



Surrey Local Pension Board

5 August 2021

Risk Registers 2021/22 Quarter 1

Recommendations:

The Board is asked to **note** the content of this report and the Fund Risk Register (shown as Annex 1) and the Administration Risk Register (shown as Annex 2) and **make recommendations** to the Pension Fund Committee (Committee) if required.

Background

1. A quarterly assessment of the Pension Fund and Pensions Administration risk registers will give the Board the opportunity to influence and drive the risk management process during 2020/21.
2. In a meeting of 9 February 2018 the Committee determined that future risk registers be initially reviewed by the Board and contained within the quarterly Board Report to the Committee.

The Risk Management Process

3. The risk management policy of the Surrey Pension Fund is to adopt best practice in the identification, evaluation and control of risks in order to ensure that the risks are recognised, and then either eliminated or reduced to a manageable level. If neither of these options is possible, then means to mitigate the implications of the risks should be established.
4. Each of the risk areas in each register has been assessed in terms of its impact on the Fund as a whole, on the fund employers, and on the reputation of the Pension Fund Committee and Surrey County Council as the administering authority. Assessment has also been given as to the likelihood of the risk.
5. Each of the three areas of impact identified above is assessed on a scale of one to four, with four implying the highest level of impact. The likelihood of the risk description (between one and five) is then applied to the combined impact score, which produces an overall risk score. Depending on the score, the risks are then identified as Red, Amber or Green.

6. To comply with best practice, a scoring process has been implemented, which will reassess the risk scores after the mitigating action taken to control and reduce the risks. The risk register includes a revised impact score and net risk score as a result of those mitigating actions.
7. Within the residual red risks, cost ranges are provided on the implications where possible.
8. In a meeting of 9 February 2018 the Pension Fund Committee requested that the Board add to their forward plan consideration of how the risks are measured and whether the weighting is appropriate.

Changes to existing risks in the Risk Register

9. Risks F23 and F33 in annexe 1 and risks A5, A11, A12, A13 and A23 in annexe 2 have been updated in light of current situation.

Next steps

10. The Board is asked to **note** the content of this report, the Fund Risk Register (shown as Annex 1 and the Administration Risk Register (shown as Annex 2) and **make recommendations** to the Committee if required as part of the quarterly Board Report to the Committee.

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Sources/background papers:

Annexes:

1. 2021/22 Quarter 1 Fund Risk Register
2. 2021/22 Quarter 1 Administration Risk Register