



# WALES PENSION PARTNERSHIP JOINT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

24 MARCH 2021

## SCHEME MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON THE JOINT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

To:

- Approve the appointment process, including the establishment of a JGC sub-group
- Approve the person specification for the Scheme member Representative

### REASONS:

On 10 December 2020, the JGC approved:

- that there is provision for a co-opted (non-voting) pension board scheme member representative on the Joint Governance Committee (JGC)
- that the Officers Working Group (OWG) prepares a person specification and selection process to be presented at a future JGC for formal approval

The OWG has prepared an appointment process document, including a person specification which requires the formal approval of the JGC

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## JOINT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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The Wales Pension Partnership's JGC is a joint committee constituted under the Local Government Act 1972 and voting members of the JGC must be elected members. The current membership of the JGC (as stated in the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA)) is comprised of one elected member nominated by each of the Constituent Authorities.

The JGC members have considered the involvement of a scheme member representative to support the transparency of the WPP and hence strengthen the governance arrangements of the WPP. Scheme Member Representatives can join the JGC but only as co-opted, non-voting members. These Member Representatives are not 'members' of the JGC as far as voting and exercise of powers, however they would be entitled to see the papers, attend meetings and speak at meetings, including on exempt items.

On 10 December 2020, the JGC approved:

- that there is provision for a co-opted (non-voting) pension board scheme member representative on the Joint Governance Committee (JGC)
- that each Constituent Authority confirmed the inclusion of the co-opted scheme member representative on the JGC and that the necessary amendments be made to the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA)
- that the Officers Working Group (OWG) prepares a person specification and selection process to be presented at a future JGC for formal approval

A scheme member representative from one of the eight individual Pension Boards would further enhance the engagement with the Pension Boards and being an existing board member would possess the requisite knowledge and skills as well as being accustomed to Local Government Pension Scheme governance and investment regulations.

The OWG has prepared a document explaining the recommended appointment process and person specification for the Scheme Member Representative. The recommended appointment process is that each local Pension Board nominates one scheme member representative, and each nominated representative submits an expression of interest to a JGC sub-group setting out their specific qualities against the person specification. The appointment process to be undertaken by a JGC sub-group who will shortlist the nominations and conduct interviews, if appropriate, taking a recommendation report to a future JGC for approval.

Once the person specification and appointment process are formally approved, the IAA will then need to be amended and the amendments will need to be taken to all eight constituent authorities for approval.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

# IMPLICATIONS

| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities<br><b>YES</b>  | Legal<br><b>NONE</b> | Finance<br><b>NONE</b> | Risk Management Issues<br><b>NONE</b> | Staffing Implications<br><b>NONE</b> |
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| <b>Legal</b><br>The Inter Authority Agreement will need to be amended and approved by all eight Welsh constituent Authorities. |                      |                        |                                       |                                      |
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# CONSULTATIONS

Details of any consultations undertaken are to be included here

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:  
THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection/WEBSITE LINK |
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