

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	LOCAL PENSION BOARD - AVON PENSION FUND	
MEETING DATE:	7 November 2017	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Risk Management Update – Risk Register	
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List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 Avon Pension Fund Risk Register Top Ten Risks		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report to update the current position of the Avon Pension Fund Risk Register and its top ten risks.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Board notes the report and comments on the Risk Register.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct implications related to the Pension Board in connection with this report.

4 REPORT - AVON PENSION FUND RISK REGISTER

- 4.1 The Risk Register identifies the significant risks that could have a material impact on the Fund in terms of value, reputation, compliance or provision of service and sets out the action taken to manage the risk.
- 4.2 The Risk Register is reviewed every quarter by the pension management team. Risks identified cannot be eliminated but can be treated via monitoring.
- 4.3 The top 10 risks are included as Appendix 1 with the full register available to view at: <S:\Pensions\Users Shared\APF Pensions Board\Risk Register>
Members will need to log into the BANES system using their token to access this file
- 4.3 The risks identified fall into the following general categories:
- (i) Fund administration & control of operational processes and strategic governance processes and TPR compliance – mitigated by having appropriate policies and procedures in place, use of electronic means to receive and send data and information
 - (ii) Service delivery partners not delivering in line with their contracts or SLAs – mitigated by monitoring and measuring performance
 - (iii) Financial loss due to payments in error, loss of assets due to investment strategy and/or managers failing to deliver required return, fraud or

negligence of investment managers or custodian – mitigated by processes to reconcile payments, regular review of strategic return and manager performance and annual review of investment strategy, robust legal contracts to protect against fraud & negligence

(iv) Changes to the scheme – mitigated by project plans with defined milestones and responsibilities, progress reviewed periodically by management team

(v) Increasing political pressure to reform scheme structure and governance frameworks and direct investment decisions – mitigated by having well defined investment policies and by engaging with the government through the consultation process

4.4 The Fund continues to invest significantly in systems and resources to ensure the risks are managed effectively and resilience is built into the service. The arrangements in place are supported by external and internal audit reviews.

4.5 Since the last report there has been an increase in the risk from the transfer of skills/knowledge from the Fund to the Brunel Pensions Partnership (risk #R28) – a significant impact in that staff have moved/been offer positions at BPP. Actions to mitigate this are being put in place.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance and there are no significant or material risks to report as this is an information report.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 A proportionate equalities impact assessment has been undertaken and there are no significant issues to report.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Report and Issues have been subject to consultation with the S151 Officer and Strategic Director of Resources.

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Background papers	
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