

Croydon Council

REPORT TO:	Pension Committee 15 September 2020
SUBJECT:	Review of Risk Register
LEAD OFFICER:	Nigel Cook Head of Pensions and Treasury
CABINET MEMBER	Councillor Simon Hall Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: Sound Financial Management: This report forms an important component of the governance arrangements for the stewardship of the Pension Fund.	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: Financial risks relating to the Pension Fund are substantial and can impact on the General Fund of the Council.	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of the Pension Fund Risk Register and to comment as appropriate.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 It is recommended best practice for the Pension Committee to maintain a risk register covering the most significant risks faced by the Fund. This report presents the current register (Appendix A) for the Committee's consideration.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 Best practice recommends that a risk register is maintained by the Pension Committee recording relevant risk scenarios, together with an assessment of their likelihood and impact and appropriate mitigations. This report discusses the most significant risks relating to governance, funding, assets and liabilities and operational matters. Appendix A details these risks.

- 3.2 The Committee is invited to comment on whether it considers this list sufficiently exhaustive, whether the assessment of each risk matches its perception and on

the adequacy of existing and future controls.

- 3.3 In accordance with the Risk Management Policy, the Risk Register is to be reviewed periodically and reported to the Committee on a quarterly basis. To fit with the “quarterly” requirements a report will be presented to most meetings of the Committee.
- 3.4 Risks are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 on the likelihood of the risk occurring and its impact if it does. This allows a range of potential scores of between 1 and 25. The register shows that there are 14 significant risks for the Fund (i.e. scored 12 or higher). The portion of the register that lists those risks which scored 12 or higher is attached as Appendix A to this report.
- 3.5 Since the Committee last reviewed the Register, two risks have been added in relation to cyber security, one in respect of the effects of Coronavirus and one dealing with the potential implications of the McCloud judgement.
- 3.6 The Committee is asked to note the contents of the Pension Fund Risk Register and to comment as appropriate.

4 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial considerations arising from this report.

Approved by: Lisa Taylor, Director of Finance, Investment and Risk, S. 151 Officer.

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There are no Customer Focus, Equalities, Environment and Design, Crime and Disorder or Human Rights considerations arising from this report

6. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The Head of Litigation and Corporate Law comments on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance that there are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

Approved by: Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation and Corporate Law on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance and Deputy Monitoring Officer.

7. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

- 7.1 This report contains only information that can be publicly disclosed.

8 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Will the subject of the report involve the processing of ‘personal data’?

No.

Has a data protection impact assessment (DPIA) been completed?

No. This report relates to matters relating to the administration of the LGPS and the Croydon Pension Fund.

Approved by: Lisa Taylor, Director of Finance, Investment and Risk, S151 Officer

9. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 There are no direct workforce impacts arising from this report but the pension scheme is an important staff benefit for recruitment and retention.

Approved by: Sue Moorman, HR Director

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

APPENDIX:

Appendix A: Pension Fund Risk Register