Dear Colleague,

We hope this email finds you well.

In 2019 the LGPS Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) procured a data system to support the LGPS <u>Code of Transparency</u> which launched in 2017. The system was built by Byhiras and launched on 1 April 2020; the contract to provide that system is in place until August 2026.

During 2024, the Board has been working with colleagues across the LGPS on a project to understand what is needed longer term to support the LGPS and the Code of Transparency. As a consequence, at its meeting on 25 November 2024, the Board decided not to reprocure a like-for-like solution to that currently in place.

During the course of this project, the Board also discussed the requirements with the <u>National LGPS Framework</u> team and agreed that working together would be an optimum way to procure the services Funds need and to support the Code of Transparency.

We therefore plan to work with colleagues across the LGPS to develop a new National LGPS Framework to enable LGPS users to efficiently access the variety of services they may need in this area, whether that is basic data collecting and reporting services through to data validation and benchmarking services. The intention is that the new Framework will be launched in 2026.

The SAB will be covering the set-up costs for the framework via the SAB levy and it is hoped that the resulting framework would be free at the point of use.

The SAB is keen to ensure that the Founder group for this new National LGPS Framework is representative of the diversity of the LGPS and therefore would be most grateful if you (or a selected representative from your organisation) would consider acting as a Founder for this new Framework. If you have not worked with the National LGPS Frameworks before and would like to understand more about what is involved in being a Founder and the procurement process please contact either <a href="mailto:jo.quarterman@norfolk.gov.uk">jo.quarterman@norfolk.gov.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:jo.quarterman@norfolk.gov.uk">Jeon.thorpe@norfolk.gov.uk</a>.

In order to support this project, we are requesting your valued time and expertise. The Board would be grateful if you could advise if you are interested in supporting this project by contacting the Secretariat team at <a href="mailto:sab.secretariat@local.gov.uk">sab.secretariat@local.gov.uk</a>. We would ideally like Founders' meetings for the framework to commence towards the middle of May and expect that the meetings will occur on a monthly basis for a couple of hours on each occasion.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

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