

LOCAL PENSION BOARD - WORK PLAN 2022-23

Meeting:	LPB Term of Reference item	Description of scope as defined by the LPB ToR	05/05/22	18/08/22	27/10/22	01/02/23	No expected review in 2022/23	May-23	Guidance comments
GOVERNANCE - Board Specific									
Comments									
Election of Vice Chair	42	Appointments made as defined in the Board's Term of Reference				✓			Annual appointment between Member & Employer Reps. Member reps to be appointed in odd years
Board Annual Report	85	Recommendation under the legislation	✓					✓	Draft submission to the Board for their approval
Board Budget setting	78	Review & recommend to the Committee the budgetary requirements for the Board during the next Scheme year				✓			Review in conjunction with the Look Forward plan in order to anticipate future costs
Review Board's Terms of Reference (if and as required)	81g	Provide advice and make recommendations when required to the Committee on areas that may improve the effectiveness and efficient operation and governance of the Fund.				✓			This review should be in conjunction with the Committee ToR review to ensure continuity. Last reviewed in July 2020. With the ISC meetings discontinued and the Good Governance review and new Single Code of Practice published, a review in 2022/23 is anticipated.
Effective System of Governance (ORA document)	81g	Provide advice and make recommendations when required to the Committee on areas that may improve the effectiveness and efficient operation and governance of the Fund.				✓			To prepare on publication of tPR Single Code of Practice
Board Annual Training Plan Update (To include Member training policy)	80i	Review arrangements for training of Board members and those elected members and officers with delegated responsibilities for the management and administration of the Scheme.				✓			To be completed each Scheme year for subsequent inclusion in the Board's Annual Report & the Fund's AR&A. Officer training strategy attached too.
Member Training review	80i	Review arrangements for training of Board members and those elected members and officers with delegated responsibilities for the management and administration of the Scheme.	✓			✓		✓	To receive a six monthly update of both Committee and Board member training.
Effectiveness review	81g	Provide advice and make recommendations when required to the Committee on areas that may improve the effectiveness and efficient operation and governance of the Fund.				✓			3 year plan last raised with the Board on 12/12/2018. The LPB should also compare itself against its own core functions as set out in its ToR. Last completed on 24/01/2019
Training Item relevant to agenda	80i	Review arrangements for training of Board members and those elected members and officers with delegated responsibilities for the management and administration of the Scheme.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	To be consistent with Member's training & development strategy

Code of Conduct & Conflicts of Interest Policy	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Single Code of Practice and Good Governance Review					✓		3 year plan last approved on 15/10/2020. Annual reviews should be undertaken by Democratic Services in each Q4
Review Actions from previous meetings	n/a	Maintained by officers to enable Members manage their responsibilities	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Address primarily during pre-meeting planning meeting
Forward Work Plan Review	87	Maintained by officers to enable Members manage their responsibilities	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Officers to update the next Scheme year's plan in time for the new Scheme year. Annual reviews to therefore be undertaken in Q2
GOVERNANCE - Fund Specific									Comments
Review of Risk Register	81e	Review the risk register as it relates to the scheme manager function of the Administering Authority	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Quarterly review. Recommendations are made to the Committee, via LPB minutes. Redesign register on publication of code of practice
Fund update & comments on minutes of the Pension Fund Committee	80a	Review regular compliance monitoring reports which shall include reports to and decisions made under the Regulations by the Committee.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Amongst other purposes Members should use the minutes to identify risks which can be added to the register
Review Governance Compliance Statement	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.				✓			4 year plan last approved on 30/03/2021.
Review Fund Training Programme	80i	Review arrangements for training of Board members and those elected members and officers with delegated responsibilities for the management and administration of the Scheme.				✓			Complete 4 year training plan last approved on 16/12/2021. Annual reviews undertaken in Q4 each year.
Review all Fund Declarations of Interest	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.			✓				2 year plan last approved on 12/12/2020. Annual reviews should be undertaken by Democratic Services in each Q4
tPR Code of Practice 14/record keeping compliance survey results	80b	Review management, administrative and governance processes and procedures in order to ensure they remain compliant with the Regulations, Relevant Legislation and in particular the Code.	✓					✓	Annual exercise of Self-assessment by officers & reviewed by Members. Every other year the self-assessment will be independently audited. Scope to form part of the single tPR Code of Practice
Review Fund Scheme of sub-Delegations and internal controls. This should consider the Fund's internal escalation strategy	80b	Review management, administrative and governance processes and procedures in order to ensure they remain compliant with the Regulations, Relevant Legislation and in particular the Code.				✓			3 year plan last raised with the Board on 17/02/2022. To review again in the 2022/23 to include changes arising from the new Single Code of Practice and SAB Good Governance Review.
Scheme Legal, Regulatory & Fund update	n/a	A summary for Board members the latest legal, regulatory and Fund issues affecting the Pension Fund	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Quarterly update by the Head of Pensions

Review service providers, both internal & external. Include advisor appointments, processes, controls & SLAs	81b	Review the effectiveness of processes for the appointment of advisors and suppliers to the Administering Authority.			✓				Committee requested Board annually review advisors & services providers. Plus the Procurement framework by which it is done
Monitor Internal Audit Report	81d	Monitor internal and external audit reports		✓		✓			Audit recommendations actioned
Monitor External Audit Report	81d	Monitor internal and external audit reports		✓		✓			Audit recommendations actioned
Input to Annual External Audit Plan	n/a	Recommend to Committee the audit scope & timetable to be commissioned in the next Scheme year			✓				Committee to liaise with the Audit Committee concerning the scope of Council's AR&A's audit
Input to Annual Internal Audit Plan	n/a	Recommend to Committee the audit scope & timetable to be commissioned in the next Scheme year			✓				Committee to liaise with the Audit Committee concerning the scope of SWAP's audit
GOVERNANCE - Fund Plans, policies & strategies									Comments
Review Business Plan	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.				✓			3 year plan last approved on 05/04/2022. Interim review due on 23/03/2023
Review Pension Administration Strategy	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.	✓						3 year plan last approved on 17/12/2019
Review Communication strategy	80e	Review scheme members and employers communications as required by the Regulations and Relevant Legislation					Not expected		3 year plan last approved on 16/12/2021. E-communication strategy update and customer service assessment
Review Data Improvement Plan	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.						✓	All 3 year plans Data Improvement last approved on 30/09/2021. Data Protection Policy and Data Retention Policy last approved on 13/02/2020
Review Admin Charging Policy	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.	✓						2 year plan last approved on 17/12/2019
Review Admin Authority Discretions	80j	Review the complete and proper exercise of employer and administering authority discretions					Not expected		3 year plan last approved in 30/03/2021
Review Cessations policy	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.					Not expected		3 year plan last approved in 17/12/2020
Review Funding Strategy Statement	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.				✓			3 year plan last approved on 17/12/2019. Next Fund Valuation 31/03/2022
Review Compliance with FRC stewardship code	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.					Not expected		Last approved on 05/04/2022. Annually - Consider TCFD requirements as part of the process

Review Investment Strategy Statement	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.				✓			3 year plan last approved on 25/11/2021 (Ensure inclusion of MiFID II arrangements)
Review Fund "Responsible Investment Strategy"	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.			✓				To be reviewed in conjunction with the Investment Strategy Statement. To cover Climate Change Statement. To also cover topical changes on policy relating to BPP & ESG
Review the Fund's Annual Report & Accounts	80l	Review draft accounts and Fund annual Report		✓					To ensure CIPFA compliance requirements have been applied
Review Internal Audit Reports	80k	Review the outcome of internal and external audit reports		✓		✓			Three Reports in 2022/23 - Report 1: Brunel Cost Savings, Report 2: Key Financial Controls, Report 3: Payroll Reconciliation.
Review External Audit Report	80k	Review the outcome of internal and external audit reports		✓	✓				Three Reports in 2022/23 - Report 1: AR&A's - Published by 1st December, Report 2: Cyber Security, Report 3: Good Governance Review. Recommendations to feed into the commissioning of the 2023/24 audit plan
Employer Admissions Policy	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.					Not expected		3 year plan last approved in 16/07/2020
Staff & Employer Training Policy	80d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.				✓			Both every 3 years. Staff plan last approved in 14/11/2019 & Employer plan last approved in 06/08/2020
ADMINISTRATION									Comments
Review Fund fraud risk prevention and mitigation measures	80b	Review management, administrative and governance processes and procedures in order to ensure they remain compliant with the Regulations, Relevant Legislation and in particular the Code.						✓	Completed every 2 years and will be an update of the Fund's NFI & Certificate of Existence exercises. Last reviewed April 2020. To include Whistleblowing policy in 2022
Review Fund website contents/resilience	80b	Review management, administrative and governance processes and procedures in order to ensure they remain compliant with the Regulations, Relevant Legislation and in particular the Code.		✓					Also cover Cyber Security reporting on an annual basis. Cyber security last reviewed 16/12/2021
Payroll migration, i-Connect & Members Self-service update	80b	Review management, administrative and governance processes and procedures in order to ensure they remain compliant with the Regulations, Relevant Legislation and in particular the Code.		✓					Present as part of a Fund digital platform update. Progress report on take up and functional developments
Receive an annual report of an complaint & IDPR cases, including a review of the Fund's procedures	80f, 80g & 80h	Monitor complaints and performance on the administration and governance of the scheme & review the Internal Dispute Resolution Process & Pensions Ombudsman cases	✓					✓	Covered in Low Volume Performance Report.

Review of Data Security & Business Recovery	80b	Review management, administrative and governance processes and procedures in order to ensure they remain compliant with the Regulations, Relevant Legislation and in particular the Code.			✓			✓	Report set out the arrangements in place & when they were last tested. BCP last reviewed 26/03/2020. Sept. 21 Interim GDPR document updates 18/08/2022
Review GMP Rectification	81a	Monitor performance of administration, governance and investments against key performance targets and indicators		✓		✓			Regular update concerning SAP & Altair database reconciliation. To consider migration to new payroll system.
Board KPIs to monitor	81a	Monitor performance of administration, governance and investments against key performance targets and indicators	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Quarterly Administration performance reporting. Including outsourced backlog KPIs
Benchmark KPIs in Annual Report & Accounts information with other Funds	80f	Monitor complaints and performance on the administration and governance of the scheme				✓			Annual Report & Accounts must be disclosed each 1st December
Review of Annual Benefit Statement process	81a	Monitor performance of administration, governance and investments against key performance targets and indicators			✓				Percentage issued, action plan to issue outstanding ABSs & process improvement review
Review employers compliance (data)	80c	Review the compliance of scheme employers with their duties under the Regulations and Relevant Legislation			✓				Ideally incorporate with ABS review process & update on Fund's Data Improvement Plan. Establish Report Cards

FUNDING & INVESTMENTS									Comments
Review Triennial Valuation Process	n/a	Consider how the whole valuation exercise was executed & what recommendations may be made to improve the process next time				✓			Next valuation currently due 31/03/2022
Review Triennial Valuation Results	81f	Review the outcome of actuarial reporting and valuations				✓			Verify that the FSS, ISS & Valuation results are consistent
Brunel Governance review	81g	Provide advice and make recommendations when required to the Committee on areas that may improve the effectiveness and efficient operation and governance of the Fund.	✓			✓			To receive an annual update on Brunel governance and operational issues
Pension Fund budget outturn	81c	Monitor investment costs including custodian and transaction costs.		✓				✓	To receive a monitoring update on the Fund's actual expenditure against its budget for the previous Scheme Year
Treasury Management Strategy	81c	Monitor investment costs including custodian and transaction costs.						✓	Annual review, including cashflow forecasting and preferred bank account maintenance (Last reviewed 05/04/2022)
Cost transparency of BPP, Managers & the Custodian	81c	Monitor investment costs including custodian and transaction costs.		✓					To be presented in conjunction final Annual Report & Accounts
Review Investment performance against Fund's benchmarking criteria	81a	Monitor performance of administration, governance and investments against key performance targets and indicators				✓			To be presented in conjunction final Annual Report & Accounts

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