

### **London CIV**

Delivering collaboration for the LGPS

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### **Ambition**

London CIV aims to be the investment vehicle of choice for Local Authority Pension Funds, through successful collaboration and delivery of compelling performance.



## **Agenda**

- London LGPS
- Reasons for change
- Government agenda
- Our progress
- Governance
- Fund
- Benefits



#### **London LGPS**

- 33 London funds
- £29bn of investments\*
- £109m fund management costs\*
- 250 different investment mandates
- 90 investment managers
- 33 mandate changes per year on average

<sup>\*</sup> Source: DCLG, Local government pension scheme funds local authority data: 2014 to 2015, Statistical Release



### Reasons for change

- Responding to possible merger
- Proactive response to government agenda
- Cross borough collaboration
- Reduce cost and deliver wider benefits
  BUT
- Boroughs maintain sovereignty over their pension funds!

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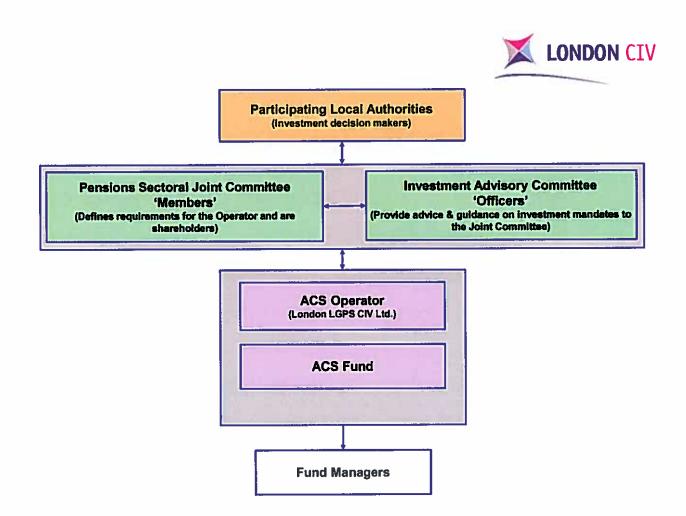
# Government agenda - Pooling

- Asset pool(s) that achieve the benefits of scale (6 x £25 billion)
- Strong governance and decision making
- Reduced costs and excellent value for money
- An improved capacity to invest in infrastructure



### **Progress**

- 32 boroughs participating
- Firm and fund fully authorised!
  - The 1st full scope AIFM in LGPS
- 3 sub-funds open
- ~£1.8 billion under management
- > £1 million fund manager fee savings





#### Governance

- Firm is a full scope AIFM
- Permission to operate a UK Authorised Contractual Scheme fund (ACS)
- Boroughs are shareholders in the company
- Overall control of pension fund stays at local level
  - Boroughs set their own investment strategy
  - Boroughs decide asset allocation mix
  - Under advice from Consultants and Advisors



# Governance (2)

- JC provides Member oversight and guidance
- IAC gives officer advice to Joint Committee
- Company makes final decision to appoint a fund manager
- Non-London LGPS can invest, but need to discuss:
  - Shareholders or not
  - Members of JC or not
  - Level of commitment



### **Guiding principles**

- Investment in the ACS should be voluntary, both entry and withdrawal.
- Boroughs choose which asset classes to invest into, and how much.
- Borough shareholders should have sufficient oversight over the ACS Operator.



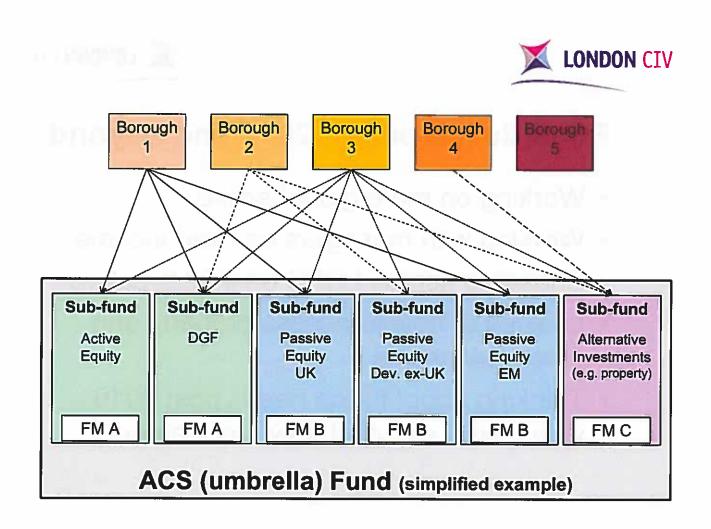
# Guiding principles (2)

- Investing authorities will take a shareholding interest in the Operator.
- Shareholders will have membership of the Pensions Joint committee.
- ACS Operator will provide regular information to participating boroughs.
- ACS will not increase the overall investment risk faced by boroughs.



#### Fund structure

- Fund is a tax transparent UK ACS
- Regulated by the FCA
- Umbrella structure
- Sub-funds will cover all asset classes
- Delegating fund management now
  - in-house later if investors want it





## Fund development 2016-17

- Working with 9 Fund Managers
- 14 sub-funds
  - Multi asset
  - Active global equity
  - Passive equity (UK, developed global ex-UK, EM)
- >£8 billion AUM
- > £4 million pa fund manager fee savings



### Fund development 2017 and beyond

- · Working on more global active
- Working with managers on fixed income
- Engaging across LGPS on infrastructure
- Looking at how to access property and other real assets
- Thinking about future needs post 2016 valuation – e.g. cashflow requirements



# **Manager Selection**

- For launch 'commonality'
  - 2 or more boroughs, 1 manager, same or similar mandate, quantum of assets
- BAU
  - In collaboration with the IAC and boroughs
  - Search, procurement and selection
  - Using consultants where appropriate
- Varied response from Managers



#### Cashable benefits

- Reduced Investment Manager fees
  - Up to 50% fee savings
  - Potential for in-house management later
- Tax transparent
  - International treaties and control of tax reclaims
- Procurement
  - c. £500k from reduced searches in first 18 months



# Cashable benefits (2)

- Lower custody costs
  - c. 30-40% reduction
- Securities lending opportunities
  - Greater visibility and negotiating power
- FX transparency and monitoring
- Reduced brokerage costs



#### Wider benefits

- Governance/shared training/shared knowledge
- More borough time to focus on strategic issues
- Reduced churn
- · Shared investment manager oversight
- Data transparency and data access



## Wider benefits (2)

- Greater security of assets compared to (e.g.) legacy life wrapped vehicles
- Buying power
- Voting power
- Access to 'alternative' investment
- Regulatory scrutiny
- Proactive response to the LGPS reform agenda



# Thank you

Q&A



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