



# WALES PENSION PARTNERSHIP JOINT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**DATE 23 MARCH 2022**

## **SUBJECT**

### **SCHEME MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON THE JOINT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

**To:**

- **Approve the recommendation of the Joint Governance Committee (JGC) sub-group to appoint Osian Richards as the Scheme Member Representative of the JGC**
- **Approve the recommendation of the JGC sub-group to appoint Ian Guy as the Deputy Scheme Member Representative of the JGC**

#### **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 JGC

On 24 March 2021, the JGC approved:

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

The appointment process had now completed and the recommendations of the JGC sub-group requires the approval of the JGC.

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY JOINT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**DATE 23 MARCH 2022**

## **SCHEME MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON THE JOINT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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 Scheme Member Representatives will be non-voting members who will be entitled to see all the papers and attend and speak at meetings, on all agenda items.

It is anticipated that a scheme member representative from one of the eight individual Pension Boards will 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.

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

On 24 March 2021, the JGC approved:

- the appointment process, including the establishment of an appointment sub-group
- the person specification for the scheme member representative

An IAA addendum was formulated to allow for the appointment of a scheme member representative and deputy scheme member representative on the JGC and this has been executed by all eight constituent authorities.

In December 2021 an email was sent to all eight individual Pension Board Chairs, attaching the appointment process and person specification document, inviting scheme member representatives to submit an expression of interest for the role of scheme member representative or deputy scheme member representative. Four nominations were received.

All four were invited to interview and the online interviews took place on Wednesday 23 February 2022. The JGC sub-group interview panel consisted of Cllr Clive Lloyd (Chair), Cllr Chris Weaver and Cllr Ted Palmer with support being provided by the Host Authority.

Following the interviews, the recommendations by the JGC sub-group are that:

- Osian Richards from Gwynedd Pension Fund be appointed the Scheme Member Representative for the WPP
- Ian Guy from City and County of Swansea Pension Fund be appointed the Deputy Scheme Member Representative for the WPP  
(The deputy will be required to attend meetings in the SMR's absence)

The appointment will be effective immediately after the JGC have approved the recommendations, with a tenure of two years. If the individual ceases to be a local pension board scheme member representative within that two-year period, their role as scheme member / deputy scheme member representative will also cease.

<b>DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?</b>	<b>NO</b>
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# IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities <b>NONE</b>	Legal <b>YES</b>	Finance <b>NONE</b>	Risk Management Issues <b>NONE</b>	Staffing Implications <b>NONE</b>
<b>Legal</b> The Inter Authority Agreement has been amended and approved by all eight Welsh constituent Authorities.				

# CONSULTATIONS

Details of any consultations undertaken are to be included here

The Inter Authority Agreement did not originally allow the appointment of a Scheme Member Representative on the JGC, an addendum to the Inter Authority Agreement has been formulated and executed by all eight constituent authorities.

## 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