

ACCESS : Press Release

The ACCESS LGPS Investment Pool: Host Authority confirmation & Programme Director vacancy

The ACCESS pool (made up of eleven LGPS Shire County Administering Authorities) has recently agreed that Essex County Council will be the Host Authority for the ACCESS Support Unit (ASU) which will shortly be advertising for the position of *Programme Director* and *Contract Manager*.

The ASU will consist of a small number of permanent staff. Led by a *Programme Director*, who will be central to implementing ACCESS's strategy enabling the pool to achieve its strategic objectives and managing stakeholder relationships. To deliver strong governance and robust performance management of a large contractor the *Contract Manager* will be responsible for the successful day to day performance of the Pools' contracts with Link Fund Solutions and other third party suppliers. The ASU will also include technical lead roles drawn from the LGPS officers at the constituent funds, plus administrative support.

Councillor Andrew Reid, Chairman of the ACCESS Joint Committee said "There was unanimous agreement that Essex County Council be the Host Authority for the ACCESS Support Unit which will be fundamental to how our pool's ambitions are realised. We look forward to its success."

Outlets for the vacancies will include:

<https://www.accesspool.org/>

https://essexcc.taleo.net/careersection/ecc_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=19402&lang=en (Working for Essex)

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The ACCESS (A Collaboration of Central, Eastern and Southern Shires) is made of 11 LGPS Administering Authorities: Cambridgeshire County Council; East Sussex County Council; Essex County Council; Hampshire County Council; Hertfordshire County Council; Isle of Wight Council; Kent County Council; Norfolk County Council; Northamptonshire County Council; Suffolk County Council; and West Sussex County Council.

The ACCESS Administering Authorities are committed to working together and have each signed an Inter Authority Agreement, setting out how they will work together in response to the Governments pooling agenda across the LGPS, and to optimise benefits and efficiencies on behalf of their individual and collective stakeholders.

ACCESS appointed Link Fund Solutions Ltd to provide Operator services in early 2018.

Essex County Council (ECC) will act as Host Authority for the ACCESS Support Unit (ASU). As a consequence the hosted roles of *Programme Director*, *Contract Manager* and *Administrative Support* will all be permanent employees of ECC, and co located with the Essex Pension Fund. The technical lead roles are likely to be virtual (part time secondments) and will flex with the needs of the ASU. The costs of all roles (hosted and virtual) will be shared equally across the eleven ACCESS pension funds.

In early August Link Fund Solutions received authorisation from the FCA for The LF ACCESS Pool Authorised Contractual Scheme and the first sub-fund.

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