



Welcome to the second edition of the National LGPS Frameworks News Bulletin 'by the LGPS, for the LGPS'

With more than 330 contracts already let and over £119m secured in savings, National LGPS Frameworks have become the 'go-to-route' for specialist procurement within the LGPS.

We understand the importance of keeping our colleagues informed with the latest news and developments within the National LGPS Frameworks and hopefully this bulletin will help to keep you up to date. We always welcome feedback so if there is anything you would like to see in future editions please get in touch, our contact details can be found at the bottom of this bulletin.

Hope you enjoy reading our festive edition and thank you for your support of the National LGPS Frameworks.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the National LGPS Frameworks Team.

National LGPS Frameworks Win Collaboration Award!

We were delighted to have won, on behalf of our Founders, the Collaboration Award at this year's LAPF Investment Awards ceremony on Thursday 19th September 2019.

The National LGPS Frameworks are a unique, not for profit collaboration between LGPS Funds and Pools. We are proud that as a community we have secured significant savings and efficiencies across the LGPS and wider public sector. Since the first Framework opened in 2012, 40 Funds and Pools have worked together to set up 13 Frameworks which have now been used by LGPS Funds, Pools and the wider public sector.

Driven directly by the LGPS, the Frameworks continue to evolve to meet the needs of the LGPS. This prestigious award is both welcomed and appreciated as recognition of the commitment and achievement of all those who have worked so hard to deliver tangible benefits for the whole LGPS community.

We would like to thank our Founders who have been instrumental in the establishment and ongoing success of the Frameworks, and it was fantastic to catch up with so many of you at the ceremony.

Congratulations to all who won on a very enjoyable night. This news article along with others can be found on the news section of our [website](#).



Pictured above, left to right, are Leon Thorpe, Pippa Bestwick, Nicola Mark of the National LGPS Frameworks with host Alexander Armstrong.

National LGPS Frameworks Annual Meeting (27 November 2019)

The latest National LGPS Frameworks Annual Meeting of the Founding Authorities was held on Wed 27 November 2019 and was attended by Founders from LGPS Funds and Pools.



The 40 Founders are very keen to ensure that the programme continues to be focused on delivering what all stakeholders really need, now and into the future, and to maintain the 'By the LGPS, for the LGPS' principle.

Since 2012, the programme has continued to grow to become a 'go-to' procurement route for the LGPS and (as at September 2019) we have:

- 9 Live Frameworks in place (plus four expired, one Framework in development and one re-let in progress)
- 40 Funds and Pools as Founders of one or more Frameworks
- 63 current service Providers
- 101 Funds and Pools joining the Frameworks (plus three non-LGPS users)
- 330 contracts awarded
- 137 years of estimated effort saved by procuring through the Frameworks
- £119m projected savings for the lifetime of the current contracts

On the Road...

The team have been out and about promoting the National LGPS Frameworks at various LGPS events throughout the year.



Pension Fund Committee Training

We attended Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire's Pension Fund committee training in July where we gave a presentation detailing an overview of the National LGPS Frameworks, how they work along with the key benefits for users and Providers.

Pensions Managers Conference Torquay

We recently presented an interactive workshop at the Pensions Manager's Conference in Torquay in November.

We presented an overview of the National LGPS Frameworks, how they work and an update on the latest developments which included raising awareness and gaining support from LGPS Funds. We also covered how procurement risks can be managed by using the Frameworks and asked for user and Provider feedback on their experiences of the Frameworks to inform our future improvements and plans.

If you would like us to present at one of your meetings or events, please get in touch.

Pensions Administration Software Framework Update...

Since our last update, we have continued to work with the 12 Founding Authorities (Cheshire Pension Fund; Clwyd Pension Fund; Essex Pension Fund; Greater Manchester Pension Fund; Merseyside Pension Fund; Norfolk Pension Fund; Northern Ireland Local Government Officers Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC); South Yorkshire Pensions Authority; Surrey County Council; Tyne and Wear Pension Fund; West Midlands Pension Fund; and West Yorkshire Pension Fund) to develop a Pensions Administration Software Framework.

Following the decision from Founders in March to proceed with this Framework, further Market Engagement Events took place in July and October. These events were a key part of the Framework development as we were able to share our ideas on the structure and requirements of a Framework with Providers, whilst gaining an understanding of their development plans.

Interested Providers have submitted constructive feedback on the statement of requirements and the proposed T&Cs which will help us to develop the tender documentation and will also help us make the Framework as easy to use as possible.

We are currently working towards launching this Framework in April/May 2020 for LGPS Funds to use. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WUTZR/> which will help us to build a picture of potential usage.

Thanks again to all the Founders who are giving up so much of their time to help us set up this Framework.



Further Improvements...

We have launched a Frameworks Document Portal

We are pleased to announce that a new Frameworks Document Portal is now available on www.nationallgpsframeworks.org. This portal enables secure and easy authorised access to relevant information for each Framework including Guidance Notes, Pricing Schedules and Provider Catalogues.



Part of the operational efficiencies that the team have been introducing, this portal removes the need to send large amounts of documents via an encrypted email system – increasing security and control of the documentation together with improving the user experience.

From now on when you return a confidentiality statement for a National LGPS Framework, an account will be created allowing you to securely access and download the Framework documents as and when you need them. If you already have an account, with a click of a button we will be able to give you access to additional Frameworks.

If you would like more information about the Frameworks Document Portal, please contact Jamie Freeman at jamie.freeman2@norfolk.gov.uk.

Looking Forward...

Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy Services 2020 Re-let

The National LGPS Framework for Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy Services is due to expire in June 2020. The existing Framework has proved to be very successful with 49 joiners to date making use of the Framework and we are proceeding with a re-let of this Framework.

We are in the initial stages of this project and a kick-off meeting with the 12 interested Founders is scheduled for early January 2020. Our plans are to have a replacement Framework in place by June 2020 to ensure there is continuity.

If you would like further information about the current or future Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy Services Framework please visit our [website](#).

The other Frameworks which are expiring in 2020 are:

- [Stewardship Advisory Services Framework](#)
- [Third Party Administration Services Framework](#)

Reviews are being undertaken to determine the requirements for re-lets of these Frameworks. You can continue to use these Frameworks up until the expiry dates, providing you have awarded your contract before the Framework's end date.

If would like to be a Founder on these Frameworks please let us know.

Christmas and New Year Opening Hours...

The business hours for the National LGPS Frameworks will be different over Christmas and the New Year.

Our opening hours over the festive period are as follows:

Monday 23 December 2019 – 8.45am to 5.00pm.

Tuesday 24 December 2019 - 8.45am to Noon

Wednesday 25 December 2019 – Closed

Thursday 26 December 2019 – Closed

Friday 27 December 2019 – Closed

Monday 30 December 2019 – Closed

Tuesday 31 December 2019 – Closed

Wednesday 1 January 2020 - Closed

Thursday 2 January 2020 onwards - Normal opening hours



You can leave us messages when the office is closed using the usual contact numbers and email addresses and we will reply to them as soon as we can when the office reopens.

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Want to find out more?

If you would like to find out more about the Frameworks mentioned above, or any other National LGPS Frameworks please visit <https://www.nationallgpsframeworks.org/> or contact us on the details below.

We also have a news section on our website where you can easily keep up to date with news articles we publish!

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