

New National LGPS Framework for Legal Services goes live.

We are delighted to confirm that the latest National LGPS Procurement Framework is now live. This is the third iteration of a Legal Services Framework and will continue to help all LGPS Funds, Investment Pools, their employers and wider public sector pension schemes swiftly and easily access a wide range of reliable, good value expert legal specialists and services.

The Legal Services Framework enables LGPS Funds and Pools to source a variety of legal services matched to their own requirements, from small one-off pieces of work to longer term, single provider arrangements. The Framework is split into 7 different Lots:

Lot 1: Full Service (England and Wales)

Lot 2: Full Service (Scotland)

Lot 3: Full Service (Northern Ireland)

Lot 4: Investment (UK Wide)

Lot 5: Benefit Administration, Employer Bodies and Governance (England and Wales)

Lot 6: Benefit Administration, Employer Bodies and Governance (Scotland)

Lot 7: Benefit Administration, Employer Bodies and Governance (Northern Ireland)

To make the National LGPS Framework for Legal Services as accessible as possible all users are able to access this Framework free of charge but will still benefit from all the usual advantages of using a National LGPS Framework including pre-agreed Terms and Conditions, competitively tendered ceiling prices and supporting documentation

Commenting on the launch Rachel Howe, Head of Governance, Risk and Assurance at West Midlands Pension Fund said:

'We are really pleased to launch the latest Legal Services Framework under the National LGPS Frameworks, replacing the previous Legal Framework which provided key support to LGPS Funds, Employers and Investment Pools over the last 4 years. The partnerships created with all parties, including colleagues across the LGPS and the National LGPS Frameworks, suppliers and framework users have been integral to the successful navigation of the ever-increasingly complex legal environment in which we operate and has supported our ability to maintain high standard service delivery to our members and employers.'

The following Funds and Investment Pools have worked together to establish this Framework, 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 Edinburgh Council (as Administering Authority of the Lothian Pension Fund)
- City of Wolverhampton Council (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund)
- LGPS Central Limited
- London Borough of Lambeth
- London Pensions Fund Authority
- Local Pensions Partnership Investments Limited
- Norfolk County Council (as Administering Authority of the Norfolk Pension Fund)
- Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)
- Staffordshire County Council (as Administering Authority of the Staffordshire Pension Fund)

The National LGPS Frameworks are a collaboration of LGPS Funds and Pools who have been working together since 2012 and were recently recognised with the Outstanding Contribution of the Year award at the LAPF Investment Awards. By using the National LGPS Frameworks, LGPS Funds and Pools can save significant time and money. Frameworks offer efficient, best practise, regulatory compliant access to a range of qualified specialist providers. By using a Framework individual LGPS stakeholders can still define local service requirements but at the same time leverage better prices. The LGPS is already collectively benefiting from more than £163m in savings.

If you are interested in using one of the National LGPS Frameworks or would just like to find out more, please email nationalLGPSFrameworks@norfolk.gov.uk call 01603 306846 or visit our website www.nationallgpsframeworks.org

Notes for Editors

The following Service Providers have been appointed to the National LGPS Framework for Legal Services:

Provider	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	Lot 7
Addleshaw Goddard LLP	X			X	X		
Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP					X		
Brodies LLP		X		X		X	
Burges Salmon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Burness Paull LLP				X		X	
Cleveland & Co				X			
Eversheds Sutherland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Freeths LLP	X				X		
Gowling WLG (UK) LLP				X			
Osborne Clarke LLP	X			X	X		
Pinsent Masons LLP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Squire Patton Boggs	X			X	X		

‘By the LGPS, for the LGPS’

The National LGPS Frameworks are open to all LGPS Funds, LGPS Pools and Administering Authorities 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
- Pensions Administration Operational Support Services
- Pensions Administration Software
- Stewardship Services

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