

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**Pensions and Investment Committee
11th July 2016**

REPORT BY: Strategic Director of Resources

SUBJECT: Appointment of BlackRock – Wales Passive Pool

REPORT FOR: Information

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Following a joint procurement exercise in partnership with Aon Hewitt that concluded at the end of March, the 8 Welsh LGPS Pension Funds selected BlackRock to manage a £2.8B pooled index investment mandate, covering developed and emerging market equities, fixed income and smart beta indices.

2 Background and Outcomes

- 2.1 This collaborative effort was prompted by the government guidance on asset pooling, published in November 2015 and seeks to deliver cost efficiencies. Collective savings are expected to be up to £1.3M per annum. For the Powys Pension Fund savings on fees of circa £150k to £200k per annum are anticipated.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Recommendation:		Reason for Recommendation:	
To note the contents of the report.		As per report	
Person(s) To Action Decision:			
Date By When Decision To Be Actioned:			
Relevant Policy (ies):	N/A		
Within Policy:	N/A	Within Budget:	N/A
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