High inflation is sustained over the long term leading to investment underperformance and higher costs for the Fund. The current Consumer Prices Index (CPI) inflation rate is 1.7%. Inflation has remained elevated for longer than initially anticipated.	12

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Accounting			
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ACC1	Accounting	Risk of the Pension Fund's statement of accounts being delayed beyond statutory deadlines.	16
ACC2	Accounting	Internal controls are not in place to protect against fraud/mismanagement	10
ACC3	Accounting	The Pension Fund's Statement of Accounts do not represent a true and fair view of the Pension Fund's financing and assets.	15
ACC4	Accounting	Risk of misstatement of figures in the Pension Fund's accounts and potential audit qualification due to material uncertainty over year end valuations	12

ACC5	Accounting	The Pension Fund does not have robust internal monitoring and reconciliation process in place, leading to incorrect figures in the accounts	8
ACC6	Accounting	Contributions received from employers participating in the Pension Fund are not in line with what is specified in actuarial reports and adjustment certificates, potentially leading to an increased funding deficit or surplus.	8
ACC7	Accounting	The market value of assets recorded in the Statement of Accounts figures are incorrect leading to a material misstatement and potentially a qualified audit opinion.	10
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ACC8	Accounting	Inadequate monitoring of contributions and investment income leads to cash flow issues for the Pension Fund.	8

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Funding/Liability			
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FL1	Funding / Liability	There is insufficient cash available in the Fund to meet pension payments leading to investment assets being sold at sub-optimal prices to meet pension payments. LGPS benefits are uplifted by CPI inflation report in September preceding the new financial year (1 April). This figure came in at 1.7% in September 2024.	15
FL2	Funding / Liability	Impact of economic and political decisions on the Pension Fund's employer workforce. Government funding level affecting the Council's spending decisions	15

FL3	Funding / Liability	Impact of increases to employer contributions following the actuarial valuation. The next actuarial valuation is to take place as at 31 March 2025	10
FL4	Funding / Liability	Employee salary increases are significantly more than anticipated for employers participating in the Pension Fund. Persistently high inflation could potentially lead to unexpectedly high pay awards.	12
FL5	Funding / Liability	Failure of an admitted body or scheduled body leads to unpaid liabilities being left in the Pension Fund to be met by other participating employers. Current economic conditions could potentially cause strain on smaller employers.	12

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FL6	Funding / Liability	Scheme members live longer than expected leading to higher than expected liabilities.	12
FL7	Funding / Liability	Funding strategy and investment strategy are considered in isolation by the Pension Fund's decisionmakers and advisors	10
FL8	Funding / Liability	Inappropriate Funding Strategy is set at the Fund and employer level despite being considered in conjunction with the investment strategy.	10

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Administrative			
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AD1	Administrative	Structural changes in an employer's membership, including transfers out of the pension fund, closures to new membership, and situations where an employer ceases to exist with insufficient funding or bond placement	15
AD2	Administrative	Failure of cyber security measures, including information technology systems and processes, leading to loss, disruption or damage to the scheme or its members.	12
AD3	Administrative	Concentration of knowledge in a small number of officers and risk of departure of key staff.	9
AD4	Administrative	Failure of securely sent sensitive data and any unidentified data flows being sent insecurely.	8
AD5	Administrative	Incorrect data due to employer error, user error or historic error leads to service disruption, inefficiency and conservative actuarial assumptions.	12
AD6	Administrative	Failure of financial system leading to benefits to scheme members and supplier payments not being made and Fund accounting not being possible.	6
AD7	Administrative	Increase in legalistic and regulatory changes happening over a short period of time leads to a spike in work volume and potential of incorrect adoption or compliance of regulatory changes. Complexity of new regulations gives rise to heightened risk of error in calculations	15