



Further expansion of the National LGPS Frameworks as a new procurement framework for Pensions Administration Software goes live

Procuring pensions administration software can take significant time and money both for the awarding authority and the service provider.

To support LGPS Funds, the National LGPS Frameworks (a well-established 'not for profit' LGPS initiative) have launched their latest procurement framework, for 'Pensions Administration Software'. This framework provides easy and efficient access to specialist providers who are best placed to deliver pensions administration software to support the LGPS (and wider public sector schemes).

Using the National LGPS Frameworks complies with procurement regulations and saves funds significant time and money by allowing quicker and more efficient procurement of high-quality and value for money services. Funds and pools benefit from these advantages whilst still making local decisions about service requirements. The LGPS is already collectively benefiting from more than £119m in savings as a result of the National LGPS Frameworks programme.

The National LGPS Framework for Pensions Administration Software has been developed through the collaboration of a number of LGPS Funds – Cheshire Pension Fund, Clwyd Pension Fund, Essex Pension Fund, Greater Manchester Pension Fund, Merseyside Pension Fund, Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC), Norfolk Pension Fund, South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, Tyne and Wear Pension Fund, West Midlands Pension Fund and West Yorkshire Pension Fund. They were supported by the National LGPS Frameworks team, with legal and procurement advice from Norfolk County Council; together with additional specialist support from Aon and Squire Patton Boggs.

Commenting on the launch of the new Framework, Glenn Cossey, Director of Norfolk Pension Fund, said:

"I'm delighted to announce this Framework which offers LGPS Funds easy access to specialist pensions administration software providers. With increasing pressures and focus on governance, risk management and efficiency, this Framework is invaluable to us. Meeting the planned launch date is a huge achievement, especially with the added working challenges presented by COVID-19. This continues to demonstrate successful collaboration and commitment across the LGPS".

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 or visit our website www.nationallgpsframeworks.org

Notes for Editors

The following providers have been appointed to the National LGPS Framework for Pensions Administration Software.

| Service Provider |
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| Aquila Heywood Ltd |
| Civica UK Ltd |
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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 uniquely open to all LGPS Funds, LGPS Pools and administering authorities and the wider public sector nationally, including the Pensions Protection Fund, for the procurement of services from a wide range of qualified providers.

Frameworks available include:

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

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