

Report of the Director, West Yorkshire Pension Fund, to the meeting of West Yorkshire Pension Fund Pension Board to be held on 22 September 2020.

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Subject: Risk Management

Summary statement:

West Yorkshire Pension Fund's (WYPF) latest risk management report is attached.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that WYPF's latest risk management report be noted.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

1. SUMMARY

WYPF has identified risks which have been rated and plotted on a matrix and a risk tolerance line agreed in order to prioritise the risks. The risk matrix measures each risk for its likelihood and impact in terms of its potential for affecting the ability of WYPF to achieve its objectives.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 WYPF's Risk Management Plan establishes the process for implementing proactive risk management as part of the overall management of the pension fund. The purpose of risk management is to identify potential problems before they occur, so that risk handling activities may be planned and invoked as needed to mitigate adverse effects on achieving objectives. Risk management is a continuous, forward looking process that addresses issues that could endanger the achievement of critical objectives and includes the early risk identification through the collaboration and involvement of relevant stakeholders.

2.2 The attached report sets out 44 risks associated with the operation of the WYPF, under the headings of Economic, Political, Technological, Legislative/Regulatory, Managerial/Professional, Finance, Physical, Competitive, Customer/Citizen, Social and Partnership/Contractual.

The structure of the attached report is as follows:

2.2.1 Categorisation of Risks Pages 4 to 10

2.2.2 The 21 most important risks requiring continuing scrutiny Pages 11 to 19

2.2.3 The future review and revision of risks Page 20

2.2.3 The full list of identified active risks (inc. 21 in 2.2.2 above) Pages 22 to 33

2.3 Included in the risk management report are details of the required management action/control needed to address each of the 21 most important risk identified.

2.4 Risk in overall terms will be regularly monitored to ensure the report is up-to-date and relevant in identifying risks in respect of both the current and future operational practices of the WYPF.

3. APPENDIX

Appendix A – Risk Management Plan