

New National LGPS Framework for Pensions Administration Software goes live

We are delighted to confirm that the latest National LGPS Procurement Framework for Pensions Administration Software is now live.

This is the second iteration of the Pensions Administration Software Framework which builds on the huge success of its predecessor. This Framework is designed to help the LGPS swiftly and easily access Pensions Administration Software services from a variety of qualified providers to meet their local needs.

Users of the Framework benefit from all the usual advantages of using a National LGPS Framework including access to high-quality, value-for-money services, pre-agreed Terms and Conditions and supporting documentation.

Commenting on the launch, Georgia Ryan, Strategic Lead – Development and Technologies at Greater Manchester Pension Fund said:

We were pleased to participate again as a Founder member for this vital National LGPS Framework. We hope that LGPS funds can now continue to easily and compliantly procure what is a complex set of products and services with the knowledge that the suppliers have been appropriately screened to ensure they can meet the needs of LGPS administration teams, their members and employers. As a group we have reviewed and appraised the specification of requirements for this framework to ensure that the systems and services being offered can keep up with both technological advancement and changing legislation.

Elizabeth Boardall, Head of Technology, Projects and Comms at West Yorkshire Pension Fund added:

For LGPS administrators the procurement of Pensions Administration Software is a crucial decision. The new National LGPS Framework for Pensions Administration Software has been brought together by the Founder members to allow the LGPS easy access to a framework of providers that have already been through a thorough procurement process. At West Yorkshire Pension Fund we have used and continue to use these frameworks to help bring in the right services to take our performance forward.

The following organisations have worked together to establish this Framework, supported by the National LGPS Frameworks team, procurement and legal specialists from Norfolk County Council together with additional specialist support from Aon and Squire Patton Boggs:

- Cheshire West and Chester Council (as Administering Authority of the Cheshire Pension Fund)
- City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund)
- City of Wolverhampton Council (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund)
- Essex County Council (as Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund)
- Kent County Council (as Administering Authority of the Kent Pension Fund)
- Norfolk County Council (as Administering Authority of the Norfolk Pension Fund)
- Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)
- Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund)

The National LGPS Frameworks are a collaboration of LGPS Funds and Pools who have been working together since 2012. By using the National LGPS Frameworks, LGPS Funds and Pools can save considerable time and money. Frameworks offer efficient, best practice, regulatory compliant access to a range of qualified specialist providers. By using a Framework individual LGPS stakeholders can still define local service requirements but at the same time leverage better prices. The LGPS is already collectively benefiting from more than £200m in savings by using the National LGPS Frameworks.

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 call 01603 306846 or visit our website www.nationallgpsframeworks.org

Notes for Editors

The following Service Providers have been appointed to the National LGPS Framework for Pensions Administration Software:

- Civica
- EQ Retirement Solutions
- Heywood

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The National LGPS Frameworks are open to all LGPS Funds, LGPS Pools and Administering Authorities and the wider public sector nationally for the procurement of pensions related services from a wide range of specialist qualified providers.

Frameworks available include:

- Actuarial, Benefits and Governance Consultancy Services
- AVC Services
- Global Custody Services
- Investment Management Consultancy Services
- ISP and Member Data Services
- Legal Services
- Pensions Administration Operational Support Services
- Pensions Administration Software
- Stewardship Services
- Transition Management Services

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