



## Pension Board

### 9 November 2015

<b>Title</b>	<b>Pension Fund Risk Register Review</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Chief Operating Officer
<b>Wards</b>	All
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	Appendix A – Pension Fund Risk Register
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### Summary

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2015, the General Functions Committee agreed the establishment of the Local Pension Board, the composition of the Board and the proposed terms of reference. Following a recruitment process, Full Council on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 approved the memberships and the detailed terms of reference. The Board had its first meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and agreed to review the risk register at its next meeting. An updated version of this risk register will be reviewed by Pension Fund Committee at its next meeting in January 2016.

### Recommendations

**To consider the Pension Fund Risk Register.**

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 To identify the key risks to the achievement of the Pension Fund's objectives and to ensure they are being effectively managed.
- 1.2 Following the appointment by Full Council the Board had its first meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and agreed to review the risk register at its next meeting, which is attached as Appendix A.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Under the Terms of Reference the Board is required to ensure that the Pension Fund's internal Risk Register is in place and reviewed at least annually

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 None in the context of this report.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1.1 The Pension Fund Risk register will be updated to reflect new and emerging risks with action plans to manage those risks.
- 4.1.2 Feedback from the Pension Board on the risk register will be relayed to the Pension Fund Committee who review the register annually.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 The Local Pension Board supports delivery of Council's strategic objectives and priorities as expressed through the Corporate Plan 2015-2020 by assisting in maintaining the integrity of the Pension Fund by monitoring the administration and compliance of the Fund.

### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

### **5.3 Social Value**

- 5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

### **5.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.4.1 The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015 required the Council to establish a Pension Board by 1 April 2015.

5.4.2 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, set out the terms of reference for the Local Pension Board, which include:

- Ensure the Pension Fund's internal Risk Register is in place and reviewed at least annually

## **5.5 Risk Management**

5.5.1 The London Borough of Barnet has a Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Strategy which outlines the way in which the Council will manage its risks. A key component of this is the Corporate Risk Register which details the significant corporate risks affecting the authority. As a separate entity it is appropriate that the London Borough of Barnet Pension Fund has its own Risk Register.

5.5.2 The objectives of the risk register are to:

- identify key current risks to the achievement of the Fund's objectives
- consider the risk identified and assess the likelihood of the risk occurring and the potential impact should the risk occur.
- Assess the effectiveness of risk management controls currently in place and consider whether further action is required.

5.5.2 The Risk register will be kept under review and updated to reflect the direction of travel for each risk.

5.5.3. It is intended to report at least annually to the Pension Fund Committee with significant changes reported more regularly.

## **5.6 Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 There are no Equalities and Diversity issues arising from this report.

## **5.7 Insight**

5.7.1 None in the context of this report

## **5.8 Consultation and Engagement**

5.8.1 None in the context of this report

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None.