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PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

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**REPORT OF: THE DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE AND DIGITAL SERVICES**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

**WALES PENSION
PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE**

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on the work and progress with regard to the Wales Pension Partnership (WPP) and Joint Governance Committee (JGC).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1.1 Note the update.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 As the Committee is aware the UK Government's requirement for all pension funds to pool their investments has been progressing in Wales through the WPP.

3.2 The Partnership governance arrangements include a JGC which meets around 4 times a year. Each pension fund in Wales is represented on the Committee by their Chair (or Vice Chair).

3.3 The last meeting of the JGC was held on the 12th March 2020. The agenda can be accessed [here](#).

3.4 At its March 2020 meeting, the JGC considered information in respect of the Training Plan for 2020/21 and the WPP Business Plan. Performance Reports for the WPP Global Growth Fund, Global Opportunities Fund and UK Opportunities as at 31st December 2019, were also presented.

- 3.5 The JGC were informed that the prospectus for the fixed interest sub-fund had been submitted to the Financial Conduct Authority. The transition has a current target date of mid-April 2020.
- 3.6 Following the completion of the procurement process for a Voting and Engagement Service Provider, the JGC agreed the recommendation to appoint the preferred candidate.
- 3.7 Link and Russell Investments have been working closely with the Officer Working Group looking at suitable sub-fund structures for the emerging market sector. The JGC reviewed and approved the proposed sub-fund structure in order for Link to commence the operational setup.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on the work of the Wales Pension Partnership and the Joint Governance Committee.
