

# Wales Pension Partnership Business Plan 2021-2022 Q1 Review

#### Governance

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments	
Appoint a Scheme Member Representative to the Joint Governance     Committee	In progress	IAA addendum to be approved by the Constituent Authorities	
Development of a WPP Rebalancing & Alteration Policy	In progress		
Formulate a Responsibilities Matrix for WPP Sub-Funds	In progress		
Development of a WPP Whistleblowing Policy		Planned for Q1 2022	
Develop 'Pre-sign-off Checklist Reports' for WPP Sub Funds	In progress		
Development of a WPP Business Continuity Plan		Planned for Q1 2022	
Review of Inter Authority Agreement	In progress	IAA addendum to be approved by the Constituent Authorities	
Annual review of WPP's policies and plans	In progress		
Quarterly reviews of the Risk Register	In progress		

# **Ongoing Establishment**

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Launch of Emerging Market Sub-Fund		Launch date delayed until October 2021
Launch of Private Debt & Infrastructure Sub-Funds		Launch delayed until 2022-23
Formulate the WPP's Property requirements and optimal means of implementation	Discussions with Constituent Authorities to commo	
Consultation with CAs on need for further sub-funds	In progress	

# **Operator Services**

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
WPP Operator Oversight Framework	In progress	
Review of Operator's contract	In progress	
Review of Operator KPI reporting	In progress	
Market Review of developments within the Operator market	In progress	
Setting up and implementing a framework for monitoring the performance of Russell as investment advisors to Link	In progress	

# **Communication, Training and Reporting**

Work to be completed	Completed Comments	
Formulation of the WPP's Annual Responsible Investment Progress Report	In progress	
Formulation of the WPP's annual training plan		To be formulated in Q1 2021
Formulation of the WPP's Annual Update	Yes 2020/21 Annual Update published in June 2	
Formulation of the WPP's Annual Report	In progress	

# **Investments and Reporting**

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Development of Investment Manager performance reporting, including ESG metrics and climate change risk	In progress	
Finalise Voting & Engagement Reporting Requirements		Q3/Q4 2021
Become a signatory to the UK Stewardship Code	In progress	
Formulate WPP Engagement Priorities and Implementation Framework	In progress	
Review the compatibility of WPP Sub-Fund Benchmarks with WPP's Responsible Investment and Climate Risk Beliefs	In progress	
Annual review of WPP's Cost Transparency Requirements		Q3/Q4 2021
Annual market benchmarking exercise of WPP Sub-Fund Investment Performance	In progress	
Consult with Constituent Authorities regarding minimum ESG/ RI standards and their climate ambitions	In progress	

# Resources, budget and fees

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Annual review of resources and capacity		To be reviewed in Q1 2022
Formulation of Annual WPP Budget		To be formulated in Q1 2022
Review and Monitoring of Fees (including Link & Russell)	In progress	

## **Training Plan**

Training topics to be completed during 2021–2022 as per approved 2021-2022 Training Plan and progress to date:

	Completed	Comments
Private Market – Asset Classes & Implementation	Yes – April 2021	
Private Market – Fund Wrappers & Governance	Yes – April 2021	
Responsible Investment Indices and Solutions	Yes – July 2021	
Responsible Investment Reporting	Yes – July 2021	
Performance Reporting & Manager Benchmarking		To be arranged
Roles & Responsibilities within the ACS		To be arranged
Good Governance		To be arranged
Cost Transparency		To be arranged
Progress of other LGPS Pools		To be arranged
Collaboration Opportunities		To be arranged

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**

#### 2021-2022 Budget Monitoring Report:

	Budget 2021 – 2022 £000	Forecast 2021 – 2022 £000	Variances 2021 – 2022 £000
Host Authority *	182	180	2
External Advisors *	680	680	0
TOTAL to be recharged	862	860	2
Operator Services **	28,447	28,447	0
TOTAL to be deducted from the NAV	28,447	28,447	0

<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.

<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 October 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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