

Wales Pension Partnership
Business Plan
2023-2024
Q1 Review

Governance

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Development of a WPP Breaches and Errors Policy	In progress	To be approved at the September 2023 JGC
Legal Services provider contract (initial 3 year review)		October – December 2023
Ongoing review of the Inter Authority Agreement	Ongoing	
Annual review of WPP's policies and plans	Ongoing	
Quarterly reviews of the Risk Register	Ongoing	
Respond to any pooling related consultations and carry out any necessary changes as a result of consultation outcomes	Ongoing	

Ongoing Sub-Fund development

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments	
Launch of Private Debt & Infrastructure Sub-Funds	Yes	Infrastructure and Private Debt investment programmes launched	
Launch of Private Equity Sub-Fund	In progress	Private Equity investment programme to be launched later in th year	
Launch Sustainable Equities Sub-Fund	Yes	Launched 20 June 2023	
Formulate the WPP's Property requirements and optimal means of implementation & launch the property Sub-funds	In progress	Work is progressing, currently at mandate specification stage	
Consideration of WPP's Levelling up / impact requirements	Ongoing		

•	Launch of other Private Market sub-funds (TBC)		Discussions to be held with individual CA's
•	Consultation with CAs on need for further sub-funds, review and develop a mechanism to pool any suitable non-pooled assets	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, ITT to be issued October 2023		
	Operator oversight	Ongoing			

Investments and Reporting

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
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	In progress	2022/23 report to be submitted by 31 October 2023
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		To be reviewed in Q1 (January to March) 2024
Annual performance review of WPP Sub Funds (Equity and Fixed Income)		To be reviewed in Q1 (January to March) 2024
On-going engagement with Constituent Authorities regarding minimum ESG / RI standards and their climate ambitions	Ongoing	

Communication and Training

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments	
Formulation of the WPP's Annual Responsible Investment Progress Report	Yes	Report presented at the July 2023 JGC and published on website	
Formulation of the WPP's annual training plan		To be formulated in Q1 (January to March) 2024	
Formulation of the WPP's Annual Update	Yes	2022/23 Annual Update published in August 2023	
Formulation of the WPP's Annual Report	In progress	2022/23 Annual Report to be published Autumn 2023	

Resources, budget and fees

Work to be completed	Completed	Comments
Annual review of resources and capacity		To be reviewed in Q1 (January to March) 2024
Formulation of Annual WPP Budget		To be formulated in Q1 (January to March) 2024
Review and Monitoring of Operator / external provider fees	Ongoing	

Training Plan

Training topics to be completed during 2023–2024 as per approved 2023-2024 Training Plan and progress to date:

	Completed	Comments
Private Market Asset Classes – Private Equity / Property	Yes	8 June 2023
Levelling up / development opportunities	Yes	8 June 2023
TCFD reporting		
Performance reporting		
Voting & Engagement		Scheduled for 21 September 2023
RI within the WPP sub funds		Scheduled for 21 September 2023
Progress of other LGPS pools & Collaboration Opportunities		
Pooling Guidance		

Budget

2023-2024 Budget Monitoring Report:

	Budget 2023 – 2024 £000	Forecast 2023 – 2024 £000	Variances 2023 – 2024 £000
Host Authority *	200	195	5
External Advisors *	1,448	1,448	0
TOTAL to be recharged	1,648	1,643	5
Operator Services **	37,257	37,257	0
TOTAL to be deducted from the NAV	37,257	37,257	0

^{*}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

Global Growth Fund

Managed by: Link Fund Solutions

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*

Sustainable Active Equity Fund

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £1.2bn*

Fixed Income Sub-Funds

Absolute Return Bond Fund

Managed by: Russell Investments

Portfolio Value: £0.4bn*

Global Government Bond Fund

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 Fund Solutions

Portfolio Value: £0.5bn*

Private Markets

Infrastructure – closed ended

Managed by: GCM Grosvenor <u>Infrastructure – open</u>

Managed by: CBRE, IFM and Octopus

Private Credit

Managed by: Russell Investments

* Portfolio Values as at launch date



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