

# Wales Pension Partnership Business Plan 2022 -2023 Q3 Review

### Governance

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments	
Development of a WPP Whistleblowing Policy	Yes	Approved at the July 2022 JGC	
Development of a WPP Business Continuity Plan (including Cyber)	Yes	Approved at the July 2022 JGC	
Development of a WPP Complaints Policy	Yes	Approved at the December 2022 JGC	
Development of a WPP Breaches and Errors Policy	In progress	To be finalised in Q2 (April to June) 2023	
Ongoing review of the Inter Authority Agreement	Ongoing		
Annual/biennial review of WPP's policies and plans	Ongoing		
Quarterly reviews of the Risk Register	Ongoing		

### **Ongoing Establishment**

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments	
Appoint Private Market Allocators	In progress	Private Debt and Infrastructure Allocators appointed in April 2022 Private Equity Allocator appointed in December 2022.	
Launch of Private Debt & Infrastructure Sub-Funds		Launch delayed to Q2 (April to June) 2023	
Launch of Private Equity Sub-Fund		Launch due Q2 (April to June) 2023	
Launch Sustainable Equities Sub-Fund		Launch due Q2 (April to June) 2023	
Formulate the WPP's Property requirements and optimal means of implementation	In progress	Initial discussions have taken place and work is progressing	

Consultation with CAs on need for further sub-funds	Ongoing	
Consideration of Local Investment opportunities	Ongoing	

### **Operator Services**

Work to be completed	Completed	ced Comments	
Operator contract / procurement process	In progress	Procurement work has commenced	
Operator oversight	Ongoing		

## **Investments and Reporting**

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Finalise Voting & Engagement Reporting Requirements	Completed	
Formulate WPP Engagement Priorities and Implementation Framework	Completed	
Review Sub-Fund mandates to ensure compatibility with WPP's Responsible Investment and Climate Risk Beliefs	Ongoing	
Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) reporting		TCFD consultation in process
Stewardship Code reporting	Yes	2021/22 report submitted on 31 October 2022
Consider additional reporting that demonstrates WPP's commitment to Responsible Investment	Ongoing	
On-going Investment Manager performance reporting, scrutiny and challenge	Ongoing	

Annual review of WPP's Cost Transparency Requirements	In progress	To be completed by the end of March 2023
Annual performance review of WPP Sub Funds (Equity and Fixed Income)	In progress	To be completed by the end of March 2023
On-going engagement with Constituent Authorities regarding minimum     ESG / RI standards and their climate ambitions	Ongoing	

# **Communication, Training and Reporting**

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Formulation of the WPP's Annual Responsible Investment Progress Report	Yes	Report presented at the July 2022 JGC and published on website
Formulation of the WPP's annual training plan	Yes	2023/24 training plan being taken to the March JGC for approval
Formulation of the WPP's Annual Update	Yes	2021/22 Annual Update published in September 2022
Formulation of the WPP's Annual Report	Yes	2021/22 Annual Report published in October 2022

# Resources, budget and fees

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Annual review of resources and capacity	Yes	Reviewed when formulating the 2023/24 budget
Formulation of Annual WPP Budget	Yes	Formulated and included in the 2023-26 Business Plan
Review and Monitoring of Fees (including Link & Russell)	Ongoing	

## **Training Plan**

Training topics to be completed during 2022–2023 as per approved 2022-2023 Training Plan and progress to date:

	Completed	Comments
Private Market Asset Classes & the role of the Allocator	Yes – September 2022	
Active Sustainable Equities	Yes – September 2022	
Governance and Administration	Yes – October 2022	
Roles and Responsibilities	Yes – October 2022	
What RI means for the WPP	Yes – December 2022	
Stewardship Code and TCFD Reporting	Yes – December 2022	
Progress of other LGPS Pools	Yes – February 2023	
Collaboration Opportunities	Yes – February 2023	

An introductory training session was also held in September 2022 for new JGC members

### **Budget**

### 2022-2023 Budget Monitoring Report:

	Budget 2022 – 2023 £000	Forecast 2022 – 2023 £000	Variances 2022 – 2023 £000
Host Authority *	191	170	21
External Advisors *	1,206	1,163	43
TOTAL to be recharged	1,397	1,333	64
Operator Services **	33,319	34,080	(761)
TOTAL to be deducted from the NAV	33,319	34,080	(761)

<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 Fund

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £0.6bn

# **Fixed Income Sub-Funds**

Absolute Return Bond Fund

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £0.4bn

Global Government Bond

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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