



## Report of the Section 151 Officer

Pension Fund Committee – 13 July 2023

### Wales Pension Partnership Business Plan 2023- 2026

<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide a framework for the Wales Pension Partnership programme of work for 2023 -2026
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To approve the outlined business plan and note progress of current year business plan
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal, Finance and Access to Services.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	It is recommended that the Wales Pension Partnership Business Plan 2023- 26 is approved and progress of the in-year plan is noted.
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### Wales Pension Partnership Business Plan 2023- 2026

#### 1 Background

1.1 In line with best practice, the Wales Pension Partnership produces a business plan to inform its work programme for the forthcoming 36 month period. The business plan for 2023- 2026 is attached.at Appendix 1.

#### 2 Recommendation

2.1 The Pension Fund Committee is asked to note and approve the attached business plan for the years 2023-2026, noting the timescale and responsibility for key action points throughout the year. The document is a dynamic document and shall be revised and amended throughout the year as necessary.

### **3 Legal Implications**

- 3.1 The current legislative framework for the pension fund investments carried out by Administering Authorities is set by the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009. The law governing pensions is a complex and specialist area. National Government guidance indicates that the pooling of LGPS assets is permissible under current law.
- 3.2 The Inter-Authority Agreement has been approved and signed by all 8 Local Authorities.
- 3.3 The Pension Fund Committee Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation sets out the Committee's responsibility for the strategic governance of the Pension Fund.

### **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **5 Integrated Impact Assessment Implications**

- 5.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage.
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to their own needs.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.

Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

(UNCRC) and Welsh language.

There are no equality impact implications arising from this report.

**Background Papers:** None.

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1- Business Plan 2023-2026

Appendix 2 – Business Plan Progress Report 2022-23