

# The Board of the Pension Protection Fund

**Statement of Operating Principles** 

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**Delegation of the Board's Powers** 

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## Defined terms and interpretation

Capitalised defined terms used in this document will have the following meanings:

| 2004 Act                | the Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35)                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2008 Act                | the Pensions Act 2008 (c. 30)                                                                                                                                           |
| 2011 Act                | the Pensions Act 2011 (c. 19)                                                                                                                                           |
| Administration Levy     | the 'administration levy' provided for under s.117 of the 2004 Act                                                                                                      |
| Board                   | the <i>Board of the Pension Protection Fund</i> , the statutory body corporate established under s.107 of the 2004 Act                                                  |
| Board Committees        | has the meaning given in paragraph 6.4 of Part A (Statement of Operating Principles)                                                                                    |
| Cost Centre Manager     | a member of Board staff approved as a Cost Centre<br>Manager by an ExCo Member and notified to the<br>Finance Team                                                      |
| ExCo Direct Report      | a member of Board staff performing a management<br>role who is directly line-managed by an ExCo Member                                                                  |
| ExCo Member             | any member of the Board's Executive Committee                                                                                                                           |
| Executive Board Member  | an member of Board staff who is also appointed as an<br>ordinary member of the Board in accordance with<br>Schedule 5 to the 2004 Act, including the Chief<br>Executive |
| FAS                     | the <i>Financial Assistance Scheme</i> provided for under s.286<br>of the 2004 Act and established under the FAS Regs                                                   |
| FAS Regs                | the Financial Assistance Scheme Regulations 2005                                                                                                                        |
| FCF                     | the <i>Fraud Compensation Fund</i> , the statutory fund referred to in s.110(1)(b) of the 2004 Act                                                                      |
| Framework Document      | The <i>Framework Document</i> agreed by the Board and <i>the Department for Work and Pensions</i> , as applicable from time to time                                     |
| Fraud Compensation Levy | the 'fraud compensation levy' provided for under s.189<br>of the 2004 Act                                                                                               |
| Initial Levy            | the 'initial levy' provided for under s.174 of the 2004 Act                                                                                                             |

| Managing Public Money     | the <i>Managing Public Money</i> guidance published by <i>HM Treasury,</i> as applicable from time to time                          |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pension Protection Levies | the 'risk-based pension protection levy' and 'scheme-<br>based pension protection levy' provided for under s.175<br>of the 2004 Act |
| PPF                       | the <i>Pension Protection Fund</i> , the statutory fund referred to in s.110(1)(a) of the 2004 Act                                  |

## Part A: Statement of Operating Principles

- 1.1. The Board is a body corporate established under s.107 of the 2004 Act. The Board's primary functions are set out in the 2004 Act and the 2008 Act and in regulations made under those laws.
- 1.2. This **Statement of Operating Principles** sets out the way in which the Board will discharge its functions.
- 1.3. Where the Board has elected to delegate its functions to its committees, sub-committees, executive members or staff, those delegations are set out in Part B (*Delegation of the Board's Powers*). Part B also sets out the powers and responsibilities that the Board has reserved to itself.

#### 2. Membership of the Board

- 2.1. The composition of the Board is governed by Schedule 5 of the 2004 Act.
- 2.2. The members of the Board comprise the Chair, the Chief Executive and at least five ordinary members, of whom at least two must be appointed from the Board's staff. The Chair must not be a member of Board staff.
- 2.3. The Chief Executive and the members appointed from the Board's staff are 'executive members'. The other members are 'non-executive members'. The majority of the members must be non-executive members.

#### 3. Meetings

- 3.1. The members will meet as frequently as is needed to discharge the functions of the Board, normally six or seven times each year.
- 3.2. The dates, times and locations of meetings will be determined by the Chair and notified to the members. If the Chair does not give notice of meetings, the Chief Executive may do so instead.
- 3.3. Members may take part in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or other communication equipment that allows all participants in the meeting to speak to and hear each other. A person participating in a meeting in this way will be treated as being present at the meeting and is entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum. Such a meeting will be treated as taking place where most of the participants are or, if there is no such place, at the place where the Chair is.

#### 4. Decision-making

- 4.1. A minimum of four members, the majority of whom must be non-executive members are required for a meeting to be quorate. This number does not include any non-voting executive members (see 4.2 below) or members who have withdrawn (see 5.4 below).
- 4.2. If, at any time, there is not a majority of non-executive members, one or more executive members may be declared non-voting for the purposes of that meeting (or specific matter

within the meeting) so there is a majority of non-executive members who may vote on a particular matter. A non-voting executive member is entitled to remain at the meeting and speak on any matter under discussion, but may not vote.

4.3. Decisions shall be taken by a majority of those members who are present and voting on the relevant matter. The Chair shall have the casting vote in the event that a vote is tied. Any member may require the Board Secretary to record their specific vote in the record of the meeting.

#### 5. Attendance at meetings

- 5.1. All members (other than in the circumstances described in 4.1 or 5.4 shall be entitled to attend, speak and vote on any matter at all meetings.
- 5.2. The Chair may invite other people to attend meetings, either for the duration of the meeting or particular items of business. Such attendees may speak on any matter but are not entitled to vote.
- 5.3. The Chair will preside at each meeting. In the Chair's absence a non-executive member will be elected at the meeting to preside in the Chair's place.
- 5.4. If a member has a personal interest in any subject matter under discussion at a meeting, they must disclose their interest before the matter is considered or as soon as their interest becomes apparent. If required to do so by the Chair, the member shall then withdraw from the meeting.
- 5.5. If a member has an interest that a member of the public, informed of the facts, might reasonably conclude would reasonably affect the member's perception of the public interest, then that member must:
  - (a) withdraw from the meeting during consideration of that matter;
  - (b) not vote on the matter; and
  - (c) not seek to affect the determination of the matter.
- 5.6. Any member who has withdrawn from a meeting shall not be counted in the quorum present in that meeting for the relevant matter.
- 5.7. No determination of any matter shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of a personal interest which has not been disclosed.

- 6.1. The Board is required to establish a *Non-Executive Committee* and a *Reconsideration Committee*, and may establish such additional committees as it considers appropriate for the discharge of its functions.
- 6.2. Any Board committee (other than the *Reconsideration Committee* and *Decision Committee*) may establish such sub-committees as it considers appropriate for the discharge of its functions.
- 6.3. At the date of this Statement:
  - (a) the Board has established:
    - (i) an *Investment Committee*;
    - (ii) a *Reconsideration Committee*;
    - (iii) a Decision Committee;
    - (iv) a Nomination Committee; and
    - (v) a Non-Executive Committee; and
  - (b) The *Non-Executive Committee* has established two sub-committees:
    - (i) a Risk and Audit Committee; and
    - (ii) a *Remuneration Committee*,

together, referred to as the "Board Committees".

6.4. The Board will determine the terms of reference (including requirements as to procedure and quorum) for any Board Committee, except where a committee discharges the non-executive functions listed under s.112 of the 2004 Act, in which case the terms of reference will be determined by the *Non-Executive Committee*. Paragraph 3.3 above (meetings by telephone etc.) shall in any case apply to all meetings of all Board Committees in the same way it applies to meetings of the Board's members.

#### 7. The power to delegate

- 7.1. The 2004 Act specifically grants certain functions to the *Reconsideration Committee* and the *Non-Executive Committee*. The *Non-Executive Committee* may authorise any sub-committee which it establishes to discharge any of its functions on the committee's behalf.
- 7.2. The Board may arrange for the exercise of any of its functions (other than those specifically granted to the *Reconsideration Committee* and *Non-Executive Committee*) to be undertaken on its behalf by:
  - (a) a committee (other than the *Reconsideration Committee* or *Non-Executive Committee*);

- (b) a sub-committee;
- (c) any Executive Board Member; or
- (d) any member of the Board's staff, which, by virtue of paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 to the 2004 Act, includes government secondees.
- 7.3. Where the Board has authorised the *Investment Committee* to exercise any functions on its behalf, the Board also hereby authorises:
  - (a) any sub-committee of the *Investment Committee* to exercise on the Board's behalf such of those functions as the *Investment Committee* may assign to that sub-committee; and
  - (b) each of the executive members, and all members of staff, to exercise on the Board's behalf such functions as the *Investment Committee* or its sub-committees assign to them.
- 7.4. The Board's intention is that (unless otherwise stated) functions delegated to executive members shall be performed by such members of Board staff as may be required to discharge those functions in the normal course of their duties. Accordingly, the Board authorises the discharge of functions expressed to be delegated to executive members by any members of staff to whom those functions may be assigned, whether directly by or under the authority of the appropriate executive member.
- 7.5. The Board may also arrange for a limited range of its functions to be exercised on its behalf by a member or staff or by a third party on the Board's behalf, as provided for in paragraph 18 to Schedule 5 of the 2004 Act (as amended by s.123 of the 2008 Act).

## Part B: Delegation of the Board's powers

#### 1. Principles for delegation

- 1.1. These delegations supplement the rules set out in the 2004 Act, 2008 Act and regulations about how the Board undertakes its functions. They are not intended to override those rules and, in the event of any conflict, it is the rules contained in the legislation that take precedence.
- 1.2. While the Board remains responsible for the determination of its strategic direction and for securing the proper and effective discharge of its functions, it has determined that the most appropriate way to discharge most of those functions is to delegate them to committees, sub-committees, executive members and Board staff.
- 1.3. The Board has also determined that it is appropriate for the identity of members of staff authorised to perform functions stated to be delegated to the Chief Executive under the list of current delegations in paragraph 4 (*Delegations*) below to be determined by senior managers responsible under the authority of the Chief Executive for the effective discharge of those functions.
- 1.4. The current delegations made by the Board are set out in paragraph 4 (*Delegations*) below. The Board will regularly review these delegations and may amend them from time-to-time. The chair of the relevant delegating committee or sub-committee, or the Chief Executive for executive matters, is responsible for maintaining an up-to-date list of such delegations.
- 1.5. All delegated powers are to be exercises within the policies, procedures and budget approved by the Board. Only the Board may change such policies, procedures and budgets.
- 1.6. Where a delegated matter falls to be decided upon by a committee, sub-committee, executive member or member of Board staff, the decision-taker must consider whether their proposed decision on the matter:
  - (a) is contrary to, or not wholly in accordance with, any policy, procedure or budget approved by the Board; or
  - (b) raises any new issue of policy which it is appropriate for the Board to determine, and

in either case the decision-taker will refer the matter to the delegator, who will report the matter for determination by the Board.

- 1.7. When considering any delegated matter which falls to be decided by a committee, subcommittee, executive member or member of Board staff, the decision-taker may at any stage decide that it is more appropriate for the matter to be determined at a higher level (for example where the matter might be controversial or relates to public interest factors). In such cases the decision maker will refer the matter to the appropriate higher level for decision.
- 1.8. Where a matter is delegated, whether directly by the Board or indirectly by a committee, sub-committee or executive member, the delegator may at any time before the delegatee has taken their decision, notify the delegatee that the delegation has been withdrawn and

- 1.9. The appropriate executive member will report to the Board on the principles by which authority is assigned to members of staff under 1.3 above by that executive member.
- 1.10. The Chief Executive is responsible for maintaining a record of any decisions by members of staff in relation to executive matters.

#### 2. Reporting and recording of delegated decisions

- 2.1. The chair of each committee (or, in their absence, a member of the committee) shall report the record of decisions of the committee to a meeting of the Board's members.
- 2.2. The chair of each sub-committee (or, in their absence, a member of the sub-committee) shall report the record of decisions of the sub-committee to the parent committee.
- 2.3. The Chair, or a chair of a committee or sub-committee (or, in their absence, a member of the committee or sub-committee) shall be responsible for maintaining a record of any decisions of a Board meeting, committee or sub-committee.
- 2.4. Where the chair of a committee or sub-committee, or the Chief Executive, considers that a decision which has been taken will be of interest to the members of the Board, or of a committee or sub-committee, they shall be responsible for ensuring that the decision is notified to the members of the Board, or to the members of the relevant committee or sub-committee. The notification may be by means of a formal written report or another appropriate communication in writing.

#### 3. Matters which are the direct responsibility of the Board

- 3.1. The Board is directly responsible for certain matters, including the appointment of Board members, the establishment of Board Committees and the appointment of members of those committees. Details of the Board's Reserved Matters are set out in section 5 (*Matters Reserved to the Board*) below.
- 3.2. The members of the Board will also approve the Strategic Framework within which the Board will operate. Delegated and/or authorised decision makers may implement further operational policies to support the day-to-day implementation of the Strategic Framework.

#### 4. Delegation of functions under amended or supplementary legislation

Where the Board has delegated a matter and legislation is introduced that supplements or varies the legislation governing that matter, then the committee, sub-committee, executive member or member of Board staff to whom the original delegation was granted will also be entitled to exercise any amended functions or powers relating to the delegated matter and any new supplementary powers or functions connected to it.

#### 5. Matters reserved to the Board

#### STRATEGY

Setting priorities for the organisation

| Area                                                                                                                                                                                          | On the recommendation of | Notes |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Approving the strategic direction of the organisation (including ratification of the Strategic Plan and the Business Plan), which will include high level communications, HR and ESG strategy |                          |       |
| Approving the funding strategy of the organisation                                                                                                                                            | Executive                |       |
| Approving the risk appetite of the organisation                                                                                                                                               | Executive                |       |

#### GOVERNANCE

Defining and monitoring the organisation's responsibilities and performance

| Area                                                                                     | On the recommendation of | Notes |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Scrutinising the performance of the organisation against the objectives set by the Board |                          |       |

| Area                                                                                        | On the recommendation of                            | Notes                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Approving operating budgets and plans<br>for recommendation to the Secretary of<br>State    | Executive                                           |                                                                             |
| Responding to the Secretary of State's consultation on Grants, Administration Levy and Fees | Department for Work and<br>Pensions                 |                                                                             |
| Approval of any proposed extension of the organisation's remit                              | Government/Executive                                | The Board must ensure that no decision is ultra vires.                      |
| Approving the <i>Annual Report &amp; Accounts</i> for submission to the Secretary of State  | Risk & Audit Committee                              |                                                                             |
| Ratification of any major capital contracts                                                 | Executive                                           |                                                                             |
| Board succession planning                                                                   | Non-Executive Committee                             | The Secretary of State is responsible for appointing the Chair of the Board |
| Changes to the structure of the Board                                                       | <i>Non-executive Committee</i> and/<br>or Executive |                                                                             |

| Area                                                           | On the recommendation of | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Appointments to the Board                                      | Nomination Committee     | <ul> <li>Appointments of "ordinary" members and the Chief Executive are made by the Board. The Chair is responsible for determining the terms and conditions of Non-Executive Members at appointment subject to the approval of the Secretary of State; who determines the remuneration of Non-Executive Members.</li> <li>The Non-Executive Committee (or a sub-committee of this committee) is responsible for determining the terms and conditions for the Chief Executive in relation to remuneration subject to the approval of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State determines other terms and conditions for the Chief Executive for the Chief Executive in the Chief Executive. The Non-Executive Committee (or a sub-committee of this committee) and the Chief Executive are responsible for setting the terms and conditions of other Executive Board Members subject to the approval of the Secretary of State has the right to appoint "ordinary" members if</li> </ul> |
|                                                                |                          | there are fewer than five in post.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Appointment of the Senior Independent<br>Director              | Chair                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Appointment of Board Committee<br>Chairs/ Committee Membership | Chair                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Area                                                                                        | On the recommendation of                                                                                      | Notes |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Approval of the terms of reference of<br>Committees of the Board                            | Currently:<br>Investment Committee<br>Decision Committee<br>Reconsideration Committee<br>Nomination Committee |       |
| Annual Board performance evaluation                                                         | Chair/ Chief Executive                                                                                        |       |
| Approving any changes to corporate governance arrangements for the Board and its Committees | Non-Executive Committee                                                                                       |       |
| Statement of Operating Principles and Schedule of Delegations                               | Executive                                                                                                     |       |
| Determining the Matters Reserved to the Board                                               | Chair/Chief Executive                                                                                         |       |

#### APPROVAL OF HIGH-LEVEL DECISIONS

Taking key decisions for the organisation

The table below is non-exhaustive, setting out examples of types of high-level decisions taken by the Board.

| Area                                                                                                              | On the recommendation of | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Statement of Investment Principles</i><br>(Where material changes are proposed)                                | Investment Committee     | Non-material changes may be approved by the <i>Investment Committee</i> , subject to the <i>Investment Committee</i> referring the <i>Statement of Investment Principles</i> to the Board every three years if no material changes have been accepted during that period; |
| Approving the levy quantum annually,<br>including approval of the principles for<br>making the Levy Determination |                          | The Chief Executive has delegated authority to make the final Determination (see section 6.7 ( <i>Levies</i> ) below)                                                                                                                                                     |
| Approving any decision to vary rates of<br>indexation and revaluation for<br>compensation payments                | Executive                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

#### 6. Delegations

#### ESTABLISHMENT

#### Chapter 1, 2004 Act

#### 6.1. <u>Establishment and general provisions about functions</u>

| Legislative<br>provisions           | Delegatee       | Delegated power                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Exceptions                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ss.107-111, 2004<br>Act             | Chief Executive | General power to do anything which, in their opinion, is calculated to facilitate the exercise of the Board's functions or which is incidental or conducive to their exercise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Any functions reserved to the Board or specifically delegated to a committee or sub-committee. |
|                                     | Chief Executive | Power to commence, join, pursue, defend, settle or otherwise<br>participate in legal proceedings on the Board's behalf where<br>they are of the opinion that it is appropriate to do so in order<br>to protect the Board's interests or to secure the effective<br>discharge of its functions.                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                |
| Para. 13(1), Sched.<br>5, 2004 Act  | Chief Executive | Power to appoint employees of the Board.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                |
| Paras. 18/19,<br>Sched. 5, 2004 Act | Chief Executive | <ul> <li>Power to make arrangements for the exercise of the functions contained in paragraph 18 of Schedule 5 to the 2004 Act and the delegation of review functions under paragraph 19 of Schedule 5 to the 2004 Act (as amended by s.123 of the 2008 Act).</li> <li>The arrangements that the Chief Executive approves may provide that any person, not necessarily being a member of staff, may exercise these functions.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                |

| Legislative<br>provisions       | Delegatee                                                                         | Delegated power                                                           | Exceptions                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Para. 20, Sched. 5,<br>2004 Act | Executive member<br>of the Board<br>OR<br>Member of the<br>Executive<br>Committee | General power to authenticate the fixing of the common seal of the Board. | No other member of Board staff (or other<br>person) may be authorised to exercise<br>this function under paragraph 1.3. |

#### 6.2. <u>Non-executive functions</u>

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee                  | Delegated power                         | Exceptions |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| S.112, 2004 Act           | Non-Executive<br>Committee | All non-executive functions under s.112 |            |

#### 6.3. <u>Financial matters</u>

| Legislative provisions    | Delegatee               | Delegated power                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Exceptions |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| S.113(1)-(3),<br>2004 Act | Investment<br>Committee | Exercise of Board's investment powers in relation to matters<br>identified as responsibilities of the committee in the<br>Statement of Investment Principles and the Investment<br>Committee Terms of Reference |            |

| Legislative<br>provisions  | Delegatee               | Delegated power                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Exceptions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                            | Chief Executive         | Exercise of Board's investment powers for any other purposes<br>within framework set in <b>Statement of Investment Principles</b><br>and decisions made by Board and <i>Investment Committee</i>                              | Functions reserved to Investment<br>Committee and ALCo in <b>Statement of</b><br><b>Investment Principles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| S.113(4)-(6),<br>2004 Act  | Investment<br>Committee | Functions relating to the framework and processes for the appointment of fund managers identified in the <b>Statement of</b><br><b>Investment Principles</b> and the <b>Investment Committee</b><br><b>Terms of Reference</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                            | Chief Executive         | All other functions relating to appointment of fund managers                                                                                                                                                                  | Functions reserved to Investment<br>Committee and ALCo in <b>Statement of</b><br><b>Investment Principles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| S.114, 2004 Act            | Investment<br>Committee | Preparation and recommendation of Statements of<br>Investment Principles and approval on non-material changes.                                                                                                                | Approval of material changes reserved to<br>the Board.<br>Statement of Investment Principles must<br>be referred to the Board every three<br>years if no material changes have been<br>made during that period.<br>Board responsible for approval of first<br>Statement of Investment Principles. |
| S.115, s.115A, 2004<br>Act | Chief Executive         | Borrowing powers                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee       | Delegated power                                         | Exceptions                                                  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ss.116-118,<br>2004 Act   | Chief Executive | Powers relating to grants, Administration Levy and fees | Board will respond to the Secretary of State's consultation |

#### 6.4. <u>Annual reports to the Secretary of State</u>

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee                  | Delegated power                  | Exceptions |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| S.119, 2004 Act           | Non-Executive<br>Committee | All functions under this section |            |

#### INFORMATION RELATING TO EMPLOYERS' INSOLVENCY

Chapter 2, 2004 Act

#### 6.5. Information relating to employers' insolvency

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee       | Delegated power                    | Exceptions |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Ss.120-125,<br>2004 Act   | Chief Executive | All functions under these sections |            |

#### PENSION PROTECTION

Chapter 3, 2004 Act

#### 6.6. Eligible schemes and valuation

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee       | Delegated power                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Exceptions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ss.126-173,<br>2004 Act   | Chief Executive | All functions under these sections Includes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (a) Delegation is subject to the general principles set by the Board within which the Chief Executive is to act.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                           |                 | <ul> <li>Changes to Schedule 7 of the 2004 Act set out in ss.101 and 122, and Schedules 2 and 8, of the 2008 Act;</li> <li>Changes to s.173 of the 2004 Act set out in s.123 of the 2008 Act;</li> <li>Changes to the 2004 Act set out in s.22 and Schedule 4 of the 2011 Act; and</li> <li>Changes to Schedule 7 of the 2004 Act set out in s.50 and Schedule 20 of the 2014 Act.</li> </ul> | (b) Certain schemes may be nominated<br>by the Board for closer scrutiny. For<br>these nominated schemes the Chief<br>Executive is responsible for securing<br>the undertaking of all preparatory<br>work required for presentation of a<br>report to a Board meeting or<br>appropriate committee for final<br>decision. |
|                           |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | (c) The Chief Executive is to<br>recommend any variance to<br>indexation and revaluation rates for<br>final approval by the Board.                                                                                                                                                                                       |

#### 6.7. <u>Levies</u>

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee       | Delegated power                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Exceptions |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| S.174, 2004 Act           | Chief Executive | Functions under this section relating to the Initial Levy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |
| Ss.175-181,<br>2004 Act   | Chief Executive | <ul> <li>Chief Executive is instructed to undertake all preparatory work, including the maintenance of up-to-date scheme data and to prepare a report recommending the principles upon which the statutory determinations are to be made for approval by the Board.</li> <li>Subject to the Board's approval of those principles, the Chief Executive shall approve the final form of the statutory determination for publication on or before 31 March preceding the levy year to which it relates.</li> </ul> |            |

#### FRAUD COMPENSATION

Chapter 4, 2004 Act

#### 6.8. <u>Fraud compensation</u>

| Legislative<br>provisions    | Delegatee               | Delegated power                                    | Exceptions |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Ss.182-187 & 189<br>2004 Act | Chief Executive         | Functions under these sections relating to the FCF |            |
| S.188, 2004 Act              | Investment<br>Committee | Functions under this section relating to the FCF   |            |

#### GATHERING INFORMATION

Chapter 5, 2004 Act

#### 6.9. <u>Gathering, use, disclosure of information and the publication of reports</u>

| Legislative<br>provisions |      | Delegatee       | Delegated power                  | Exceptions                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------|------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ss.190-205,<br>Act        | 2004 | Chief Executive | All functions in these sections. | Only an executive member of the Board<br>may be authorised to exercise the power<br>to appoint a person for the purposes of<br>s.194(7) ( <i>Warrants</i> ). |

#### REVIEWS, APPEALS AND MALADMINISTRATION

Chapter 6, 2004 Act

#### 6.10. <u>Reviews, appeals and maladministration</u>

| Legislativ<br>provisior |          | Delegatee       | Delegated power                 | Exceptions                     |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ss.<br>2004 Act         | 206-218, | Chief Executive | All functions in these sections | The specified exceptions below |

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee                     | Delegated power                                                                                                                                                                      | Exceptions                                                                        |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                           | Decision<br>Committee         | Where an original decision on a reviewable matter has been<br>taken by an executive member of the Board, the first stage<br>review shall be undertaken by an executive member or the |                                                                                   |
|                           | OR                            | Decision Committee.                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                   |
|                           | Executive member of the Board |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                   |
|                           | Decision<br>Committee         | Where an original decision on a reviewable matter has been<br>taken by a committee or a sub-committee, the first stage<br>review shall be undertaken by the committee or sub-        |                                                                                   |
|                           | OR                            | committee, or the Decision Committee.                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                   |
|                           | Committee/sub-<br>committee   |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                   |
|                           | Decision<br>Committee         | Decisions which the Chief Executive considers to be of strategic importance.                                                                                                         |                                                                                   |
|                           | Decision<br>Committee         | Where a complaint of maladministration has been made in respect of the actions of an Executive Board Member                                                                          | The Executive Board Member concerned<br>in the matter which is the subject of the |
|                           | OR                            | (including the Chief Executive), the investigation and decision<br>shall be undertaken by an executive member or the Decision                                                        | complaint must not be involved in the investigation or decision in respect of the |
|                           | Executive member of the Board | Committee.                                                                                                                                                                           | complaint.                                                                        |

| Legislative<br>provisions   | Delegatee                    | Delegated power                                                                                                                                                                                        | Exceptions                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                             | Decision<br>Committee        | Where a complaint of maladministration has been made in<br>respect of the actions of a committee or sub-committee, the<br>investigation and decision shall be undertaken by the Decision<br>Committee. | The Decision Committee must not<br>include any member of the committee or<br>sub-committee concerned with the<br>complaint when considering the matter. |
| Ss. 207(1)(b) and 208(3)(b) | Reconsideration<br>Committee | The functions under these sections are granted to the Reconsideration Committee directly by the 2004 Act.                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                         |

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Chapter 7, 2004 Act

#### 6.11. Pension sharing

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee       | Delegated power                                                                         | Exceptions |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| S.220, 2004 Act           | Chief Executive | All functions relating to pension sharing under this section and associated regulations |            |

#### 6.12. <u>Financial Assistance Scheme</u>

The *Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009*, brought into force on 10 July 2009, conferred on the Board the function of scheme manager to the Financial Assistance Scheme ("**FAS**").

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee       | Delegated power                                                       | Exceptions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S.286, 2004 Act           | Chief Executive | Functions under this section, as amended by s.124 of the 2008<br>Act. | To the extent that provisions under<br>section 286 apply (with or without<br>modification) provisions of Part 2 of the<br>Act delegated or reserved elsewhere in<br>this Schedule, those<br>delegations/reservations shall apply<br>equally for the purposes of FAS. |

#### PENSION COMPENSATION ON DIVORCE ETC.

Chapter 1, 2008 Act

#### 6.13. <u>Pension compensation sharing</u>

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee       | Delegated power                                                                                                                                          | Exceptions |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Ss.107-120, 2008<br>Act   | Chief Executive | Functions under these sections that relate to the Board, including changes to Schedule 5 of the 2008 Act set out in s.22 and Schedule 4 of the 2011 Act. |            |

#### OTHER PROVISION ABOUT PENSION COMPENSATION

Chapter 2, 2008 Act

#### 6.14. <u>Charges in respect of pension sharing etc.</u>

| Legislative<br>provisions | Delegatee       | Delegated power                                                                                                                | Exceptions |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| S.121, 2008 Act           | Chief Executive | Functions under this section (in addition to functions under s.168 of the 2004 Act relating to administration of compensation) |            |

#### 6.15. Interest on late payments of levies

| Legislative<br>provisions |            | Delegatee       | Delegated power                                                          | Exceptions |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                           | and<br>10, | Chief Executive | All functions relating to charging of interest on late payment of levies |            |

#### OTHER LEGISLATION

#### 6.16. <u>Other matters not delegated above</u>

| Legislative<br>provisions                                                                  | Delegatee                  | Delegated power                                                                                                                                                                      | Exceptions |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Pensions Act 2011<br>(Transitional and<br>Consequential<br>Provisions)<br>Regulations 2014 | Chief Executive            | All functions relating to the Board under this legislation                                                                                                                           |            |
| Pensions Act 2014                                                                          | Chief Executive            | All functions relating to the Board under this legislation                                                                                                                           |            |
| General Data<br>Protection<br>Regulation                                                   | Data Protection<br>Officer | Discharge of the functions associated with the role of Data<br>Protection Officer under the regulation                                                                               |            |
| 2004 Act                                                                                   | Chief Executive            | All functions arising under the 2004 Act not specifically named<br>in this section 4 or otherwise reserved to the Board that relate<br>to or are exercisable on behalf of the Board. |            |
| 2008 Act                                                                                   | Chief Executive            | All functions arising under the 2008 Act not specifically named<br>in this section 4 or otherwise reserved to the Board that relate<br>to or are exercisable on behalf of the Board. |            |
| Any other<br>legislation                                                                   | Chief Executive            | All functions arising under primary and subordinate legislation<br>not specifically named in this section 4 that relate to or are<br>exercisable on behalf of the Board.             |            |

#### OTHER FUNCTIONS

Board's Risk Functions

| Delegatee                 | Delegated power                                                                                                                                                                   | Exceptions                                                     |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Risk & Audit<br>Committee | Review and approval of Risk Mandate                                                                                                                                               |                                                                |
| Risk & Audit<br>Committee | Review and approval of Compliance & Ethics Mandate                                                                                                                                |                                                                |
| Risk & Audit<br>Committee | Recommendation of appointment or removal of Chief Risk Officer                                                                                                                    |                                                                |
| Chief Risk Officer        | Responsibility for designing, implementing and supporting a risk<br>management framework for the Board and for providing independent<br>risk oversight                            | Subject to Risk Mandate approved by the Risk & Audit Committee |
| Chief Risk Officer        | Access to all information, premises and personnel relevant to carrying<br>out the risk management and oversight functions delegated to the Risk<br>Directorate                    |                                                                |
| Chief Risk Officer        | Authority to follow up on all actions taken by management in response<br>to identified issues and related recommendations irrespective of how the<br>issues were first identified |                                                                |
| Chief Risk Officer        | Authority to escalate concerns to the Chief Executive and/or the Risk & Audit Committee including, when required, to do so on a private basis                                     |                                                                |

| Reporting role                              | Reporting to           | Subject of reports                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Director of Legal, Compliance<br>and Ethics | Risk & Audit Committee | Adequacy of, and compliance with, policies and procedures in place to mitigate compliance, financial crime and money laundering risks and actions taken to meet compliance obligations. |
|                                             | The Board              |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Head of Internal Audit                      | Risk & Audit Committee | Functional direct reporting line to Chair of the Risk & Audit Committee                                                                                                                 |
|                                             |                        | Delivery of annual audit opinion to Risk & Audit Committee on the overall<br>adequacy and effectiveness of PPF's framework of governance, risk<br>management and control.               |

#### DIRECT REPORTING LINES TO BOARD AND BOARD COMMITTEES

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