

## Latest National LGPS Framework for Stewardship Services goes live.

The latest National LGPS Procurement Framework for Stewardship Services has just been launched. The new procurement framework means that LGPS Funds and Pools, Employers and other Public Sector Pensions Services will be able to quickly and easily procure value for money qualified specialist services to support their stewardship of the LGPS.

Commenting on the launch Councillor Roger Phillips, SAB Chair, said "In the current climate of international tensions, climate change and other geo-political concerns the effective stewardship of LGPS Funds has never been so vital. I am therefore pleased to report that the latest National LGPS Framework for procuring Stewardship Services has been launched and would strongly encourage all Fund authorities and asset Pools to consider the extent to which they can take advantage of the specialist services available to support their stewardship of the LGPS."

Services within the Framework are available across four specialist Lots:

Lot 1: Voting Services

Lot 2: Engagement Services

**Lot 3:** Voting and Engagement Services **Lot 4:** Stewardship Reporting and Projects

The National LGPS Frameworks are a collaboration of LGPS Funds and Pools, celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. By using the National LGPS Frameworks, LGPS Funds and Pools save significant time and money. Frameworks offer efficient, best practise, regulatory compliant access to a range of qualified specialist providers. The Frameworks enable users to leverage better prices while continuing to support local decision making and service requirements. The LGPS is already collectively benefiting from more than £155m in savings as a result of the National LGPS Frameworks initiative.

The following Funds worked together to establish this latest Framework for Stewardship Services, supported by the National LGPS Frameworks team, and procurement and legal specialists from Norfolk County Council.

- City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund)
- City of Wolverhampton Council (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund)
- East Sussex County Council (as Administering Authority of the East Sussex Pension Fund)
- Norfolk County Council (As Administering Authority of the Norfolk Pension Fund)
- South Yorkshire Pensions Authority
- Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund)
- West Sussex County Council (as Administering Authority of West Sussex Pension Fund)
- Wirral Council (as Administering Authority of the Merseyside Pension Fund)

Other National LGPS Frameworks which will be available soon include the Pensions Administration Operation Support Services Framework as well as new Frameworks for Investment Management Consultancy Services and Legal Services.

If you are interested in using one of the National LGPS Frameworks or would just like to find out more, please email <a href="mailto:NationalLGPSFrameworks@norfolk.gov.uk">NationalLGPSFrameworks@norfolk.gov.uk</a> call 01603 306846 or visit our website <a href="mailto:www.nationallgpsframeworks.org">www.nationallgpsframeworks.org</a>

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## **Notes for Editors**

The following Service Providers have been appointed to the National LGPS Framework for Stewardship Advisory Services.

Service Provider	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4
Aon Solutions UK Ltd				X
BMO GAM (EMEA)		Х	Х	
EOS at Federated Hermes		Х	Х	
GL & M UK Ltd	X			
Minerva Analytics Ltd	Х	Х	Х	Х
MJ Hudson IQ Limited				X
PIRC Ltd	X	X	Χ	Х
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP				Х
Redington Ltd				Х
Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V		Х	Χ	
The Good Economy Partnership Ltd				Х

## 'By the LGPS, for the LGPS'

The National LGPS Frameworks are open to all LGPS Funds, LGPS Pools and Employers and the wider public sector nationally for the procurement of pensions related services from a wide range of specialist qualified providers.

## Frameworks available include:

- Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy Services
- Global Custody Services
- Investment Management Consultancy Services
- Legal Services
- Member Data Services
- Pensions Administration Operational Services (Coming May 2022)
- Pensions Administration Software
- Transition Management and Implementation Services

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