

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PENSIONS AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM A, COUNTY HALL, LLANDRDINDOD WELLS ON
FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2017**

PRESENT

County Councillor P E Lewis (Chair)

County Councillors E A Jones and JG Morris

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies were received from County Councillors A Davies, D Meredith and T Van-Rees.

2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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Members of the Committee declared interests as members of the Local Government Pension Scheme [LGPS]. These are personal interests only, but are not a prejudicial interest in accordance with Paragraph 12(b)(iv) of the Members' Code of Conduct 2016.

3.	EXEMPT ITEM
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RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following items of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 3 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

4.	10.00 - 10.15 WALES PENSION PARTNERSHIP OPERATOR PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION
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The Committee received the report from the Acting Strategic Director of Resources. The Pension Fund Manager reported that the Wales Pension Partnership's Joint Governance Committee had considered the appointment of an operator at its meeting on 7 November, 2017. The eight participating authorities are now required to approve the appointment. It was noted that the name of the preferred bidder [1] was confidential until the awards letter is sent on 1 December, 2017.

Once appointed the Operator will set up the FCA platform regulation process to ensure that the Pool is operational from 1 April 2018.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
<p>That the Pension and Investment Committee approves the recommendations of the Joint Governance Committee of the Wales Pension Partnership to:</p> <p>(i) Appoint Bidder 1 as the preferred bidder for the Wales Pension Partnership (OJEU reference number 2017/S 050-092093), and</p> <p>(ii) subject to the completion of</p>	<p>To formally approve the recommendation arising from the OJEU procurement exercise for operator services undertaken by the Constituent Authorities.</p>

<p>the standstill period and the finalisation of the Operator Agreement, to appoint Bidder 1 as the Operator under the Operator Agreement.</p>	
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5. HEDGE FUND MANAGER SELECTION
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5.1. 10.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Introduction to the Hedge Fund Manager Selection Day (Aon)

The Committee noted the process to be followed for the selection of the Hedge Fund Manager.

5.2. 10.30 a.m. - 11.10 a.m. Informed Portfolio Management (UK) Limited
The Committee received a presentation and asked questions.

5.3. 11.20 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. GSA Capital (via teleconference)
The Committee received a presentation and asked questions.

5.4. 12.10 p.m. - 12.50 p.m. Stone Milliner
The Committee received a presentation and asked questions.

5.5. 1.30 p.m. - 2.10 p.m. Capital Fund Management
The Committee received a presentation and asked questions.

5.6. 2.10 p.m. - 2.40 p.m. Recap of Manager Presentations
The Committee considered the presentations received during the morning.

5.7. 2.45 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Aon Delegated Hedge Fund Solution
The Committee received a presentation and asked questions.

5.8. 3.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Discussion and conclusion
The Committee considered the presentations received during the day from the Hedge Fund managers and in respect of the Delegated Hedge Fund Solution. The Pension Fund Manager advised that the investment decisions would have no impact on benefits and that delegating responsibility to someone else was how the management of pension funds was developing with the formation of the Wales Pension Partnership.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
<p>That the Committee appoint the following Hedge Fund Managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed Portfolio Management (UK) Limited • GSA Capital • Stone Milliner • Capital Fund Management. 	<p>Improved efficiency and increased diversification of the Pension Fund's hedge fund portfolio.</p>

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