



Enfield Pension Fund Risk Register

Potential impact if risk occurred

5 Catastrophic	5	10	15	20	25
4 Major	4	8	12	16	20
3 Moderate	3	6	9	12	15
2 Minor	2	4	6	8	10
1 Insignificant	1	2	3	4	5
•	1	2	3	4	5
	Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost certain

Likelihood of risk occurring

Risk Level	Impact	Probability	Risk Owners	
Level 1	Insignificant	Rare	PTM	Pensions & Treasury Manager
Level 2	Minor	Unlikely	PAM	Pensions Administration Manager
Level 3	Moderate	Moderate	PPIC/PB	Pension Policy & Investment Committee/Pensions Board
Level 4	Major	Likely	DoFC	Director of Finance & Commercial
Level 5	Catastrophic	Almost Certain	CC	Committee Clerk

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.	8
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.	4
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

Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Risk Ranking
		INVESTMENTS	
39	INV1	That the assumptions underlying the Investment and Funding Strategies are inconsistent.	4
40	INV2	That Fund liabilities are not correctly understood and as a consequence assets are not allocated appropriately.	6
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.	9

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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.	6
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) resulting in reputational damage.	10
16	GOV16	Pension fund asset pooling restricts Enfield 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	СОМ1	Members don't make an informed decision when exercising	8
		their pension options whilst employers cannot make informed	
		decisions when exercising their discretions leading to possible	
		complaints and appeals against the Fund	
51	сом2	Communication is overcomplicated and technical leading to a	6
		lack of engagement and understanding by the user (including	
		members and employers).	
52	сомз	Employer doesn't understand or carry out their legal	8
		responsibilities under relevant legislation.	
53	сом4	Apathy from members and employers if communication is	9
		irrelevant or lacks impact leading to uninformed users.	
54	COM5	Employers don't meet their statutory requirements leading to	8
		possible reporting of breaches to the Pension Regulator.	
55	сом6	Lack of information from Employers impacts on the	4
		administration of the Fund, places strain on the partnership	
		between Fund and Employer.	

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No			Ranking
		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	10
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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110		ACCOUNTING	T.G.T.K.II.B
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	Market value of assets recorded in the Statement of Accounts is incorrect leading to a material misstatement and potentially a qualified audit opinion.	10
23	ACC3	Internal controls are not in place to protect against fruad/ mismanagement.	8
24	ACC4	The Fund does not have in place a robust internal monitoring and reconciliation process leading to incorrect figures in the accounts.	8
25	ACC5	Transfers out increase significantly as members transfer to DC funds to access cash through new pension freedoms.	12
26	ACC6	Inadequate monitoring of income (contributions) leading to cash flow problems.	4
27	ACC7	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
28	ACC8	The fund fails to recover adhoc /miscellaneous income adding to the deficit.	8

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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 undergoing review with a view to deliver a first class service	10
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

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		FUNDING/LIABILITY	
56	FLI1	Funding Strategy and Investment considered in isolation by	6
		Officers, Committee and their separate actuarial and	
		investment advisors	
57	FLI2	Inappropriate Funding Strategy set at Fund and employer level	8
		despite being considered in conjunction with Investment	
		Strategy.	
58	FLI3	Inappropriate Investment and Funding Strategy set that	8
		increases risk of future contribution rate increases.	
59	FLI4	Processes not in place to capture or failure to correctly	10
		understand changes to risk characteristics of employers and	
		adapting investment/funding strategies.	
60	FLI5	Processes not in place to capture or review when an employer	5
		may be leaving the LGPS.	
61	FLI6	Processes not in place to capture or review funding levels as	10
		employer approaches exiting the LGPS.	
62	FLI7	Investment strategy is static, inflexible and does not meet	5
		employers and the Fund's objectives.	
63	FLI8	Process not in place to ensure new employers admitted to the	5
		scheme have appropriate guarantor or bond in place.	
64	FLI9	Level of bond not reviewed in light of change in employers	8
		pension liabilities.	
65	FLI10	Processes not in place to capture or review covenant of	8
		individual employers.	
66	FLI11	Processes not in place to capture and understand changes in	5
		key issues that drive changes to pension liabilities.	

			GOVERNANCE: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK					
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Controls/Mitigations	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
1	GOV1	Pension Fund Objectives are not defined and agreed leading to lack of focus of strategy to facilitate the aims of the LGPS.	Objectives defined in the Funding Strategy Statement and approved by the Pensions Committee. The Committee has approved a mission statement which summarises the overarching objectives of the Fund.	4	2	8	PPIC	Sep-21
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.	The nature of Council appointees to the Fund means that there is likely to be annual turnover of appointments to the Pensions Committee. However, the Mayor and Full Council through Pensions Board has been made aware of the consequences of constant turnover of Pensions Committee members. A comprehensive training programme that is in line with CIPFA guideine/The Pension Regulator has been developed and is continously reviewed/updated. Training needs analyses undertaken annually to identify knowledge gaps and training programme adapted accordingly New members required to complete The Pensions Regulators public service toolkit modules as a minimum requirement. All members are encouraged to attend training events (internal/external) to ensure all have adequate knowledge to perform duties as trustees of the Fund.		1	4	PPIC; PTM; DoFC	Sep-21

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Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Controls/Mitigations	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
3	GOV3	Members have insufficient knowledge of regulations, guidance and best practice to make good decisions.	Training needs analyses undertaken annually to identify knowledge gaps and training programme adapted as required. New members are required to complete The Pensions Regulators public service toolkit modules as a minimum requirement. All members are encouraged to attend training events (internal/external) to ensure all have adequate knowledge to perform duties as trustees of the Fund. Officers and advisers (statutory, independent, actuarial) are always present at meetings to provide guidance and assist Members through decision making process.	4	3	12	PTM	Mar-18
4	GOV4	Member non-attendance at training events.	A record of training events attended is a standing agenda item. The importance of attending training events is highlighted to all members at the annual introductory training event. The Committee also runs a series of internal training events which preceed or are included on the Committee meeting agenda. Member training is reported as part of the Annual Fund report.	4	2	8	PPIC	Quarterly

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			GOVERNANCE: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK					
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Controls/Mitigations	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
5	GOV5	members and/or carry out administrative duties.	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. Training and improvement plans are in place for all officers as part of the Council's performance appraisal programme.	4	1	4	DoFC	Dec-17
6	GOV6		Declaration of conflict of interest is a standing item on the agenda. All members of the Committee are required to complete	3	1	3	PPIC; CC	Quarterly
7	GOV7	The Committee's decision making process is too rigid to allow for the making of expedient decisions leading	an annual declaration of interest form. There are four Committee/Board meetings scheduled for 2017/18 municipal year. 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.	4	1	4	PPIC	Annually
8	GOV8	Known risks not monitored leading to adverse financial, reputational or resource impact.	The Committee to agree to have the risk register on the agenda for at leasdt two meetings in a municipal year to include a review of all high risk items and a periodic review of risks by category of risk.	4	1	4	PPIC	Quarterly

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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	PTM; PPIC	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	PTM	Periodically
11	GOV11	Failure to review existing contracts means that opportunities are not exploited.	The Pension Fund reviews contracts annually to ensure that the Fund receive good value. This include soft market testing where applicable to access opportunities that may benefit the Fund.	4	2	8	PTM	Annually
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 pension fund annual report on the Council's and Fund websites.	3	1	3	CC	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 Pension's Committee and Board.	3	2	6	PAM	Annually

			GOVERNANCE: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK					
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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 have highly degree of experience and knowledge about the LGPS and pension fund investments.		1	5	PTM; DoFC; PPIC	Quarterly
15	1	by The Pensions Regulator (TPR) and	Guidance (included updates) issued by TPR and SAB is reported to the Committee and the Board with gaps identified and clear timetables to address weaknesses agreed.	5	2	10	PTM	Annually

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16	GOV16	Pension fund asset pooling restricts Enfield Pension Fund's ability to fully implement a desired mandate	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. The London CIV is planning to appoint investment managers to all asset classes that the Fund is currently invested in. The Fund will be able to retain mandates not currently appointed to by the London CIV and may invest in other pools if they have a desired mandate. The Fund has a seat on the Investment and Advisory Committee of the London CIV. One of the functions of this body is to recommend implementation of mandates. The Secretary of State has stated that where transfer of assets would 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	5	2	Rating 10	PTM	Sep-21
			strategy that is dissimilar to the London CIV.					

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No					bility	Risk	sibility			
						Rating				
17	GOV17	The Fund adopts and follows ill-suited	The Investment Strategy is in accordance with LGPS	5	2	10	PTM	Sep-20		
		investment strategy.	investment regulations and it takes into consideration							
			the Funds liabilities and funding levels among other							
			things.							
			The Investment Strategy is documented, reviewed and							
			approved by the Pensions Committee.							

		LEG	GISLATION: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWO	DRK				
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
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	Officers maintain knowledge of the LGPS legal framework for routine decisions. Use of tools available on the TPR website including the Public Service Toolkit and Scheme Advisory Board Model. 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 degree of experience and knowledge about the LGPS and pension fund investments.	5	2	10	PPIC; PTM; DoFC	Quarterly
19	LEG2	Lack of access to appropriate legislation, best practice or guidance could lead to the Fund acting illegally.	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. Collaborative working with other Funds to assess requirement and impact of new legislation.	5	1	5	PPIC; PTM	Quarterly
20	LEG3	Lack of skills or resource to understand complex regulatory changes or understand their impact.	The Pension Administration Team is being restructured to ensure appropriately skilled staff are recruited and maintained.	4	2	8	PPIC; PTM; DoFC	Sep-21

		ACC	OUNTING: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK					
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba-	Overall	Respon-	Timescale
					bility	Risk	sibility	
						Rating		
21	ACC1	The Pension Fund Statement of Accounts	Qualified Accountant to produce the accounts	5	2	10	PTM;	Sep-21
		does not represent a true and fair view of	using the most up to date Statement of				DoFC	
		the Fund's financing and assets.	Recognised Practice, Accounting Code of					
			Practice, Disclosure Checklist and other relevant					
			CIPFA training materials/publications.					
			Attendance at Pensions Officers Group Meetings,					
			Based on latest Code of Practice, robust in year					
			(quarterly) monitoring / reconciliation processes.					
			Draft Statement of Accounts and working papers					
			reviewed by the Investment & Treasury Manager					
			and the Chief Accountant.					

		ACC	OUNTING: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK					
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
22		Market value of assets recorded in the Statement of Accounts is incorrect leading to a material misstatement and potentially a qualified audit opinion.	Reconciliation undertaken between the book cost and market values to the custodians book of records recieved quarterly. Further reconciliation undertaken between the custodian and investment managers' records. All adjustments (including unrealised profits) will be posted into the general ledger so that accounts can be reported created directly from AGGRESSO.	5	2	10	PTM	Sep-21

		ACC	OUNTING: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK					
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
23		Internal controls are not in place to protect against fruad/ mismanagement.	The Internal Audit plan includes dedicated hours for pensions to the review of internal controls in relation to the management and accounting of the Pension Fund. The plan is designed on a risk basis, so that areas of high risk will be subject to more frequent internal audits. Pensions feed into the process by identifying areas where improvements are required. Recommendations from internal audits of processes and controls are implemented in a timely manner to reduce or remove identified risks.	4	2	8	PTM; PAM	Sep-21
24		The Fund does not have in place a robust internal monitoring and reconciliation process leading to incorrect figures in the accounts.	A checklist of all daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly reconciliations is maintained to ensure that all tasks are completed in a timely manner. All reconciliaitons are independently reviewed and signed off by a second officer. Full reconciliation and interim accountants are prepared on a quarterly basis.	4	2	8	PTM;	Sep-21

		ACC	COUNTING: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK					
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
25		Transfers out increase significantly as members transfer to DC funds to access cash through new pension freedoms.	Monitor numbers and values of transfers out being processed and report to PC on annual basis. Periodically promote the benefits of the LGPS and the flexibility now offered following the	4	3	12	PAM; PTM	Sep-21
26		Inadequate monitoring of income (contributions) leading to cash flow problems.	revisions to the LGPS in 2014. Approximately 70% of total income to the Fund comes from contributions by the Council. Payment of contributions from employers is monitored on a monthly basis; including a full reconciliation between amount expected receipt and actual receipt. Late payers are identified and reported to the PC as part of quarterly pensions administration report. Late payers tend to be small employers in the scheme and such amounts will not have a significant impact on Fund's cashflow. Where non-payment relates to a large employer swift action is taken to chase payment.	4	1	4	PAM; PTM	Quarterly

		ACC	OUNTING: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK					
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
27		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.	Employers are sent employers contribution form at the start of each year and confirm the correct rates to be paid. Payment is monitored against expected payment quarterly. Where there are discrepancies, the employer is expected to make immediate payment to make up the shortfall - overpayments cannot be refunded. Employers making late payment are reported to the PC on a quarterly basis.	5	1	5	PAM; PTM	Quarterly
28		The fund fails to recover adhoc /miscellaneous income adding to the deficit.	All expenditure incurred by the fund on behalf of employers is recharged. Invoices are itemised and all recoverable items are identified and charged back to the relevant employer. All income recoverable, including witholding taxes on investments are itemised in the custodian reports. We will monitor the recovery and timing of this to ensure the maximum amount is recovered in a timely manner.	4	2	8	PTM;	Quarterly

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			ADMINISTRATION					
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Likeli- hood	Proba- bility	Respon-	Timescale
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.	Ensure staff are adequately trained. Appropriate checking processes. Professional advice. Close working with other Funds. Policies kept up to date and discussed at PC.	5	2	10	PAM; PTM; DoFC	Ongoing
30	ADM2	Pension structure is undergoing review with a view to deliver a first class service	This risk will be reassessed once the restructuring of the pensions team has been completed and some time has passed for the structure to be embedded.	5	2	10	PTM; DoFC	Sep-21
31	ADM3	Insufficiently trained or experienced staff leading to knowledge gaps	Training programme for staff including CIPD qualification in some places. Regular briefings and updates on LGPS changes from CIPFA and other training providers. This risk will be reasses once the restructuring of the pensions team has been completed.	4	3	12	PTM; DoFC	Ongoing
32	ADM4	Failure of pension administration system resulting in loss of records and incorrect pension benefits being paid or delays to payment.	Pensinos administration system Altair is subject to daily software backups and off-site duplication of records. The business recovery plan once implemented allows the pension administration system to be run from an alternative site.	5	1	5	PAM	Sep-21

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33	ADM5	Failure to pay pension benefits accurately leading to under or over payments.	The pension administration system, Altair, allows for all pensioner benefits to be automatically calculated by the administration system.	4	2	8	PAM	Ongoing
			Pension benefits payments are double checked by another team member before payments released.					
34	ADM6	Failure of pension payroll system resulting in pensioners not being paid in a timely manner.	Pensionepayroll system is subject to daily software backups and off-site duplication of records.	4	2	8	PAM	Ongoing
			The business recovery plan once implemented allows the pension administration system to be run from an alternative site.					
35	ADM7	Not dealing properly with complaints leading to escalation that ends ultimately with the ombudsman	The Fund has an Internal Dispute Resolution Policy (IDRP) which has been approved by the Committee.	4	2	8	PPIC; PTM; PAM; DoFC	Sep-21
			In attempting to resolve any complaints by members, the IDRP will guide officers to ensure that due process is applied through out the process.					

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36	ADM8	Data protection procedures non- existent or insufficient leading to poor security for member data	The Council's data protection policy is issued to and signed by all staff.	5	2	10	PTM; PAM	Sep-21
			The Council has in place a system that ensures pension fund data is sufficiently protected.					
			Staff trained in data protection and regularly reminded of its importance.					
37	ADM9	Loss of funds through fraud or misappropriation by officers leading to negative impact on reputation of the	Robust accounting checks and adherence with best practice including undertaking regular reconciliation of payments undertaken or	5	1	5	DoFC; PTM	Quarterly
38	ADM10	Fund as well as financial loss. 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.	received into the Fund. The selection process for recruiting officers is rigorous and focussed on the requirements of the role. Also detailed job descriptions/person specification are used to wittle down and appoint officers with the right level of skills, knowledge and experience. Training/Personal DeveloPAMent plans are put in place for each staff member following annual performance appraisal.	5	2	10	PAM; PTM; DoFC	Ongoing

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Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
39		That the assumptions underlying the Investment and Funding Strategies are inconsistent.	The Investment and Fund Strategies are reviewed and discussed at Pensions Committee. These Strategies are presented to Pensions Committee annually as part of the process of approving the Fund Annual Report. Close liaison between the Fund's actuary and strategic investment adviser.	2	2	4	PTM	Sep-21
40			Actuarial and Investment advice provided by qualified professionals and subject to peer review to ensure that it is fit for purpose.	3	2	6	PTM	Sep-21
41		strength of covenant.	Actuarial and Investment advice provided by qualified professionals and subject to peer review to ensure that it is fit for purpose. A strength of covenant analysis is undertaken by the Fund along with employer profiling to assist the Fund to understand all employers in the Scheme. The actuary uses this information when contribution rates are being set triennially.	5	2	10	PTM	Sep-21
42	INV4	advice when determining Investment Strategy.	The Fund currently utilises the services of Aon as Strategic Investment consultant to the Fund. Furthermore, the Fund employs the services of an independent adviser to assist with decisions around investments and investment strategy.	5	1	5	PTM; PPIC	Ongoing

			INVESTMENTS: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORI					
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
43	INV5	or inappropriate for Fund.	The Fund employs the services of an Strategic Investment consultant, Aon, but has also engaged an independent adviser to challenge/confirm investment/investment strategy decisions. This model ensures that Investment advice is subject to peer review to ensure that it is fit for purpose.	5	2	10	PTM; PPIC	Sep-21
44		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.	Rigorous selection process in place to ensure that Fund appoints only the best investment managers based on available information during tendering of a new mandate. Expert professional advice provided by Strategic Investment consultant/Independent adviser supporting manager selection exercise. It is a requirement of the Fund that all Investment Managers are FSA registered. Where necessary specialist search managers will be engaged to assist investment manager selection. The Funds Custodian provides a manager performance monitoring service. The performance of all investment managers is also formally monitored and reported on a quarterly basis to the Committee.	5	2	10	PTM; PPIC	Sep-21

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45		communicated to the Committee in accordance with the Fund's Governance arrangements.	The Pensions Committee receives formal quarterly reports on both the overall performance of the Fund and individual investment managers. Where appropriate members may be asked to utilise electronic decision making, such as, email to allow the Committee to make timely/urgent decisions relating to investment of fund assets.	4	1	4	PTM; CC	Sep-21
46		Fund's assets are not understood resulting in the Fund taking either too much or too little risk to achieve its	Full Investment Strategy review undertaken by Investment Consultant on triennial basis after triennial valuation with Annual/Ad-hoc Strategy reviews undertaken in intervening years to ensure the Strategy is still appropriate to achieve long term funding objectives.	5	2	10	PTM; PPIC	Sep-21
47		away from strategic benchmark.	Asset Allocations formally reviewed as part of quarterly report to Pensions Committee and necessary action will be taken to correct inbalance that is over and above the tolerance threshold.	4	3	12	PTM	Sep-21
48	INV10	cash flow is undertaken.	Annual cash flow monitoring at Fund level undertaken by Investment & Treasury Manager and utilised to inform Investment Strategy to ensure that the Fund is always able to meet its liabilities as they fall due.	5	1	5	PTM	Sep-21

			INVESTMENTS: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK	(
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
49		The risk that the investment strategy adopted by London CIV through fund manager appointments does not fully meet the needs of the Fund.	The Fund is a founding member of London CIV and is an active participant at all levels (Executive and Officer) of London CIV. Specifically, the Fund has representation at the Investment Advisory Committee and Officer's business meetings where strategies and fund manager appointments that align with the Fund's investment strategy are promoted. However, because the CIV has to reach consensus among its 32 members, there is a risk that the full complement of mandates in the Fund may not be replicated by London CIV.	3	3	9	PTM	Sep-21

		COMN	JUNICATIONS: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWO	ORK				
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale
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	Communication Strategy in place that outlines the most appropriate mode of communication and how the Fund will communicate with all stakeholders including its members and employers. Member provided with explanatory notes and guidance to enable them to make informed decision and given access to further pension support.		2	8	PAM; PTM	Sep-21
51		Communication is overcomplicated and technical leading to a lack of engagement and understanding by the user (including members and employers).	Members and Employers are provided with explanatory notes, factsheets, access to a pension help desk and a dedicated Communications Team. In addition the Fund's website provides a one stop shop for information about the Scheme and benefits.	3	2	6	PAM; PTM	Sep-21
52		Employer doesn't understand or carry out their legal responsibilities under relevant legislation.	Ensure information communicated to Employers is clear and relevant by using simple understandable wording. Where available use standard template/information from the LGPS employers association.	4	2	8	PAM; PTM	Sep-21
53	COM4	Apathy from members and employers if communication is irrelevant or lacks impact leading to uninformed users.	Ensure all communication and literature is up to date and relevant and reflects the latest position within the pensions environment including LGPS regulations and other relevant overriding legislation.	3	3	9	PAM; PTM	Sep-21

	COMMUNICATIONS: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK										
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale			
54		Employers don't meet their statutory requirements leading to possible reporting of breaches to the Pension Regulator.	Provide training to employers that is specific to their roles and responsibilities in the LGPS. Employer access to a portal with regular updates in line with legislation.	4	2	8	PAM; PTM	Sep-21			
55	COM6	Lack of information from Employers impacts on the administration of the Fund, places strain on the partnership between Fund and Employer.	All forms available on our website and Employer has access to specialist support from Fund Officers.	4	1	4	PAM; PTM	Sep-21			

	FUNDING/LIABILITY: RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK											
Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale				
56	FLI1	Funding Strategy and Investment considered in isolation by Officers, Committee and their separate actuarial and investment advisors	Funding Strategy statement has explicit links to the investment strategy. Both the scheme actuary and the investment consultant advise Officers and the Committee and work in partnership to ensure that the two strategies are compatible. The Funding Strategy once ready is presented to Committee for final review and approval.	3	2	6	PTM	Sep-21				
57	FLI2	Inappropriate Funding Strategy set at Fund and employer level despite being considered in conjunction with Investment Strategy.	Fund commissions stochastic modelling from the fund's actuary to test the likelihood of success of achieving desired returns to deliver the Fund long term objectives of being able to pay retirement benefits as they fall due. The actuary sets a high probability bar for future service return and also a deficit recovery plan that recovers funding shortfall in the most efficient manner.	4	2	8	PTM	Sep-21				

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58	FLI3	Inappropriate Investment and Funding Strategy set that increases risk of future contribution rate increases.	The Investment and Funding Strategies are considered in tandem to each. The Actuary as part of the triennial valuation reviews the Funding Strategy to take account of outcomes from the triennial valuation and sets appropriate contribution rate for each employer in the Fund. Similarly, a comprehensive review of the Investment Strategy is undertaken following a triennial valuation to ensure that the Strategy is still fit for purpose - annual and ad-hoc reviews are also undertaken where opportunities present itself.	4	2	8	PTM	Sep-21
59	FLI4	Processes not in place to capture or failure to correctly understand changes to risk characteristics of employers and adapting investment/funding strategies.	Employer monitoring database developed and updated quarterly to capture key metrics that drive an employers' liabilities. Regular profiling of employers' characteristics to ensure that assumptions are still relevant and the Funding Strategy is fit for purpose.	5	2	10	PTM; PAM	Sep-21

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Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale	
60	FLI5	Processes not in place to capture or review when an employer may be leaving the LGPS.	Employer monitoring database developed and updated quarterly to capture key metrics that drive an employers' liabilities and status within the Fund. Contract dates for admitted bodies are monitored, so that officers are aware and able to identify employers that are due to leave the Scheme.	5	1	5	PAM; PTM	Sep-21	
61		Processes not in place to capture or review funding levels as employer approaches exiting the LGPS.	Employer monitoring database developed and updated quarterly to capture key metrics that drive an employers' liabilities and status within the Fund. Contract dates for admitted bodies are monitored, so that officers are aware and able to identify employers that are due to leave the Scheme. Where an employer is admitted on a closed basis, this usually aligns with when the last active member on the employers payroll either retires or leaves the service of the employer. The Fund's actuary is notified of the need to calculate a cessation valuation 3 months before an employer is due to leave the Fund.	5	2	10	PAM; PTM	Sep-21	

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Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale	
62			The investment strategy is constantly under review and updated to ensure that the Fund is able to meets its objectives. The Investment Consultant / Independent Adviser along with officers have regular meetings to review the investment strategy and present options to the Committee for approval.	5	1	5	PTM	Sep-21	
63		Process not in place to ensure new employers admitted to the scheme have appropriate guarantor or bond in place.	The Fund's admission agreement policy require potential admitted bodies to have a	5	1	5	PAM; PTM	ongoing	

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64	FLI9	Level of bond not reviewed in light of change in employers pension liabilities.	All new admissions into the Fund are required to have a bond taken out in the name of the Fund or provide a guarantor. The Fund Actuary undertakes a periodic review of employer profiles to assess the level of risk posed by individual employers to the Fund. The results of the employer profiling exercise is a factor in determining contribution rates for each employer in the Fund, so that the level of risk posed by an employer is commensurate with the rate of recovery of funding deficit.	4	2	8	PAM; PTM	ongoing	
65	FLI10	Processes not in place to capture or review covenant of individual employers.	The strength of covenant of individual employers is assessed before they are admitteed into the Fund. The strength of covenant is a significant factor when determining the terms of admission for a new admitted body to the Fund. Along with employer profiling the employer profiling, strength of covenant of each individual employer is assessed periodically by the actuary and Head of Pensions.	4	2	8	PTM	Sep-21	

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Risk No	Cat Ref	Risk	Current Controls	Impact	Proba- bility	Overall Risk Rating	Respon- sibility	Timescale		
66		Processes not in place to capture and understand changes in key issues that drive changes to pension liabilities.	The Enfield Pension Fund subscribes to a number of organisations that assists officers of the Scheme to keep abreast of develoPAMent and changes to the Fund (including government legislation). Updates are received Local Authority Pension Fund Forum; CIPFA Pensions Network; London Pension Fund Forum. These forums/networks provide regular updates on all things local government pension and facilitates awareness of proposed or imminent changes to the LGPS or Investment regulations.		1	5	PAM; PTM	ongoing		