

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-23

PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

27TH MARCH 2023

**REPORT OF: THE DEPUTY CHIEF
EXECUTIVE AND GROUP DIRECTOR -
FINANCE, DIGITAL AND FRONTLINE
SERVICES**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8
<p>PENSION FUND RISK REGISTER – RISK REGISTER OVERVIEW</p>

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide the Committee with details of the arrangements in place to manage risk within the Pension Fund.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1.1 Note the arrangements in place for the management of risk within the Fund; and

2.1.2 Review the Risk Register (Appendix 1) and consider whether they wish to receive further detail on any issues.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The terms of reference of the Pension Fund Committee sets out its responsibilities with regard to risk management, namely:

- *To provide independent assurance to members of the Fund of the adequacy of the risk management and associated control environment, responsible for the Fund's financial and non-financial performance.*

3.2 The Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director – Finance, Digital and Frontline Services (in their capacity as S151 officer) supported by the Investment and Administration Advisory Panel with appropriate officer,

independent advisor and professional support, has delegated responsibility for all day-to-day operational matters, which includes ensuring that robust risk management arrangements are in place.

4.0 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 With regard to Risk Management, the Fund maintains a Risk Register which is reviewed and updated, as necessary and appropriate, on a quarterly basis.
- 4.2 The Risk Register is reviewed in detail and operationally by the Pension Fund Working Group, where recommended updates are made to reflect changes in risks. This is then presented to the quarterly meetings of the Investment and Administration Advisory Panel for further review, challenge and agreement.
- 4.3 Following the agreement of the updated register, it is published on the Fund Website.
- 4.4 Members will note that two new risks have been incorporated within the Register with accompanying control measures:
- Within the 'Investments' Risk Category – the risk of failure to adequately take into account climate change, climate risk and ESG factors resulting in the financial loss; and
 - Within the 'Operational' risk category – the risk of inability to comply with Pension Dashboard Staging Dates and Duties.
- 4.5 The register is also reviewed by the Pension Board, as part of their role in supporting the Fund's overall governance arrangements.
- 4.6 The updated Risk Register, dated March 2023, is attached as Appendix 1 for review and consideration by the Committee.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 This report sets out, for the Committee, the arrangements in place for the management of risk by the Pension Fund.
