
RISK REGISTER UPDATE

Report by Acting Chief Financial Officer

JOINT MEETING OF PENSION FUND COMMITTEE AND PENSION BOARD

13 December 2022

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report forms part of the risk review requirements and provides the Members of the Pension Fund Committee and Pension Board with a schedule detailing updated risks and proposed management actions to mitigate the risks.**
- 1.2 Identifying and managing risk is a corner stone of effective management and is required under the Council's Risk Management Policy and process guide and CIPFA's guidance "Delivering Governance in Local Government Framework 2007". It is further reflected and enhanced in the "Local Government Pension Scheme" published by CIPFA.
- 1.3 A virtual risk workshop was held on 4 May 2022 with Officers from relevant Departments to review and update the full risk register. The revised Risk Register was approved by the Joint Pension Fund Committee and Pension Fund Board on 29 June 2022 and then reviewed on the 15th September 2022.
- 1.4 Appendix 1 details the risks within the approved risk register which have been updated at the end of quarter 2, identified management actions and the progress of these actions to date. Four actions have been updated following the introduction of the Overpayments Policy (3.1, 5.4, 5.6 and 6.1) with the only red risk also being reviewed and updated (6.2).
- 1.5 There were no new risks identified during the review.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee and Board:**
 - (a) Note the management actions progress as contained in Appendix 1;**
 - (b) Notes no new quantifiable risks have been identified since the last review; and**
 - (c) Agrees to an update on progress of management actions to be presented, based on the quarter 3 position, in March 2023.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Identifying and managing risk is a corner stone of effective management and is required under the CIPFA guidance "Delivering Governance in Local Government Framework 2007". It is further reflected and enhanced in the "Local Government Pension Scheme" published by CIPFA.
- 3.2 The Risk Register has been developed in line with the Council's approach to risk management as set out in the "Risk Management process guide" and assesses risks using a risk score based on likelihood and impact. It has been further refined to reflect best practice "Managing Risk in the Local Government Pension Scheme" published by CIPFA.
- 3.3 The Pension Fund's Business Plan 2022/23 – 2024/25, was approved on 29 June 2022, setting out the aims and objectives of the Pension Fund. These aims and objectives fully considered and recognised in the formation and approval of the Pension Funds risk register.
- 3.4 The Council's revised Risk Management process guide uses the following risk scoring:

Level of risk	Risk score
RED	High – Risk Score Range 15-25
AMBER	Medium – Risk Score Range 6 – 12
GREEN	Low – Risk Score Range 1 – 5

- 3.5 To comply with the Council's revised policy of risk management and best practice, a Risk Management reporting cycle was developed around the performance and business plan reporting of the Pension Fund. As a result the following cycle of reporting was adopted:
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| Quarterly | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Quarterly Investment Performance Report;Key risks, escalation of any risks that are perceived to have changed adversely and any new risks need to be considered by the Committee;Update on progress of risk management action delivery. |
| Bi-Annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mid-Year Progress report on Business Plan Actions;Key risks, escalation of any risks that are perceived to have changed adversely and any new risks need to be considered by the Committee;Update on progress of risk management action delivery. |
| Annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Governance Meeting with Annual Report and Policy/Strategy Performance Reports;Annual reporting on progress with Business Plan and approval of updated Business Plan;Annual reporting on progress with Risk Management Actions and approval of fully reviewed Risk Register including consideration of any new risks. |

4 RISK REGISTER UPDATE

- 4.1 A full risk workshop was undertaken on 4 May 2022 by Officers from the Pension and Investment Team, Human Resources Shared Services and Internal Audit & Risk in order to ensure that the risk register's contents were still relevant and up-to-date. The updated full risk register was approved by the Pension Fund Committee on 29 June 2022.
- 4.2 The risk register has now been reviewed at the end of quarter 2 with progress on the individual management actions identified in the current risk register as detailed in Appendix 1. Four actions have been updated following the introduction of the Overpayments Policy (3.1, 5.4, 5.6 and 6.1) with the only red risk also being reviewed and updated (6.2).
- 4.3 There were no new risks identified during the review.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no direct financial implications of this report.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

The purpose of providing the update to the Committee and Board is to improve the risk management framework for the Pension Fund and demonstrate that the Members of the Pension Fund Committee and the Pension Board understand the risks faced and how it is proposed to manage, mitigate or tolerate these risks. The actions as contained in Appendix 1, and recommended for approval by the Committee and Board in this report, are designed to directly enhance the management of risks.

5.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no impact or relevance to Equality Duty or the Fairer Scotland Duty for this report. This is a routine good governance required under the Local Government Pension Scheme (Governance) (Scotland) Regulations 2014. Nevertheless, a light touch assessment has been conducted and this will be published on SBC's Equality and Diversity Pages of the website as in doing so, signifies that equality, diversity and socio-economic factors have duly been considered when preparing this report.

5.4 Sustainable Development Goals

There are no direct impacts from this report on the sustainable development goals of the Council.

5.5 Climate Change

There are no direct climate change impacts as a result of this report.

5.6 Rural Proofing

It is anticipated there will be no adverse impact on the rural area from the proposals contained in this report.

5.7 Data Protection Impact Statement

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.8 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

No changes to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation are required as a result of this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Service Director HR, the Clerk to the Council and Corporate Communications have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

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Background Papers:

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