

Croydon Council

REPORT TO:	Pension Committee 5 June 2018
SUBJECT:	Review of the 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.	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: N/A	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of the Pension Fund's 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. This report presents the current risk register for the Committee's consideration.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 Best practice recommends that a risk register is maintained by the Pension Committee recording all relevant risk scenarios, together with an assessment of their likelihood and impact and the appropriate mitigations. This report provides the Committee with a report covering risks relating to governance, funding, assets and liabilities, and operational risks.
- 3.2 The Committee is invited to comment upon whether it considers this list sufficiently exhaustive, whether the assessment of each risk matches its perception and to comment on the adequacy of future and existing controls.

- 3.3 The risk register will be reviewed periodically and brought back to the Committee for its consideration twice each year – the register was most recently reviewed in December 2017. Members will be familiar with the corporate risk register: this Pension Fund risk register is distinct from that document and an innovation in that previously the Committee has not had the opportunity to formally track risks relating to the Fund and Scheme in such a comprehensive manner.
- 3.4 As a result of a review of risks, no new risks with a risk level of 12 or above have been identified but five risks have been de-escalated:
- Academies are much better at reporting on their staff;
 - Acknowledging the governance review;
 - Recognising the London CIV is now firmly established;
 - Reflecting the S.13 GAD report; and
 - The MiFID II exercise has been completed.
- 3.5 The register shows that the most significant risks for the Scheme relate to cessation valuation debts not being paid; academies not paying contributions; and investments under-performing. The register is appended to this report – it shows only those risks that are scored 12 or higher in the current year; risks are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 on likelihood and impact giving a range of potential scores between 1 and 25. Where a risk has been down-graded to below 12 it will be taken off this report. Similarly, new risks that are scored lower than the threshold noted above, do not feature on the register.

4 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There are no further financial considerations flowing from this report.

5 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 Other than the considerations referred to above, there are no customer Focus, Equalities, Environment and Design, Crime and Disorder or Human Rights considerations arising from this report

6 COMMENTS OF THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL

- 6.1 The Solicitor to the Council comments that there are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations within the report and to the extent that the risk register itself presents matters which raise legal issues, specific advice will need to be sought from the Council's legal team.as and when such matters arise.
- 6.2 Approved by: Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation and Corporate Law, for and on behalf of Jacqueline Harris-Baker, Director of Law and Monitoring Officer.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDICES: Appendix A: Risk Register (excerpt)