

JOB PROFILE

JOB INFORMATION

Job Title	Investment Applications Lead	Department	Finance & Operations
Job Family	IT	Function	IT
Grade	C (£80,000 - £100,000)	SMCR Role	No
Location	Merseyside / Tameside / Bradford	No. of Direct Reports	N / A

JOB PURPOSE

The Investment Applications Lead is responsible for managing and developing the suite of investment technology applications and platforms used by Northern LGPS, including portfolio management systems, data platforms, reporting tools, and the integrations between investment systems and third-party providers. The role works in close partnership with the CIO and the IT Services and Infrastructure Lead and is the internal subject matter expert for all investment-facing technology.

The Investment Applications Lead will work with SMEs to implement, configure and test the full suite of investment systems, including portfolio management systems, data platforms and reporting tools, establishing and validating all integrations between investment applications and third-party providers.

Key Responsibilities	Application Management - Manage and develop Northern LGPS's suite of investment technology applications, including portfolio management systems, data platforms, reporting tools and associated integrations. - Ensure that investment applications are configured and operated to support Northern LGPS's investment management, risk and reporting functions. Stakeholder Collaboration - Work in close partnership with the CIO, the IT Services and Infrastructure Lead and relevant investment, risk and reporting stakeholders to understand and support their investment-application requirements. - Act as Northern LGPS's internal subject matter expert for investment-facing technology, providing specialist advice on investment applications, investment operations, data flows and regulatory reporting requirements. System Integration and Optimisation - Establish and validate all integrations between Northern LGPS's investment applications and third-party providers, ensuring that the required data flows are in place and tested ahead of go-live. - Maintain oversight of investment-application performance and integrations, ensuring that defects, data-flow issues and operational weaknesses are identified and addressed. Project and Programme Management
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- Lead the delivery of the investment-technology build, including the implementation, configuration and testing of portfolio management systems, data platforms, reporting tools and associated integrations.
- Ensure that the investment-technology build and all critical integrations are completed and tested to the standard required for operational go-live.

Data Management and Analytics

- Ensure that investment applications and data platforms support Northern LGPS's investment management, risk and reporting functions.
- Apply specialist knowledge of investment operations, data flows and regulatory reporting to the configuration, testing and ongoing management of investment applications.

Reporting and Documentation

- Maintain appropriate documentation covering investment-application configurations, integrations, data flows, testing outcomes and operational procedures.
- Provide regular reporting through the appropriate governance arrangements on implementation readiness, application performance, integration risks, testing outcomes and required remedial actions.

Vendor Management and Collaboration

- Provide regular reporting through the appropriate governance arrangements on implementation readiness, application performance, integration risks, testing outcomes and required remedial actions.
- Assess vendor solutions, upgrades and application roadmaps where they are relevant to Northern LGPS's investment-technology requirements.
- Monitor vendor performance and require appropriate corrective action where application services or integrations do not meet agreed requirements.

Innovation and Technology Adoption

- Identify and assess developments in investment technology that could improve Northern LGPS's investment applications, data platforms, reporting tools or third-party integrations.
- Maintain current specialist knowledge of investment applications, investment data flows and relevant technology developments.

User Training and Support

- Coordinate appropriate user training and guidance when new investment applications, material enhancements or changed processes are introduced.
- Ensure that effective support and escalation arrangements are in place for investment applications, working with application vendors and other relevant service providers to resolve issues.

Compliance Responsibilities

- Ensure that investment applications, associated data flows and reporting capabilities are configured and governed in line with Northern LGPS's requirements, internal policies and relevant regulatory-reporting requirements.
- Identify and manage risks relating to investment applications, system configurations, data flows, third-party integrations and operational readiness.

	• Ensure that application incidents, integration failures, data-flow issues and control weaknesses are promptly escalated, investigated and remediated through the appropriate governance arrangements.
Functional accountabilities	• Act as Northern LGPS's internal subject matter expert for all investment-facing technology. • Manage and develop Northern LGPS's portfolio management systems, data platforms, reporting tools and associated integrations. • Work with SMEs to complete the implementation, configuration and testing of the full suite of investment systems. • Establish and validate all integrations between investment applications and third-party providers. • Ensure that Northern LGPS's investment-technology environment is complete, tested and ready to support its investment management, risk and reporting functions. • Maintain clear separation between specialist investment-application responsibilities and the general infrastructure services provided through the outsourced IT Managed Services arrangement.

KEY INTERACTIONS

Internal	External
- Chief Investments Officer - Chief Operations & Finance Officer - Head of Technology - IT Services & Infrastructure Lead	- Investment-application vendors - Data-platform and reporting-tool providers - Third-party providers integrated with Northern LGPS's investment applications - Other specialist technology providers, as required