



## **Further expansion of the National LGPS Frameworks as a new procurement framework for Legal Services goes live**

Accessing legal advice can be difficult for LGPS Funds and Pools, particularly those that don't regularly need these services and may be unfamiliar with the marketplace. To continue to support them, the National LGPS Frameworks (a well-established 'not for profit' LGPS initiative) have launched their latest procurement framework, for 'Legal Services'. This Framework will help all LGPS Funds and Pools (and wider public sector schemes) swiftly and easily access a wide range of reliable, good value expert legal specialists and services.

The previous National LGPS Framework for Legal Services, launched in 2015, was widely used across the LGPS Funds, LGPS Pools and other public sector bodies. Building on this success and the tested collaborative procurement approach used in other procurement frameworks, this latest multi-user, multi-provider framework helps funds buy a variety of legal services matched to their own specific requirements; from small, one-off pieces of work to longer-term, single supplier arrangements from a wide range of tested providers. The framework has separate lots for 'Investment', 'Benefit Administration' and 'Full Service' for England and Wales, Scotland and, for the first time, Northern Ireland.

To make the National LGPS Framework for Legal Services as simple 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.

Using the National LGPS Frameworks saves LGPS Funds significant time and money by allowing quicker and more efficient procurement of high-quality and value for money services. The frameworks mean users leverage better prices whilst still making local decisions about service requirements. The LGPS is already collectively benefiting from more than £105m in savings as a result of the National LGPS Frameworks programme.

This latest Framework has been developed through the collaboration of a number of LGPS Funds and Pools - Brunel Pensions Partnership, Environment Agency Pension Fund, Local Pensions Partnership, Lothian Pension Fund, Norfolk Pension Fund and West Midlands Pension Fund. It was supported by the National LGPS Frameworks team, with specialist legal and procurement advice from Norfolk County Council.

Commenting on the launch of the new Legal Services Framework, Nicola Mark, Head of Norfolk Pension Fund and Chair of the National LGPS Frameworks collaboration, said:

*"I'm delighted to announce this framework which offers LGPS funds and pools easy access to a range of specialist, qualified legal services providers, chosen for their specific pensions and investment expertise. It is also continues to demonstrate successful collaboration across LGPS funds and pools".*

If you are interested in using one of the National LGPS Frameworks or would like to find out more, please email [NationalLGPSFrameworks@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:NationalLGPSFrameworks@norfolk.gov.uk) call 01603 495922 or visit our website [www.nationallgpsframeworks.org](http://www.nationallgpsframeworks.org)

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## Notes for Editors

The following service providers have been appointed to the National LGPS Framework for Legal Services across 7 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)

Service Provider	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	Lot 7
Addleshaw Goddard	✓			✓			
Allen & Overy				✓			
Brodies		✓		✓		✓	
Burges Salmon	✓			✓	✓		✓
Burness Paull		✓		✓		✓	
Eversheds Sutherland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gowling WLG	✓			✓	✓		
Osborne Clarke	✓			✓	✓		
Pinsent Masons	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Squire Patton Boggs	✓			✓	✓		
Trowers & Hamlins					✓		✓
Ward Hadaway					✓		

### ‘By the LGPS, for the LGPS’

The National LGPS Frameworks are a not for profit programme - ‘By the LGPS, for the LGPS’ - and all users of the frameworks benefit equally from the collaboration.

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 services from a wide range of qualified providers.

### Frameworks available include:

- Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy Services
- Global Custody Services
- Investment Management Consultancy Services
- Third Party Administration Services
- Passive Investment Management Services
- Investment Management Performance and Cost Monitoring and Reporting Services
- Stewardship Advisory Services
- Transition Management and Implementation Services
- Member Data Services

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