

# Wales Pension Partnership Business Plan 2020-2021 Q4 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	Yes	N/A	
Formulation of a WPP Governance Manual	Yes	N/A	
Formulation of a WPP Risk Register	Yes	N/A	
Annual review and update of WPP Business Plan	In progress	Paper being taken to the March 2021 JGC for approval	
Annual review of RI policy	Yes	N/A	

# **Ongoing Establishment**

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments	
Launch of Emerging Market equity tranche	In progress	Launch date delayed until September 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	Paper being taken to the 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	Yes	N/A
Annual review of resources and capacity	Yes	N/A
Formulation of Annual WPP Budget	In progress	Part of the Business Plan which is being taken to the 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		Arranged for March 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	Yes – February 2021	
Identifying lessons to be learnt	Yes – February 2021	
Transparency Requirements	Yes – February 2021	
Enacting guidance and regulation	Yes – February 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	148	33
External Advisors *	580	580	0
TOTAL to be recharged	761	728	33
Operator Services **	27,557	24,819	2,738
TOTAL to be deducted from the NAV	27,557	24,819	2,738

<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 Fixed Income and Emerging 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 September 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

<sup>\*</sup> Portfolio Values as at launch date



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