### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 26, 2019

# Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-16503 (Commission File Number) 98-0352587 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

c/o Willis Group Limited, 51 Lime Street, London, EC3M 7DQ, England and Wales (Address, including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (011) 44-20-3124-6000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

## Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

#### (b) Retirement of Directors

On February 26, 2019, James McCann announced his intention to retire from the Board of Directors of Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company (the "Company"). He will serve the remainder of his term and will not seek re-election at the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "2019 AGM"). Accordingly, at the 2019 AGM (currently anticipated to be on May 20, 2019), he will retire from the Board and all Board Committees. Mr. McCann's retirement follows almost 15 years of service on the Board and various Board Committees, with almost seven years of service as Non-Executive Chairman or Lead Independent Director of the Company and its Willis predecessor. This includes serving as Non-Executive Chairman during the three-year period following the merger of Willis and Towers Watson. SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 1, 2019

#### WILLIS TOWERS WATSON PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

By: /s/ Matthew Furman

Name: Matthew Furman Title: General Counsel