RETIREMENT PLANNING REPORT

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Example Client

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SUMMARY OF ADVICE

ORGANISE YOUR PENSION PORTFOLIO

Transfer your Aviva and Clerical Medical Pensions to a new Personal Pension on the Transact Platform.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Invest the pension in the underlying funds:

- 50% in the BMO Sustainable Universal MAP Growth Fund
- 50% in the Liontrust Sustainable Future Managed Fund

COST OF THE ADVICE

There will be an initial fee of 2.50% (£2,753) based on your total pension value.

Our ongoing service charge of 0.75% per annum will be applied to the new pension and this will provide the service outlined in your client agreement.

Please note:
There are risks involved with any investment and these are detailed further in this report. You should be aware the value of your investments can fall as well as rise and there is no guarantee the funds in which you invest will perform better than the funds you are currently investing in, indeed, they may not perform as well.

YOUR OBJECTIVES

You are aiming to retire in 10 years' time and expect to need an income totalling £1,500 per month (£18,000 per annum) to cover all essential spending.

You wish for your pension funds to be invested in an ethically positive manner where possible.

You are currently earning £2,200 per month net of tax and spending £2,000 per month. The approximate monthly surplus of £200 is being saved to your main current account.

You do not expect your income or expenditure position to change by choice over the next ten years and you will consider making additional pension contributions from accumulated savings as and when appropriate. This is to help you maintain current spending levels at least in the early years of retirement.

Your mortgage has five years remaining and currently costs you £200 per month. You may also consider allocating the savings directly from this, once repaid, into a pension.

You are aware of investing sustainably and in a positive manner and would prefer your pension funds to be invested and allocated in this way. The aim for this is that your pension funds are contributing to positive impacts in society.

Affordability and Emergency fund

We are reviewing existing pension funds and you are not making any further contributions at this time. Affordability is not therefore a direct concern although you should be prepared to commit funds in a pension to an investment strategy for a period of at least five years, but ideally longer.

As stated, you may consider contributions as your savings accumulate and you will consider further regular contributions once your mortgage is repaid.

We would also recommend you hold a suitable amount of cash on deposit to provide an emergency fund. We recommend as a guide you retain three to six months' expenditure on deposit. You hold £5,000 at present and I would recommend you increase this to potentially £6,000 - £12,000 before considering extra pension contributions.

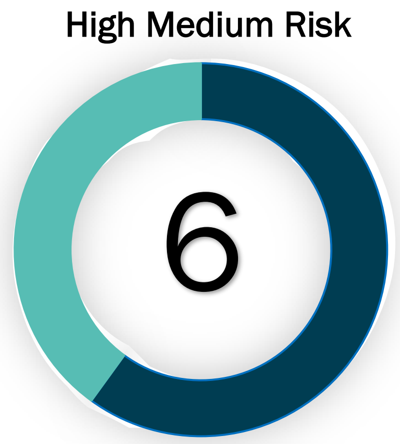
RISK PROFILE

In this section we will look at the various viewpoints which affect the level of risk you are willing to take. These all impact on one another and so, while distinct, should be considered in conjunction with each other. The aim is to compare how much risk you actually need with how much you are comfortable taking, and test this against the potential loss you have capacity for.

Attitude to risk

We asked you to complete a risk profiling questionnaire. Each answer in the questionnaire is scored and based on the answers you gave, you would be classified as a High Medium Risk (6 out of 10) investor.

We discussed the individual question answers and the overall score and agreed this reflects a level of risk you would be comfortable tolerating. For further detail on this risk score, including the potential returns and losses associated with this level of risk, please refer to your risk profiling report.



Need to take risk

Your pension funds are required in approximately 10 years to support your retirement income objectives and maximising the value of your funds in anticipation of retirement is why you need to take risk and this will require you to invest in stock markets. You do not have a specific level of return to target and wish to only take a level of risk you are comfortable with.

Capacity for loss

If you needed access to your funds in the short-term, to support your current standard of living, you would not have the ability to withstand any form of loss or fluctuation in value. As mentioned, you have 10 years until access will be required and this gives you time in which to ride out any major losses or fluctuations in the value of your funds.

When you are less than 5 years from retirement, we can review the selection of investments in the pension alongside your need from the fund and assess how much an impact on your retirement plans a capital loss might have. We can from this point look at reducing risk by changing the strategy to align with the timeframe until you will potentially need access.

In our cash flow forecasts we have considered various scenarios of spending and saving and in each of these allowed for a 30% loss within the next 12 months. You are not projected to have financial shortfalls with this loss which indicates you can potentially tolerate a loss of this amount.

Ethical considerations

It is possible to invest with specific ethical preferences (i.e., including or excluding certain industries and sectors, or even specific companies). Investing in this manner can restrict the number of options available to you and can in some circumstances mean compromising on performance potential or reducing costs.

You have confirmed that you do not wish to have specific ethical inclusions or exclusions in your pension. You would however prefer your pension has an overall 'positive approach ideally' when investing in assets.

We would therefore recommend the use of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) qualifying funds. These aim to build portfolios around investments that meet certain criteria in each of the categories.

Knowledge and experience

You have some experience of investment markets and understand the way in which values can fall as well as rise. You would not consider yourself to have any expertise with regards to investing and would be reliant on advice.

If you disagree with our assessment in this section or you feel your risk tolerance has changed at any time, please contact me to discuss as soon as possible.

CURRENT SITUATION

Current policies

Below is a summary of your existing pension provision:

Aviva Personal Pension		Clerical Medical Personal Pension	
FUND VALUE	TRANSFER VALUE	FUND VALUE	TRANSFER VALUE
£74,289	£74,289	£35,846	£35,846
As at 07/01/2021		As at 12/01/2021	
Total Fund Value:		£110,135	
Total Transfer or Surrender Value:		£110,135	

This information was issued by the relevant providers on the date stated, is subject to fluctuation and is not guaranteed.

Plan Features

Are there any income guarantees?	No
Any enhanced tax-free cash entitlement?	No
Is Flexi-Access Drawdown available?	No

As there are no guarantees or enhancements applying, there will be no loss in this regard if you move from the existing providers.

Wills and Estate

It is essential you have a will which is not only up to date, but which is continually monitored. You have confirmed you currently have a will in place and I advised it is important revisions are made whenever significant changes occur in your situation or intentions. There can be tax planning advantages from will writing and this can ensure as much as possible of your estate goes to those intended.

We would also recommend you consider the benefits of a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA). Please contact me for more information if this is something you wish to discuss.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

IN SUMMARY WE ARE RECOMMENDING YOU:	
Transfer your Aviva and Clerical Medical Personal Pensions to a new Personal Pension on the Transact Platform	Invest the funds equally between the Liontrust Sustainable Future Managed fund and the BMO Sustainable Universal MAP Balanced fund

More information on the impact of the recommended action can be found in **Appendix B.**

Why this recommendation is suitable for you

- Transferring to the recommended plan will allow you to access funds that invest in line with ethical mandates. Your existing plans do not offer access to these types of funds and the only alternative fund options are based on standard choice (which means no ethical restrictions or considerations necessarily apply).
- Rather than focusing on specific inclusions or exclusions, the recommended funds adopt an ESG focus and generally target investment into companies and assets with favourable ESG ratings.
- The Liontrust fund has a well-established track record, particularly with regards to sustainable and ESG fund types.
- The BMO range of funds also has a strong track record and has recently launched a sustainable version of the popular Universal MAP fund range.
- The recommended investment strategy will aim for capital growth in line with your agreed risk profile. This will aim to maximise the funds ultimately available to you in retirement.
- Transact have an excellent track record in pension administration. They are one of our preferred pension providers and our regular due diligence will make sure they remain suitable.
- You will be able to access a wider range of options at retirement, including Flexi Access Drawdown facility.
- The recommended plan is cheaper on a like for like basis. It is only the inclusion of the ongoing adviser charge, not paid on the current plans, which increases costs.
- We can build in our ongoing servicing to provide you with regular reviews, as required.

There are no guarantees or enhancements that will be lost by transferring your pension funds to a new provider.

Please be aware of the following possible disadvantages:

- Higher charges on the new plan (when factoring in ongoing advice fee).
- No guarantee of better returns.
- Initial costs incurred to implement the recommendations.

HOW DO THE NEW CHARGES COMPARE?

It is important to strike the right balance between value for money and paying less in charges. Value can be measured in the features that are provided and some plans that offer more options and a wider range of features will naturally cost more compared to some that offer less options and features.

Our aim is to find the right balance of access to the features and options you require but at a competitive cost. We have compared the total charges applied on your existing plans to the total charges on the recommended policy:

	VALUE	TOTAL CHARGE	
Aviva Personal Pension	£74,289	1.25%	£928.61
Clerical Medical Personal Pension	£35,846	1.12%	£400.46
Total	**£110,135**	**1.21%**	**£1,329.07**
	VALUE	TOTAL CHARGE	
Transact Personal Pension	**£110,135**	**1.74%**	**£1,919.25**

Any charges quoted are estimated over 12 months

Please note that the comparison of charges is based on the current fund values and does not take into account the initial charges. The full breakdown of the charges on the existing plans are detailed in Appendix A.

The recommended plan is more expensive however there is no adviser charge currently being paid on the existing plans, whereas this will be paid from the new plan. To give a fairer comparison of cost, we can exclude the 0.75% per annum ongoing adviser charge and the charges would then compare as follows:

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Clerical Medical Personal Pension	£35,846	1.12%	£400.46
Total	**£110,135**	**1.21%**	**£1,329.07**
	VALUE	TOTAL CHARGE	
Transact Personal Pension	**£110,135**	**0.99%**	**£1,093.24**

As you can see, the like-for-like cost comparison shows the new plan to be cheaper on a like-for-like basis. It is only the inclusion of the optional ongoing adviser charge which increases costs.

I believe there is greater value in the recommended plan with the reasons for this outlined in the previous section and throughout this report.

Initial charges

There are also initial charges to be paid in relation to my advice and the implementation of this and these can be summarised as:

Adviser Fee	2.50%	£2,753.38
Transact Buy Commission Charge	0.05%	£53.69
Total	**2.55%**	**£2,807.07**

Initial adviser charges can be paid directly or by deduction from the pension value following transfer. You have confirmed you would prefer to pay the charge by deduction from your fund. The buy commission charge will be paid from your plan.

What will this cost me?

Based on the new value of your plan, which takes into account the initial fees, the total annual charges would be as follows:

Transact Personal Pension	£107,328	%	£
Average Weighted Fund Charge		0.64%	£686.90
Transact Pension Facility Fee		0.07%	£80.00
Transact Platform Charge		0.28%	£300.52
Ongoing Adviser Service Charge		0.75%	£804.96
	Total Ongoing Charges	1.74%	£1,872.38

The charges in monetary terms are estimates (except the fixed Facility Fee) based on the value of the plan.
In reality, the underlying fund will fluctuate daily and this makes it impossible to predict the actual costs that will be incurred over a year.

What impact will the new charges have on my money?

In order to show the impact of the initial charges on your plans, we have also calculated the reduction in yield (RIY) on both your existing and new plans, which takes into account initial charges as well as the annual charges. These are based on the charges applying for ten years, assume a growth rate of 5%, and the effect of these charges on your plan value are:

	Value	RIY	Future Value
Aviva Personal Pension	£74,289	1.30%	£106,859
Clerical Medical Personal Pension	£35,846	1.16%	£52,244
		Total	**£159,103**
Transact Personal Pension	£110,135	2.06%	**£147,097**

As you can see, the new plan is more expensive and the impact of this is that, without better fund performance, the value at retirement would be lower. The advantages detailed in the previous section explain why I believe the additional costs are worth being incurred and the new plan will be better structured to suit your objectives and your risk profile.

Ongoing advice service

I explained the option of an ongoing service to review your pensions on a regular basis and you confirmed you would like to access this. I explained you could elect to pay my fees directly, via the plan or a combination of the two. You elected to pay from the plan. Our ongoing service level charge is 0.75% and this will fluctuate depending on the value of your holdings. The following shows the initial plan value, and potential alternative values, to demonstrate the impact this would have on our annual fee:

Potential decrease	Current value	Potential increase
Value £90,000	*Value £110,000*	*Value £130,000*
Adviser Fee £675	*Adviser Fee £825*	*Adviser Fee £975*

This fee pays for the services and benefits outlined in your client agreement. This agreement also outlines the process by which you can cancel the ongoing service you receive.

APPENDIX A – EXISTING PLAN DETAIL

We have summarised in the main report the plans being reviewed at this time. The following section provides more detail.

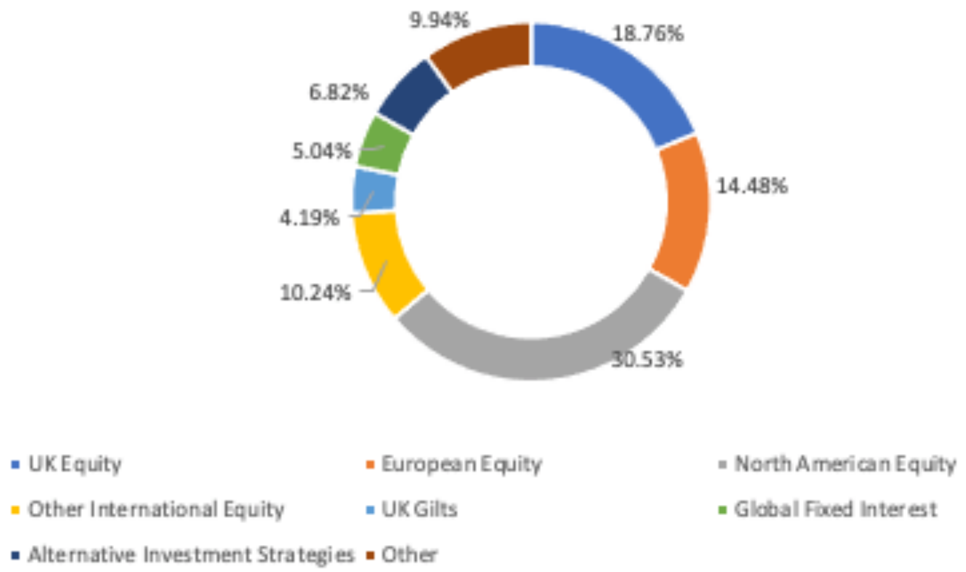
Investment options

All investments carry with them at least a degree of risk. It is essential that the right level of potential risk is taken with your pension funds as this will have an impact on the potential gains and losses that might be seen. The amount of risk taken should align with your objectives, ability to bear risk and your appetite for risk.

You are currently invested as follows:

	Fund	Value
Aviva Personal Pension	Aviva Cautious Managed FP Pn	£42,515
	Aviva European FP Pn	£6,895
	Aviva UK Equity FP Pn	£24,879
	Total	**£74,289**
Clerical Medical Personal Pension	Clerical Medical Managed Defensive Pn	£9,148
	Clerical Medical Fixed Interest Pn	£8,724
	Clerical Medical Index Linked Pn	£12,478
	Clerical Medical Overseas Pn	£5,496
	Total	**£35,846**

The overall asset allocation is as follows:



There is approximately 75% of the overall funds allocated to equity assets, with the remainder allocated to a combination of fixed interest / money market assets and other types of assets. We would expect an investor with your risk profile to have less exposure to equity assets and a more balanced investment strategy (allocating more to fixed interest and money market assets).

Your existing funds are also allocated with no regard or specific consideration of ESG factors. This means that the funds are not investing in line with your preference and you will need to change to a fund that will definitively make investment decisions based on these factors.

You are invested in a wide range of funds and the current asset allocation is likely to drift over time without taking action. This is because different funds grow at different rates which over time and unchecked the overall allocation could shift significantly from where it currently is.

How much am I paying?

Charges are deducted on the existing plans throughout the year and the charges currently applied are:

Aviva Personal Pension £74,289			Clerical Medical Personal Pension £35,846		
	%	£		%	£
Fund Charge	0.85%	£631.46	Fund Charge	1.00%	£358.46
Plan Charge	0.40%	£297.16	Policy Charge	0.12%	£42.00
Total	**1.25%**	**£928.61**	**Total**	**1.12%**	**£400.46**

The fund charges in monetary figures are estimates over a 12-month period based on the current plan values (which is subject to fluctuation). This is with the exception of the Clerical Medical plan charge which is a fixed fee of £3.50 per month.

Fund range

Before considering a switch, we need to consider what fund options, if any, are currently available to you.

While the existing plans can access alternative options, the limitations mean it cannot access the investment strategy being recommended. In particular, there are no ESG options available within the existing plan and all fund choice is based on an unrestricted ability to invest (in respect of ESG factors).

The fund range across the existing plans is also not varied enough to allow a common strategy across both. You would have to therefore maintain different approaches across the providers which is harder to keep appropriate in terms of the overall risk being taken.

APPENDIX B – WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO CONSIDER?

The following sections provide some further considerations and points to be aware of in relation to my recommendations.

Death benefits

For a detailed description of what happens to pension funds on death, refer to the FAQs section at the end of this report.

I recommend a Nomination of Beneficiaries form is completed to ensure the trustees know to direct your funds to your preferred beneficiaries, bypassing your estate for IHT purposes, in the event of your death.

Options considered

Fund Switch

Leave the funds with the current provider but amend the investment strategy to better suit your risk profile and objectives, or transfer your existing pensions into one of your existing plans. I have ruled out this option as:

- Your existing providers only offer access to a limited range of funds, which would not enable us to construct a suitable portfolio using ESG investments.
- It would also not be possible to implement a common investment strategy across the plans.
- A fund switch would not allow you to consolidate your plans to simplify your holdings.
- Your existing plans are also limited in terms of post retirement options.

Stakeholder

On 6th April 2001, the Government introduced a new type of private pension, known as a Stakeholder Pension, which has low charges and low minimum contribution levels. I have not recommended this option for the following reasons:

- Stakeholder plans have low costs but the limited range of funds would prevent us from being able to apply a comprehensive investment strategy.
- Stakeholder plans also do not offer Flexi Access Drawdown, and it would be necessary to transfer to a more comprehensive plan at a later date if you wished to use this facility.

Workplace Pension

You are self-employed and do not have access to a workplace pension to consider.

APPENDIX C – INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Having taken into consideration our discussions around risk, and your objectives, the recommended investment strategy for your funds is:

Fund	Split	Fund OCF
Liontrust Sustainable Future Managed	50%	0.88%
BMO Sustainable Universal MAP Balanced	50%	0.39%
Total	100%	0.64%

OCF – Ongoing Charges Figure

In order to meet your requirements, we are recommending funds and investments that have Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) characteristics. This means the funds are screened to include and exclude certain investments that do or do not qualify against a range ESG checks. The aim of this approach is to identify investments that are more likely to achieve a favorable return over the long-term due to a combination of a more favorable reputation in markets and less legal requirements or restrictions compared to non-ESG investments.

The recommended funds are a bespoke selection of funds selected based on our independent research, your attitude to risk and investment objectives.

Asset allocation

The current asset allocation on this portfolio can be summarised as:

As you can see, the recommended strategy accesses a range of asset types across a variety of global regions. The allocation to equity or property (riskier) assets aims to help provide a return over the long-term at least matching (but ideally exceeding) inflation. Your existing strategy takes too much risk in comparison and the recommendation will therefore ensure your funds are invested suitably given your ability to take risk and investment objectives.

Performance

The BMO Sustainable Universal MAP Balanced fund was only launched in December 2019 and past performance data is therefore limited. This fund is however based on the BMO Universal MAP Balanced fund which has run since 2017 and we can use this fund as a replacement for the purposes of providing an indication of the likely performance of the recommended strategy against your existing funds.

The following chart shows performance since December 2017:

As you can see, the recommended portfolio has consistently outperformed your existing strategy over the timeframe considered.

Please remember that past performance is no guarantee of future returns.

APPENDIX D – RECOMMENDED PROVIDER

Plan type

There are various pension arrangements in the market and these gradually go up in scale in both plan costs and the options available through the arrangement, to the range and number of funds and investment houses one can access and types of additional holdings which may be permitted to be included in the holding.

In your case, I am recommending you access a Personal Pension via the Transact Platform.

Put simply, a platform account was a development in portfolio administration, which is designed to assist the investor and their adviser with arranging transactions, reporting and administering an investment portfolio or pension arrangement.

Transact

Transact is a provider that we recommend to clients as part of internal due diligence process and centralised investment proposition.

We conduct ongoing reviews of the providers we recommend and if at a future review we find the provider recommended is no longer suitable to your specific needs, we will consider your options with you.

The Transact platform was launched in 2000 and now handles more than £39.3 billion (as at 31st December, 2019). Transact has been profitable every year since 2003, and has been awarded an 'Excellent' financial performance rating for the last six years to 2019 in the FinalytiQ Advised Platform Report.

The platform offers access to a huge range of investment funds. Up to date statements and valuations can be viewed online at any time, and statements are issued half yearly. Transact is consistently developing and are committed to the market for the long term, continually investing in technology, training and the development of new useful tools to provide the best financial planning service.

Charges

Charge Type	Charge
Buy Commission	0.05%
Annual Charge: First £600,000	0.28%
Annual Charge: £600,000 - £1,200,00	0.18%
Annual Charge: £1,200,000 - £5,000,00	0.07%
Pension/SIPP Facility Fee	£20 per quarter (£80 pa)

The charges applied will be 0.28% per annum as well as the Pension Facility Fee of £20 per quarter.

The Buy Commission charge will also reduce the amount initially invested.

In addition, there are adviser and fund charges; these are detailed in full within this report.

APPENDIX E – RISK WARNINGS & CANCELLATION NOTICE

It is important you are not only fully aware of the advantages of the recommendations I am making, but also the potential disadvantages. Although I have made every endeavour to understand your objectives and situation and then match my advice to these, only you will have the fullest appreciation of your feelings in relation to these areas. You must therefore carefully consider all the aspects of the recommendations, together with the potential drawbacks. I would like to draw your attention to the following risk warnings:

- My advice and recommendations are based on my understanding of current law and taxation, which may be subject to change in the future.
- Where given, past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance and any investment returns may be less than those shown in the illustration provided.
- The value of investments can, especially over the short term, go down as well as up, and you may get back less than you invest.
- Any valuations referred to have been provided by the relevant companies, are not guaranteed and may fluctuate.
- There is no guarantee the comparisons made between products as charged now, will remain accurate in the future. Charging structures can and do change; additionally, different options may be available in the future.
- There is no guarantee the investment strategy being recommended will outperform the current strategy. It is possible that our recommended strategy may underperform compared to the current approach.
- While your funds are transferring there will be a period of time where they are out of the market. During this time, they will not benefit from any uplift in market values. Conversely, they will not be affected by any decline in values.
- The investment strategy recommended meets your current attitude to investment risk and investment objectives. If you feel this has changed in the future please contact me as soon as possible.
- Funds invested wholly or partly outside the UK may be affected by exchange rate fluctuations. Additionally, where an investment is made in emerging markets, their potential volatility may increase the risk to the value of the investment.
- Eventual benefits from your pension may be lower than expected for a number of reasons:
    - Taking benefits earlier than the chosen retirement age
    - Contributions are lower than expected
    - Investment growth is lower than expected
    - Annuity levels are lower at the chosen retirement age than they are now
    - Charges increase
    - Tax rules change

Assumptions

The assumptions about the tax position of the plans and any recommendations made in the report are based on my understanding of current law and HM Revenue & Customs practice which may be subject to alteration in the future. In particular, which assets, gains or income are taxed and the levels of taxation on them are all subject to change. Tax reliefs may also change and their value to you will depend on your individual circumstances.

Documentation

I have issued you with supporting literature along with an illustration. This documentation is important and contains information regarding the products which I have recommended, particularly with regards to the features, benefits and charges, the commitment which it entails, together with its legal (including policyholder protection) and tax status. The summaries contained in this report are no replacement for reading this information and I therefore recommend you do so, taking particular notice of the risk warnings.

Cancellation Notice

If you proceed with our recommendations, you will receive a summary of the plan details from the recommended provider. These will include a 'Cancellation Notice'. If you wish to cancel the application you need only sign and return the relevant Cancellation Notice within 30 days of receiving it. The monies will then be returned to the ceding schemes. If your money has already been invested, the value returned will depend on the unit price at the point of cancellation – and this could mean you get back less than you invested. In addition, the ceding scheme is under no obligation to receive any returned funds and, in this instance, you will be liable for finding an alternative provider.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

The FSCS was set up under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and exists to protect customers of FCA authorised firms and covers deposits, insurance and investments. The Scheme can pay compensation to customers who have lost money as a result of their dealings with FCA authorised firms that are unable to pay claims against them, usually because they are insolvent or have stopped trading.

The limit of protection varies between different types of products and up to date information on the products covered and the limit of potential compensation can be found via the FSCS website: www.fscs.org.uk

I confirm that in all our dealings you will be treated as a Retail Client. This affords you the maximum protection under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, together with full rights to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

CONCLUSION

If you have any questions or require any further information about the strategies or recommendations, please let me know. I trust that this letter, together with the accompanying documents, will clarify why I believe the advice is appropriate for you.

Adviser Declaration

Should you wish to proceed with my recommendations, please sign a copy of the declaration below and return it to me. I have enclosed documents that you must read and understand, some of which include forms to be completed and returned to me for implementation.

SIGNED: ______________________________

DATE: ______________________________

Example Adviser
Independent Financial Adviser
Paraplanning Solutions Ltd

Client Agreement

I have noted the contents of this report and agree that it gives an accurate summary of my requirements and objectives.

I confirm that I wish to proceed with the recommendations and understand the costs, tax implications and associated investment risks.

I understand that the contents of this document are based on current rules and legislation and may be subject to legislation or rule changes in the future.

SIGNED: ______________________________

DATE: ______________________________

Example Client

PENSION FAQS

How do they work?	Any money contributed by a member and/or their employer is held as a pot that can grow (or reduce) in value over time by being invested in stock markets.
Is my pension safe?	The funds are held under trust by a pension plan provider and there is a Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) to protect the value in the event the provider defaults. The actual fund, if invested in stock markets, is not protected from decreasing in value in line with stock market returns.
When can I access it?	There is a legal minimum pension age of 55 currently. There is legislation to increase this to 58 by 2028.
How do I access it?	Once you reach the minimum pension age, there are a number of options available: • Uncrystallised Fund Pension Lump Sum (UFPLS) • Flexi Access Drawdown • Annuity Purchase • Small Pots Payment
Which is the best way of accessing it?	The suitability of the above options to each person will vary according to needs. For some, annuity purchase will be the most suitable way of accessing while for others, Drawdown will be more suitable.
What can I pay into it?	It is possible to make any payment amounts into a pension. Tax relief is available on personal contributions on the higher of £3,600 gross or 100% of relevant earnings. Tax relief is however withdrawn through an annual allowance system which restricts payments to £40,000 per annum.
How much can I save?	In theory there are no limits to the amount that can be saved. There is however a Lifetime Allowance which provides a limit on how much can be saved tax efficiently. Anything taken from a pension above this limit (currently £1,073,100) is subject to a tax charge of 25% or 55% depending on how the fund is accessed.

	Do I have to pay tax?	You can take up to 25% of the fund tax-free as a Pension Commencement Lump Sum (PCLS). Entitlement to a full PCLS is dependent on having sufficient Lifetime Allowance available. Some schemes may also have protected entitlement to PCLS (higher than 25%). The remainder of the fund is subject to tax at marginal income tax rates, whether taken under Flexi Access Drawdown or as annuity.
	What happens if I die?	Any nominated beneficiaries can take receipt of the fund and withdraw them, keep these invested, or purchase an annuity. An expression of wishes form will allow you to make this nomination. If no beneficiaries are nominated, the scheme will usually decide who to pay the funds to (based on next of kin). Subject to the value being within the Lifetime Allowance, the funds are tax-free in the hands of beneficiaries if your death is prior to age 75. If death is after 75, they will pay income tax on withdrawals at their marginal income tax rate.
£	What charges are there?	There can be charges related to the underlying investment management (the fund ongoing charges figure plus transactional costs) as well as charges applied by the pension provider to administer the plan. There are also adviser charges that might apply. Charges will naturally impact on the ability to generate a positive investment return.