

**REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4**

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**WALES INVESTMENT POOL**

**Reason for this Report**

1. The Pension Committee Terms of Reference set out the Committee's responsibility for the strategic governance of the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund.
2. This report has been prepared to update Committee Members of progress with the development of the Wales Investment Pool to manage on a collaborative basis the investment assets of the eight Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) funds in Wales.

**Background**

3. The Committee received an update on the development of the Wales Investment Pool at its meeting on 15 February. The Committee also considered the draft Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) setting out the powers to be delegated to the Joint Governance Committee for the Pool.

**Issues**

4. At its Full Council meeting on 23 February, City of Cardiff Council approved the establishment of the Joint Governance Committee (JGC) and delegated the authority to approve and sign the finalised IAA to the Corporate Director Resources, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee and the Monitoring Officer.
5. The other seven LGPS administering authorities have also been asked to approve the establishment of the JGC at their Full Council meetings between 23 February and 15 March.
6. Until the IAA is formally signed by the eight authorities, the Joint Chairs' Group will continue to meet to oversee the project. The next meeting of the Group will be held in Cardiff on 20 March.
7. The notice for the procurement of the Pool Operator was issued on 2 March. Responses to the Selection Questionnaire are required by 14 April and qualifying applicants will be invited to tender for the contracted services. The procurement process will continue during May and June until a recommendation as to the contract award can be made to the Joint Governance Committee.

## **Legal Implications**

8. The recommendation is an update and no decision is sought. The body of the report notes the progress made to date of the Wales Investment Pool and confirms that Cardiff Council approved the establishment of a Joint Committee once the Inter Authority Agreement (the IAA) is finalised. The Joint Committee will consist of representatives from all eight Administering Bodies and therefore will require approval of the proposal from each Council. The body of the report confirms that some Councils have yet to consider the collaboration and approve the Joint Committee proposal. Once considered and if approved, it is anticipated the IAA will be finalised and the Joint committee will be formed. The body of the report also confirms that the procurement exercise for the appointment of a pool Operator is ongoing, this procurement exercise is being carried out by Flintshire Council and external technical and legal advisors have been appointed to advise on the pool's requirements and the procurement process.

## **Financial Implications**

9. No financial implications arise directly from this report.

## **Recommendations**

10. That the Committee note the progress in the development of the Wales Investment Pool.

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