

# Wales Pension Partnership Business Plan 2020-2021 Q3 Review

# Governance

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments	
Development of Climate Risk Policy	Yes	N/A	
Development of Conflict of Interest Policy	Yes	N/A	
Development of a WPP Voting Policy	In progress	Paper taken to the December 2020 JGC for approval	
Formulation of a WPP Governance Manual	In progress	In progress, will be taken to March 2021 JGC for approval	
Formulation of a WPP Risk Register	Yes	N/A	
Annual review and update of WPP Business Plan	In progress	To be completed Jan – Mar 2021 and taken to March 2021 JGC for approval	
Annual review of RI policy	In progress	Review undertaken and amendments taken to December 2020 JGC for approval	

# **Ongoing Establishment**

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments	
Launch of Emerging Market equity tranche	In progress	Launch date delayed until May 2021	
Launch of Fixed Income sub-funds	Yes	N/A	
Launch of Private Markets sub-funds		Delayed until 2021-2022	

# **Operator Services**

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Formulation of a WPP Operator Oversight Framework	In progress	
Review of Operator's contract	In progress	
Review and development of Operator KPI reporting	In progress	

# **Communication, Training and Reporting**

Work to be completed		Completed	Comments
	Development of Investment Manager performance reporting, including ESG metrics and climate change risk	In progress	In progress – the RI Sub Group are currently formulating the WPP Responsible Investment Monitoring Report
	Formulation of the WPP's annual training plan	In progress	21/22 training plan to be taken to March 21 JGC for approval
	Formulation of the WPP's Annual Newsletter	Yes	Annual Update published in June 2020

# Resources, budget and fees

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Appointment of legal advisor	In progress	Paper being taken to December 2020 JGC for approval
Annual review of resources and capacity		To be reviewed in Q1 2021
Formulation of Annual WPP Budget	In progress	2021/22 budget to be taken to March 2021 JGC for approval
Review and Monitoring of Fees (including Link & Russell)	In progress	

# **Training Plan**

Training topics to be completed during 2020–2021 as per approved 2020-2021 Training Plan and progress to date:

	Completed	Comments
Managing Conflict of interest	Yes – June 2020	
Operator Monitoring		To be arranged – Jan / Mar 2021
Performance metric (including RI metrics	Yes – October 2020	
Progress of other LGPS Pools	Yes – November 2020	
Collaboration Opportunities	Yes – November 2020	
Climate Risk	Yes – June 2020	
Asset Class – Alternatives (Private Markets)	Yes – October 2020	
Decision Logging		To be arranged – Jan / Mar 2021
Identifying lessons to be learnt		To be arranged – Jan / Mar 2021
Transparency Requirements		To be arranged – Jan / Mar 2021
Enacting guidance and regulation		To be arranged – Jan / Mar 2021

Robeco training sessions were also held in September and October 2020.

All the above training that has taken place to date has been extended to Pension Committee and Pension Board members and all training sessions have been held virtually.

### **Budget**

### 2020-2021 Budget Monitoring Report:

	Budget 2020 – 2021 £000	Forecast 2020 – 2021 £000	Variances 2020 – 2021 £000 (See below)
Host Authority *	181	158	23
External Advisors *	580	580	0
TOTAL to be recharged	761	738	23
Operator Services **	27,557	22,901	4,656
TOTAL to be deducted from the NAV	27,557	22,901	4,656

<sup>\*</sup>Host Authority and External Advisor costs are to be funded equally by all eight of the WPP's Constituent Authorities and these will be recharged on an annual basis.

### Variances:

- Host Authority Assistant Accountant post vacant and underspend on travelling and subsistence costs due to Covid 19
- Operator Services Delay in the launching of the Emerging Markets and Private Markets sub funds

<sup>\*\*</sup>Operator Services costs are based on each Constituent Authority's percentage share of WPP assets (held with the Operator) and are deducted directly from the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Constituent Authority's assets (held with the Operator).

### **Investments**

# **Equity Sub-Funds**

**Global Growth Fund** 

Managed by: Link

Portfolio Value: £2bn

**Global Opportunities Fund** 

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £2bn

**UK Opportunities Fund** 

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £0.6bn

Emerging Markets sub-fund launch has been postponed to May 2021

# **Fixed Income Sub-Funds**

# Absolute Return Bond

<u>Fund</u>

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £0.4bn

# Global Government Bond

<u>Fund</u>

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £0.5bn

# Multi-Asset Credit Fund

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £0.6bn

### **Global Credit Fund**

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £0.8bn

### **UK Credit Fund**

Managed by: Link

Portfolio Value: £0.5bn



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