

Risk Register for Fire Pensions

Risk number	Date identified	Risk area	Risk description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk score	Control measure / mitigation	Likelihood after mitigation	Impact after mitigation	Risk score after mitigation	Risk owner
1	12/05/2017	Operations	Failure to administer the pension scheme in a proper and effective manner	2	3	6	a) Liaison with employer b) End of Year c) Employer hub (UPM access) d) Fire Employer Group & Pensions Admin Group e) Fire Pension Board f) Management oversight and escalation to Chief Finance Officer for HIWFRA or Standard's & Governance Committee or Director of Operations as appropriate g) Diversification – we run a Shared Services arrangement h) Ability to call in temporary staff for peak workloads i) Business continuity plan	1	3	3	Scheme Manager
2	12/05/2017	Financial	Failure to pay the right amounts on time and in line with legislation	3	3	9	Pensions Services: - a) Testing software b) Internal and External Audits c) Standardisation of systems and processes d) All processes and calculation have a "doer" and a separate "checker" e) Monthly mortality screening for pensions in payment f) Declaration of Entitlement forms annually to pensioners and beneficiaries living overseas or upon mail being returned g) Participation in National Fraud Initiative reporting	2	3	6	Pension Administrator
3	12/05/2017	Funding	Failure to adequately account for fund pension contributions	2	4	8	a) Strong financial plan for HIWFRA b) Planned budget c) Aim to complete all Home Office returns on time	1	4	4	Scheme Manager
4	12/05/2017	Regulatory and Compliance	Failure to identify and interpret and implement legislation correctly	3	4	12	a) Scheme Advisory Board b) Local Government Association (LGA) c) Regional Fire Pension Officer Group d) Fire Technical Group e) Fire Communication Working Group f) Fire Pension Board g) Employer Pension Manager as a dedicated resource liaising between - Fire Employer Group & Pensions Admin Group, pulling together - Key Accountabilities for IBC Pensions Admin Team, HR and Hampshire Pension Services	1	4	4	Scheme Manager
5	08/10/2020	McCloud	Failure to successfully implement the McCloud remedy to all affected members within the timescales prescribed	3	4	12	a) Communications are developed in a timely manner b) Project is managed effectively with robust plans, reporting and escalation c) Key involvement from the Employer Pension Manager with the Cross Whitehall Project Management Group and the Home Office Technical Working Group as well as the Fire Technical Group and the Fire Communications Working Group to ensure all information is received d) Work across departments to be co-ordinated from the McCloud Remedy Working Group	2	4	8	Scheme Manager
6	25/03/2022	Matthews	Failure to obtain all relevant information from IoW Council or to successfully implement the Matthews remedy for HIWFRA to all affected members within the timescales prescribed.	2	3	6	a) Liaison with IoW Council, IBC Pensions Admin Team and Hampshire Pension Services b) Communications are developed in a timely manner c) Project is managed effectively with robust plans, reporting and escalation d) Key involvement from the Employer Pension Manager with the Matthews Technical Working Group as well as the Fire Technical Group and the Fire Communications Working Group to ensure all information is received e) Work across departments to be co-ordinated from the Fire Employer Group	2	2	4	Scheme Manager
7	31/01/2023	Staffing	Failure to adequately resource the pension administration team for the upcoming McCloud and Matthews remedy implementations as well as Pensions Dashboards	3	3	9	a) Staff recruited specifically for McCloud tasks or to backfill positions so more experienced staff can be released for project b) Job adverts revised to attract more staff to work in Hampshire Pension Services c) Training programmes put in place for staff to aid retention and to build skills, experience and knowledge	2	2	4	Pension Administrator
8	21/03/2023	Changes to Shared Services	Changes to the Shared Services partnership mean that HIWFRA is withdrawing from some strategic services, including HR. There is a risk that changes could negatively impact on the employer pension management shared function which sits within HR.	4	3	12	This risk is now mitigated as follows:- a) Inclusion of pension expertise in future HR structure b) Additional support from pension services and IBC pensions administration c) Interim project management support from with HIWFRS for pensions issues until new HR structure is in place	3	4	12	Scheme Manager