

LOCAL PENSION BOARD - WORK PLAN 2020-21

Meeting:	LPB Term of Reference item	Description of scope as defined by the LPB ToR	21/05/20	06/08/20	15/10/20	11/02/21	May 2021	Guidance comments
GOVERNANCE - Board Specific								Comments
Election of Vice Chair	n/a	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	n/a	Recommendation under the legislation	✓				✓	Draft submission to the Board for there approval
Board Budget setting	n/a	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)	86g	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 & ISC's ToR review to ensure continuity. Lasted reviewed in May 2020 and a 3 year cycle may be viewed as good governance
Board Annual Training Plan Update	85i	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 following each Scheme year for subsequent inclusion in the Board's Annual Report & the Fund's AR&A. Officer training strategy attached too.
Training Item relevant to agenda	85i	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	85d	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
Effectiveness review	86g	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
Forward Work Plan Review	n/a	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 Q1
GOVERNANCE - Fund Specific								Comments
Review of Risk Register	86e	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
Fund update & comments on minutes of PC & ISC	85a	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	85d	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 21/06/2018. (Note: To be reviewed on receipt of final SAB Good Governance report)

Review Fund Training Programme	85i	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 3 year training plan last approved on 12/12/2018. Annual reviews undertaken in Q4 each year.
Review all Fund Declarations of Interest	85d	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	85b	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 & review by Members. Every other year the self-assessment will be independently audited
Review fund delegations and internal controls. Include the Fund's escalation policy	85b	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 11/10/2018
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 external advisor appointments process/controls and internal SLAs	86b	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	86d	Monitor internal and external audit reports			✓			Audit recommendations actioned
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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 Deloitte'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	85d	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 24/03/2019 Intermin review 26/03/2020
Review Pension Administration Strategy	85d	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	85e	Review scheme members and employers communications as required by the Regulations and Relevant Legislation	✓				✓	3 year plan last approved on 17/12/2019. E-communication strategy update
Review Data Improvement Plan	85d	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 24/03/2019. To include a Data Retention Strategy update
Review Admin Charging Policy	85d	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 12/12/2018
Review Admin Authority Discretions	85j	Review the complete and proper exercise of employer and administering authority discretions		✓				4 year plan last approved in December 2015

Review Cessations policy	85d	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 in September 2018
Review Funding Strategy Statement	85d	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 Compliance with FRC stewardship code	85d	Review such documentation as is required by the Regulations including the Governance Compliance Statement, Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.				✓		Annually
Review Investment Strategy Statement	85d	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 (Ensure inclusion of MiFID II arrangements)
Review Fund "Responsible Investment Strategy"	n/a		✓					
Review the Fund's Annual Report & Accounts	85l	Review draft accounts and Fund annual Report		✓			✓	To ensure CIPFA compliance requirements have been applied
Review Internal Audit Report	85k	Review the outcome of internal and external audit reports		✓				Annually covers Key Controls, MiFID II, GDPR & Pension Fund Transfers. Every two years Code of Practice 14
Review External Audit Report	85k	Review the outcome of internal and external audit reports		✓				Published by 1st December
New Employer Admissions Policy	n/a	Policy drafted as part of the 2020/21 Business Plan	✓					
New Employer Training Policy	n/a	Policy drafted as part of the 2020/21 Business Plan		✓				
ADMINISTRATION								Comments
Review employers compliance (data)	85c	Review the compliance of scheme employers with their duties under the Regulations and Relevant Legislation			✓	✓		Incorporate with ABS review process & update on Fund's Data Improvement Plan.
Review Fund fraud risk prevention and mitigation measures	85b	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
Review Fund website contents/resilience	85b	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.		✓				To also cover Cyber Security reporting on an annual basis
Receive an annual report of an complaint & IDPR cases, including a review of the Fund's procedures	85f, 85g & 85h	Monitor complaints and performance on the administration and governance of the scheme & review the Internal Dispute Resolution Process & Pensions Ombudsman cases	✓					To cover Muse Advisory & annual confirmation of the appointment of an adjudicator by each Employer
Review Fund Communications (employers/members)	85e	Review scheme members and employers communications as required by the Regulations and Relevant Legislation			✓			To provide templates of key Fund documentation & evidence its compliance
Review of Data Security & Business Recovery	85b	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
Review GMP reconciliation process	86a	Monitor performance of administration, governance and investments against key performance targets and indicators			✓			Annual update of SAP & Altair reconciliations, plus GMP Rectification process

Board KPIs to monitor	86a	Monitor performance of administration, governance and investments against key performance targets and indicators	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Quarterly Administration performance reporting
Benchmark KPIs in Annual Report & Accounts information with other Funds	85f	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	86a	Monitor performance of administration, governance and investments against key performance targets and indicators			✓			Percentage issued, action plan to issue outstanding ABSs & process improvement review
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	86f	Review the outcome of actuarial reporting and valuations	✓					Verify that the FSS, ISS & Valuation results are consistent
Cost transparency of BPP, Managers & the Custodian	86c	Monitor investment costs including custodian and transaction costs.	✓				✓	To be presented in conjunction with the draft Annual Report & Accounts
Review Investment performance against Fund's benchmarking criteria	86a	Monitor performance of administration, governance and investments against key performance targets and indicators	✓				✓	To be presented in conjunction with the draft Annual Report & Accounts
Total number of Agenda Items:			17	14	17	16	13	