



10 Years of Collaboration
National LGPS Frameworks
 By the LGPS, for the LGPS

News Bulletin

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Welcome to our first bulletin of 2022!

It's amazing to think that 2022 marks 10 years since the first Framework was launched!

Over the last 10 years many Funds and Pools have worked together in an amazing, voluntary collaboration to create 16 Frameworks 'for the LGPS, by the LGPS', resulting in multi-million £ savings in time and cost across the LGPS. 99% of Funds and all the LGPS Pools have accessed the Frameworks, along with other public sector organisations. We have 11 live Frameworks now, with a further 3 in development, and you can read more about these and more in this News Bulletin.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved so far in supporting the National LGPS Frameworks. What will the next 10 years bring? Whatever it is we look forward to working with you to support you and the wider LGPS.

Jo Quarterman, Director, National LGPS Frameworks

Leon Thorpe, Head of Operational Services and Support

What the National LGPS Frameworks can offer you

The National LGPS Frameworks save time and money by reducing the time and costs associated with the procurement process by offering a facility that has already been competitively tendered. Each Framework also offers a comprehensive set of user documentation to help you in your Further Competition or Direct Award. You can find further information on all Frameworks at www.nationallgpsframeworks.org or by calling our helpline on 01603 306846.

You can see more about all the Services available under current Frameworks later in the Bulletin.

IMPORTANT: There are several National LGPS Frameworks expiring in 2022. Please make sure you note the end dates of these Frameworks when you are planning and preparing your call-off. If you are planning to use a Framework which is expiring this year, your Contract Award must be completed by the expiry date of the Framework (although contracts let under the Framework can be for longer periods).

Frameworks News and Updates

Celebrating 10 years of Collaboration

2022 marks a big milestone in the journey of the National LGPS Frameworks, the programme turns 10 years old this year!

To celebrate this fantastic achievement by all involved in the National LGPS Frameworks, for 2022 we will be using a special logo to commemorate 10 years of collaboration.



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Thank you for your continued support of the National LGPS Frameworks, without it the Programme would not be able to keep achieving the level of benefits and savings it does for the LGPS.

New Frameworks for 2022

The procurement process has already kicked off for a number of Frameworks which will launch in 2022, these are:

- **Stewardship Advisory Services Framework 2022**
This is the second iteration of this Framework. We are currently in the tender process for this Framework which we hope will commence in early April 2022. This will replace the current Framework which is due to expire in March.
- **Pensions Administration Operational Support Services Framework**
This Framework will replace the current Third Party Administration Services Framework which expires this year. We are in the process of letting this Framework which we hope will commence in early May 2022.
- **Investment Management Consultancy Services Frameworks 2022**
This is the third iteration of this Framework. We are in the early stages of this replacement framework which will launch in November 2022 upon expiry of the existing Framework. **We would be delighted to hear from any other Funds or Pools who would like to act as a Founder for this Framework.** Please get in touch using the contact details at the bottom of this bulletin. If you haven't acted as a Founder before you can read a little about what the involves in the box below.

Founders needed for Legal Framework



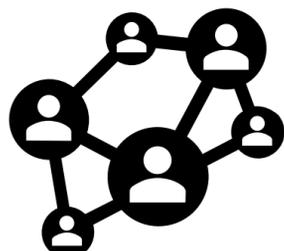
The current National LGPS Framework for Legal Services is due to expire in mid-January 2023.

The existing Framework has been popular with 41 joiners to date making use of the Framework.

We are keen to begin the process of letting this replacement Framework soon and are looking for volunteers to be Founders.

If you are able to help shape this replacement Framework by acting as a Founder, we would be delighted to hear from you. We will support you through the process, as you shape the next Framework to support the needs of the LGPS.

We do appreciate the pressure on resource and time at the moment so understand if you are unable to act as a Founder on this occasion, but we'd still be grateful to hear any feedback or ideas to help shape the new Framework.



If you would like to know more about what being a Founder involves or have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact either **Jo Quarterman** at jo.quarterman@norfolk.gov.uk or **Leon Thorpe** at leon.thorpe@norfolk.gov.uk.

What is involved in being a Founder?

Do you feel able to volunteer to help develop our Frameworks, working collaboratively to help shape the Frameworks to be fit for purpose and use by Funds and Users? Your experience and expertise could save you time and money, as well as benefitting the wider LGPS.



It really helps to have a diverse group of Founders (including where appropriate Pools) as Founders are invaluable in helping ensure Frameworks meet the needs of the whole LGPS. **New Founders are always very welcome!**

Each National LGPS Framework is the result of a need identified within the LGPS and then a small number Funds and Pools voluntarily working together as Founders to establish a Framework that meets the need identified across the LGPS. Without the support of Funds and Pools as Founders, the Frameworks wouldn't exist. The Founders are at the heart of every Framework; from shaping the specification of services through to evaluating the Provider responses.

Supported by the National LGPS Frameworks Team, Norfolk County Council Procurement and Legal Teams, Founder meetings are held to develop the Specification and Tender documents, Quality Questions, Pricing, and where appropriate exercises to support this. Founders evaluate and moderate the Tender responses before Contracts are awarded.

If you felt able to volunteer to help shape the Frameworks as a Founder, or if you would like to find out more about this and the commitment involved, we would be most grateful if you could get in touch.

Give us your views!

Covenant Services – At the recent National LGPS Frameworks Annual Meeting the requirement for a dedicated Framework for Covenant Services was raised. Although this can be procured via the Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy Services Framework we would be grateful for your view on if this would be a helpful addition to the National LGPS Frameworks in future?

Transition Management Services – this Framework expires in November. If you think we should look into replacing this Framework please contact us.

Salary Sacrifice AVC's: we are aware that a number of employers are struggling with the procurement aspects of accessing Salary Sacrifice AVC's. We'd be grateful to hear your views on whether you think we should explore inviting employers to work with us to establish a Framework in this area.



Have you recently awarded a contract via a National LGPS Framework?

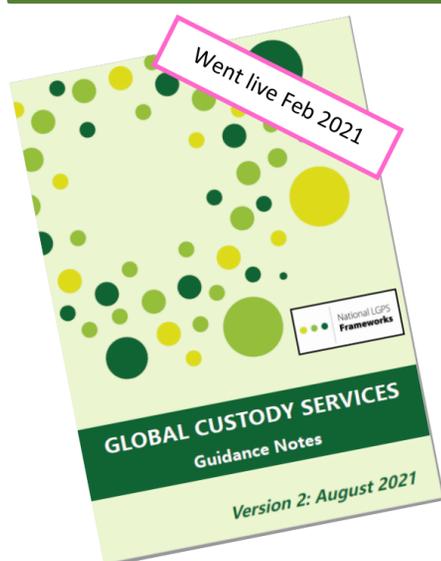
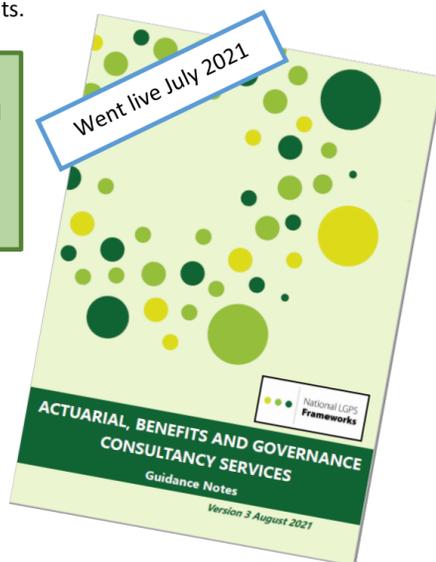
If you have recently awarded a contract under a National LGPS Framework and are planning on publishing a Press Release, we would be grateful if you could also mention you used the Frameworks! We can always provide a few words if that would help, explaining the not for profit LGPS team effort behind them.



Round up of the Year: 2021

As we enter a new year, we have taken a look what has happened in the last 2021 (despite the pandemic!!!). Here are some of the highlights.

The National LGPS Frameworks website (www.nationallgpsframeworks.org) has had **41,328** page views in the year up to 30th September 2021, from **8,480** users across **13,114** individual sessions.



Management Information collection and validation generated over **1,500** emails for quarter 4/Year End in April alone which was the same as for the whole of last year.

A new security package is now in place for the Frameworks website. A penetration test was successfully completed in February and will be repeated annually.

National LGPS Frameworks Annual Meeting (23 November 2021)



The latest National LGPS Frameworks Annual Meeting of the Founding Authorities was held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 23 November 2021 and was attended by Founders from LGPS Funds and Pools. This was the first meeting to take place since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Founders are very keen to ensure that the programme continues to be focussed 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 2021) we have:

- 11 Live Frameworks in place (plus five expired and three replacements in progress)
- 42 Funds and Pools as Founders of one or more Frameworks
- 66 current service Providers
- 118 Funds and Pools joining the Frameworks (plus five non-LGPS users)
- 448+ contracts let
- 186 years of estimated effort saved by procuring through the Frameworks
- £141m projected savings for the lifetime of the current contracts

LGPS Pension Managers' Conference 2021 – Torquay



For the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Leon and Jo were able to attend a conference in person! They presented a session at the Pensions Managers' Conference in Torquay

They presented an overview of the National LGPS Frameworks, how they work and an update on the latest developments along with some helpful Procurement tips for users of the Frameworks. It was great to meet up with so many LGPS colleagues and Providers and we hope to be able to attend more conferences either in person or virtual in 2022.

Services available via the National LGPS Frameworks

Framework	Expiry Date	Further Competition or Direct Award	Contract Length	Contract Maximum End Date
Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy Services	30 June 2025	Further Competition is available on all Lots. There is also an option to Direct Award via Lot 5.	10 years	June 2035
Global Custody Services	8 February 2025	Further Competition.	10 years	February 2035
Investment Management Consultancy Services	31 October 2022	Further Competition is available on all Lots. There is also an option to Direct Award via Lots 2 and 3.	7 years <i>Please note: This Framework has been extended but the maximum contract length remains the same. Contracts may be let for a period of 7 years but must not extend beyond the original maximum end date of October 2028.</i>	October 2028
Investment Management Performance and Cost Monitoring and Reporting Services	31 March 2022	Further Competition is available on Lot 1 only. You can Direct Award via Lots 2 and 3.	7 years under Lot 1 Contracts let under Lots 2 and 3 can be let until 31 March 2022 (the Framework expiry date). <i>Please note: This Framework has been extended but the maximum contract length remains the same for Lot 1. Contracts may be let for a period of 7 years but must not extend beyond the original maximum end date of March 2028.</i>	March 2028 under Lot 1. March 2022 under Lots 2 and 3.
Legal Services	13 January 2023	Further Competition and Direct Award available on all Lots.	7 years	January 2026
Member Data Services	9 September 2022	Further Competition and Direct Award available on all Lots.	6 years	September 2024
Passive Investment Management Services	31 March 2022	Further Competition.	20 years <i>Please note: This Framework has been extended but the maximum contract length remains the same. Contracts may be let for a period of 20 years but must not extend beyond the original maximum end date of November 2036.</i>	November 2036
Pensions Administration Software	26 April 2024	Further Competition	10 years	April 2034
Stewardship Advisory Services	31 March 2022	Further Competition available on all Lots, Direct Award available on Lots 4 and 5.	7 years	October 2028
Third Party Administration Services	30 April 2022	Further Competition and Direct Award available on Lot 2.	8 years <i>Please note: This Framework has been extended. Contracts may be let for a period of 8 years but must not extend beyond the maximum end date of 31 December 2028.</i>	December 2028
Transition Management and Implementation Services	30 November 2022	Further Competition available on all Lots, Direct Award available on Lots 2 and 3.	7 years <i>Please note: This Framework has been extended but the maximum contract length remains the same. Contracts may be let for a period of 8 years but must not extend beyond the maximum end date of 31 November 2028.</i>	30 November 2028

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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, along with the entire back catalogue of National LGPS Frameworks news bulletins!

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