

# Wales Pension Partnership Business Plan 2022 -2023 Q4 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. Real Estate/Property method of implementation to be decided
Launch of Private Debt & Infrastructure Sub-Funds	Yes	Infrastructure and Private Debt investment programmes launched
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	Work is progressing, currently at mandate specification stage
Consultation with CAs on need for further sub-funds	Ongoing	
Consideration of Local Investment opportunities	Ongoing	

## **Operator Services**

Work to be completed		Completed	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		Awaiting TCFD consultation response
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	Yes	
• Annual performance review of WPP Sub Funds (Equity and Fixed Income)	Yes	
• 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:

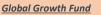
	Budget 2022 – 2023 £000	Forecast 2022 – 2023 £000	Variances 2022 – 2023 £000
Host Authority *	191	167	24
External Advisors *	1,206	1,097	109
TOTAL to be recharged	1,397	1,264	133
Operator Services **	33,319	33,326	(7)
TOTAL to be deducted from the NAV	33,319	33,326	(7)

\*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.

\*\*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**



Portfolio Value: £2bn

Managed by: Link

**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

<u>Global Government Bond</u> <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

Managed by: Link

**UK Credit Fund** 

Portfolio Value: £0.5bn

\* Portfolio Values as at launch date



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