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Contractual documents and SIPP basic scheme information

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Welcome to Aegon Retirement Choices

In this booklet, you will find the Aegon Retirement Choices (ARC) Terms and conditions and the ARC Insured Fund Policy, which along with your:

- application(s)
- declaration(s)
- first Contract note, or for SIPP Confirmation of investment – contract note, that we send you form the basis of your contract with us for the Aegon Retirement Choices service.

ARC provides you with access to a range of product wrappers and investment choices through one online service.

This booklet also includes the basic scheme information for the SIPP.

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Part 1 – ARC terms and conditions

These are the terms and conditions that apply to the Aegon Retirement Choices service and also to the individual product wrappers, provided by Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd and Scottish Equitable plc.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

By opening a **product wrapper**, **you** have applied for use of the Aegon Retirement Choices service (**the Service**) provided by **us**. This booklet contains the Aegon Retirement Choices Terms and conditions for the use of **the Service** and for the **product wrappers**. In addition to these terms and conditions, **you** should also read other documents such as:

- the key features
- your illustration
- Key investor information document(s)
- Charges guide
- Confirmation of application
- Contract note or for SIPP, Confirmation of investment – contract note

Words in **bold** are defined terms that are explained in the 'Definitions' section. ARC documents as well as any other documents are available from your **adviser** or through **the Service**.

1.2 The role of Aegon

We provide the Aegon Retirement Choices service to **you**. This is mainly an online service that is used to manage **investments** through one or more **product wrappers**. Aegon Investment Solutions provides the **General Investment Account (GIA)** and the Individual Savings Account (**ISA**). Scottish Equitable plc provides the Aegon Self Invested Personal Pension (**SIPP**) within the Aegon Retirement Choices service. If **we** agree, the **GIA we** provide can also be available for use through a product, such as an offshore bond or a **SIPP**, with **another provider**.

We do not give any advice in relation to the Aegon Retirement Choices service, **your product wrappers** or any **investments** that **you** hold with the Aegon Retirement Choices service. The fact that particular **product wrappers**, investments, investment planning tools or any other features are made available through **the Service** does not constitute advice or imply that they are suitable for **you**. **You** should always seek suitable advice before using **the Service**,

purchasing a **product wrapper** and investing. If **you** need to find a new **adviser**, **you** can do this online at **unbiased.co.uk**

2 Definitions

General items to note

Where we use the masculine form of a word, it also includes the feminine. The opposite also applies.

Words in the singular include the plural. The opposite also applies.

Where we refer to a piece of legislation, we also refer to any amendment or re-enactment of the legislation. We also refer to any regulations made under the legislation, and that includes any corresponding provisions in force in Northern Ireland.

All references to a clause of these Terms and conditions are references to a clause in the general section unless stated otherwise.

Accidental death – means **your** death, within the 72 hours following an accidental bodily injury, resulting solely and independently from causes not related to or contributed to by any illness, disease or physical disorder that you were aware of at the **start date**.

Accidental death benefit – means the lump sum payable on **your** death as set out in clause 16.6 of section C.

Adviser – means the financial adviser through which **you** access **the Service**, open **product wrappers** and transact **investments**, and who **you** can remunerate in the form of **adviser charge** through the **product wrappers you** hold. **Your adviser** must be registered with **us** and have appropriate **FCA** authorisation.

Adviser charge – means money that **you** agree to pay to **your adviser** through **your product wrappers**. This is more fully described in 10.4.

Aegon, we, us, our, ourselves – means Aegon Investment Solutions Limited, in relation to the **ISA** and **GIA** and in relation to the **SIPP** means Scottish Equitable plc.

Aegon default fund – means the **investment** chosen by **Aegon** that any **contribution** to **your SIPP** that was provided through **your employer**, and that **you** have not given an

investment instruction for, will be invested in. This will only apply where **your employer** or the **scheme adviser** has not chosen a **default fund** for **your SIPP**. This is more fully described in clause 4 of section C.

Aegon initial charge – means the one-off charge made by **us** when **you** make a subscription/investment into a **product wrapper** by paying money into the **cash facility**, either on a one-off or regular basis as detailed in 10.3.1.

Aggregated trading – means the trading of certain investments, where all instructions at a certain time from all **clients** using **the Service** are added together into a single trade for a particular investment. This is more fully described in 7.8.

Annual allowance – means the limit, set by HMRC, of tax advantaged contributions or increase in value of a person's pension rights in a pension input period. For this purpose, all of the person's pension arrangements are taken into account. Contributions or increases in pension rights in excess of this allowance will give rise to a tax charge. A reduced money purchase annual allowance may apply to **you** for certain purposes in certain circumstances.

Another provider – means any provider of a financial product that is not available on **the Service** but uses that financial product to purchase a **GIA** under **the Service**.

Benefit crystallisation event – means an event or occurrence at which **we** must test **your SIPP** benefits against the **lifetime allowance**. The events and occurrences on which this must happen are set out in legislation. The amount which must be tested against **your lifetime allowance** is also determined by legislation.

Block transfer – means the transfer in a single transaction of all the investments held under the pension scheme from which the transfer is made, which relate to at least two members of that pension scheme.

Business day – means any full day on which banks, investment managers and the London Stock Exchange (LSE) are open for business.

Capped drawdown – means a **drawdown pension** arrangement set up before 6 April 2015 withdrawals from which are subject to certain limits and is not a **flexible drawdown** arrangement, and is described in paragraphs 8 and 22 of schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004.

Cash facility – means the untraded cash account that is set up for and within each **product wrapper** for the movement of money to and from, and within, a **product wrapper**. This is more fully described in 5.3 and 5.4.

Client, you, your – means the individual, corporate or other entity in whose name **the Service** is held. If **you** have a **SIPP**, and following **your** death, **your** dependant chooses to postpone the securing of an annuity under clause 18 of section C, **you/your** refers to **your** dependant.

Client profile – means an account within **the Service** that holds **your product wrappers**. **You** can have more than one such account with each account being treated separately for the purposes of these Terms and conditions.

Collectives – means collective investment schemes, which are arrangements that enable a number of investors to 'pool' their assets and have these professionally managed by an independent manager. Collective investment schemes come in a number of forms, the main ones being authorised unit trusts, open-ended investment companies and unauthorised unit trusts.

Contribution – means any payment by **you** or a third party or **your** employer (where allowed) into a **product wrapper** and includes subscriptions to **your ISA**.

Contribution does not include a transfer into a **product wrapper**.

Crystallise – is what happens to **your SIPP investments** on certain **benefit crystallisation events**. It can apply to different parts of **your SIPP** at different times. This is more fully described in clause 9 of section C.

Crystallised – means that part of **your SIPP** that has been through a **benefit crystallisation event** that has resulted in **your SIPP** crystallising.

Default fund – means the **investment** that any contribution into **your SIPP** that was provided through **your employer**, and that **you** have not given an investment instruction for, will be invested in and, where applicable, includes the **Aegon default fund**. This is more fully described in clause 4 of section C.

Dependant – has the meaning given in paragraph 15 of schedule 28 of the Finance Act 2004. In summary, it includes **your** spouse, civil partner, children and any other person who is financially dependant on **you**, or is dependant on **you** due to physical or mental impairment. Where dependant's drawdown pension is being provided, it means the dependant named in any documentation issued to the dependant.

Discretionary fund manager – means an appropriately **FCA** authorised manager that has entered into an agreement with us and **you** and/or **your adviser** to manage **your investments** on **your** behalf.

Discretionary investment manager charge – means the charge that **we** deduct from **your product wrapper** and pay to **your discretionary fund manager**. This is more fully described in 10.4.9.

Distance contract – is defined by the **FCA** and is a contract which makes exclusive use of one or more means of distance communication (where there is no simultaneous physical presence) up to and including the time at which the contract is concluded.

Drawdown pension – means a drawdown pension as set out in paragraph 4 of part 1 of schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004. Broadly speaking, it is the payment of a pension directly from the funds in **your SIPP**. This can be **capped drawdown** or a **flexi-access drawdown**.

Drawdown pension fund lump sum death benefit – means any part of the drawdown fund of a member of the **scheme** which is

applied, on the death of the member, as a lump sum.

Eligible Aegon pension products – means any eligible pension contract, within the Aegon Group that **you** are entitled to the benefits of.

Employer – means the person (including a company or other legal entity) that employs **you** and through whom **you** are given initial access to **the Service**, it also includes any subsequent person that employs **you** and who offers access to **the Service**. Once **you** have access to **the Service**, this will continue even if **you** leave the employer that gave **you** access (as detailed in 7.3).

Equity – means company shares, investment trusts, corporate bonds or gilts. These are stock or any other security representing an ownership interest that can be traded publicly, for example through an exchange.

Equity trading – is the service by which **we** facilitate the purchase or sale of **equities** within **product wrappers**.

Exchange traded fund – means an investment fund, tracking an index, sector or commodity that is traded on a stock exchange.

FCA – means the Financial Conduct Authority and any replacement of it.

Flexi-access drawdown – means a new **drawdown pension** arrangement set up on or after 6 April 2015; a **flexible drawdown** arrangement that was converted as detailed in clause 14 of section C; or a **capped drawdown** arrangement which has either been converted to flexi-access drawdown following our acceptance of your request to that effect or has become a flexi-access drawdown arrangement through an error that cannot be rectified. Flexi-access drawdown is detailed in paragraphs 8A and 22A of schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004.

Flexible drawdown – means a **drawdown pension** that was set up prior to 6 April 2015 but without any limit on the amount which can be withdrawn each year.

Forced disinvestment – means that **we** will sell **investments** without **your** instruction, for example in order to maintain sufficient

cash within **your cash facility** or to meet payments out.

Force majeure events – means any of the following and their effects:

riot, civil unrest, commotion or rebellion, war or civil war (whether or not declared) or armed conflict, invasion and acts of foreign enemies, blockades, embargoes (including as to trade), any act (or credible threat) of terrorism, acts of government, local authority or regulatory body, explosion or fire, earthquake, extraordinary storm, flood, abnormal weather conditions or other natural catastrophe, any nuclear, chemical or biological contamination or any strikes, lock-outs or other industrial disputes (other than to the extent involving the workforce or other personnel of us).

In each case to the extent that such event is beyond the reasonable control of the party affected and has materially affected the ability of that party relying on the force majeure event to perform its obligations in accordance with these Terms and conditions. It always excludes any such event insofar as it arises from or is attributable to the wilful act, omission or negligence of that party or the failure on their part to take reasonable precautions to prevent such force majeure event or its impact.

Fund manager – means the individual responsible for making decisions related to a portfolio of collective investments, in accordance with the stated goals of the fund.

Gate – means the level of access that **you** have been given by **your adviser** or **employer** allowing **you** to apply for certain **product wrappers** and buy and sell certain **investments** as more fully described in 7.3.

General Investment Account (GIA) – means an account provided by **us** within **the Service** that allows you to buy and sell **investments**. There are no specific tax benefits to such an account and the **investments** are treated as owned by **you** for tax purposes.

Hedge fund – means a fund allowing the use of aggressive strategies that are typically unavailable to **collectives**, including selling

short, leverage, program trading, swaps, arbitrage, and derivatives.

HMRC – means HM Revenue & Customs and any replacement of it.

Indemnify – means being responsible to compensate for any loss, expenses or damage or one or more of these, caused and to provide financial reimbursement for this.

Investment providers – means providers of the **investments** made available through **the Service**.

Investments – means any assets that **we** make available for **you** to invest in through **your product wrappers** and includes cash in the **cash facility**.

Investment list – means the list of all **investments** available through **the Service**, **your adviser** can give you more information.

ISA – means the Individual Savings Account as regulated by **HMRC** and provided by **us** within **the Service**. We only offer Stocks and Shares ISA and this is more fully described in section B.

ISA Regulations – means the Individual Savings Account Regulations 1998 (SI 1998 No. 1870).

Lifetime allowance – means the overall limit on the value of tax-privileged savings that any one individual can have under all of their **registered pension schemes** throughout their life. Benefits paid in excess of the allowance may be liable to a tax charge as described in section 214 of the Finance Act 2004. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes any personal lifetime allowance under the Finance Act 2004.

Model portfolio – means a pre-selected portfolio of **investments** put together by either an **adviser** or **discretionary fund manager**. The portfolio can be selected by an **adviser** for any number of **clients**. The **client's** holdings can be amended automatically to reflect any changes to the **model portfolio**.

Nominee Company – means the company or companies used by **us** to hold **your investments** in safe custody. Unless stated otherwise in these Terms and conditions or

in relation to any particular **investment, your investments** will be registered in the name of one of **our nominee companies** relevant to the **product wrapper(s)** you hold. These are more fully described in 7.1.

Non-UCITS retail scheme – means an investment company with variable capital or an authorised unit trust, which is neither a UCITS or a qualified investor scheme (which is an investment company with variable capital or an authorised unit trust designated as such by its constitution).

Pension commencement lump sum – means the lump sum **you** can take from a part of **your SIPP** when **you** first start taking pension benefits from that part of **your SIPP**. If it satisfies certain conditions, this lump sum can be paid free of income tax. The conditions are set out in Paragraphs 1 to 3 of Schedule 29 of the Finance Act 2004.

Platform terms of business – means the **adviser** terms of business that **your adviser** must agree with us before **we** will allow them to use **the Service**.

PRA – means the Prudential Regulation Authority and any replacement of it.

Product wrapper – means a specific product provided by **us** within **the Service**, being a **GIA**, an **ISA** or a **SIPP**, within which **you** can buy, sell and hold a variety of available **investments** and cash. **You** can receive some form of tax relief, this will depend on **your** personal circumstances and the type of **product wrapper** being chosen. **You** can have more than one type of **product wrapper**, and more than one of each type.

QROPS – means a Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Scheme.

Recognised UCITS – a UCITS recognised under section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Schemes constituted in other EEA States).

Registered pension scheme – is as defined in the rules.

Regular contribution – means the payment of a **contribution** on a regular basis. This payment will be into the **cash facility** of a **product wrapper** using a Direct Debit instruction.

Regular withdrawal – means regular periodic withdrawal from funds within the **cash facility** of a **product wrapper**. **Regular withdrawals** may be made monthly, quarterly or yearly. There may be restrictions on how much you can withdraw from **your SIPP**, **your adviser** will provide **you** with details of these.

Relevant UK earnings – means earnings as defined in Section 189 of the Finance Act 2004. It includes:

- employment income such as salary, wages, bonus, overtime and commission providing it is chargeable to tax
- income derived from the carrying on or exercise of a trade, profession or vocation that is chargeable to tax
- income arising from patent rights and treated as earned income, and
- general earnings from an overseas Crown employment which are subject to tax.

Where relevant UK earnings are not taxable in the United Kingdom due to a double taxation agreement, those earnings are not regarded as chargeable to income tax and so will not count towards the annual limit for tax relief on pension savings.

Relevant UK individual – is defined in section 189 of the Finance Act 2004 with further details set out in clause 2.3 of section C.

Re-registration – means the process of transferring existing **investments**, such as **equities**, unit trusts or open-ended investment companies (OEICs) to or from **the Service** without selling or buying.

Retirement age – means that date specified in line with clause 1.5 of section C.

Retirement benefits – means any one or more of **pension commencement lump sum**, **drawdown pension** or any annuity purchased by your **SIPP**. This is more fully described in section C.

Rules – means the trust deed and rules that govern the **scheme**, as amended from time to time.

Scheme – means the Aegon Self Invested Personal Pension Scheme established by a Declaration of Trust executed by Scottish

Equitable plc on 30 September 2011.

Scheme adviser – means the person who advises **your employer** in relation to **the Service**.

Secure retirement income – is an option under the ARC Insured Funds Policy that provides for;

- a secure level of income for **your** life with a guaranteed minimum death benefit; or
- a secure level of income for **your** life with no guaranteed minimum death benefit; or
- a secure level of income for **your** life continuing to a joint life on your death

SIPP – means the self-invested personal pension provided by **us** within **the Service**. A self-invested personal pension is a specific type of UK personal pension that offers customers a wide choice of assets in which to invest, as opposed to just a selection of insured funds.

Start date – means the date that **you** took out **your SIPP** and is the date stated on **your** Confirmation of application.

Structured product – any investment vehicle where the return is linked to the performance of an underlying asset.

The Service – mean the service **we** provide for **you** and **your adviser**, which contains **your product wrapper(s)** and enables **you** and **your adviser** to manage **your investments** within **your product wrappers**, and is described in these Terms and conditions.

UCITS – means undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities.

UFPLS – means an uncrystallised funds pension lump sum as detailed in paragraph 4A of schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2004.

UK tax resident – means a person considered to be a UK tax resident as defined by **HMRC**, as available on its website.

Uncrystallised – means the part of **your SIPP** that has not been through a **benefit crystallisation event**.

Uncrystallised funds lump sum death benefit – means any lump sum that is payable from **your SIPP** on your death from benefits that are **uncrystallised**.

USA – means all states, territories or possessions of the United States of America and the District of Columbia.

Valuation point – means the point at which all deals for a particular **investment** are aggregated by **us**. **Our valuation point** may be in advance of the **investment's** dealing point to make sure all transactions are completed.

3 General information

3.1 Client classification

Our policy is to treat all **clients** as retail clients in line with the rules of the **FCA**. **We** cannot accept an application for business from any citizen or taxpayer of the **USA**.

However, please note that in some circumstances, particularly with regards to **investments**, **investment providers** may deem **Aegon** to be a professional client when buying or selling **investments** on **your** behalf. Therefore, the level of protection available to **you** may be less than had **you** purchased the **investment** directly from the **investment provider**.

3.2 Residency

For individuals **we** will only accept business from individuals who are habitually resident in the UK.

You or **your adviser** must immediately notify **us** of any change in **your** residency, tax status, citizenship or domicile.

On a change of residency, **we** reserve the right to suspend certain transactions. This might limit **your** ability to make additional **contributions**, buy/sell **investments** and make withdrawals.

We may be required to dispose of **investments** **you** hold due to a change in **your** residence, and **we** reserve the right to do this without reference to **you**.

If **you** need more information about how taxation, residency and related regulations may apply to **your** circumstances, please speak to an adviser.

We reserve the right to terminate **the Service** under 11, following written notice

given by **us**, if **you** no longer reside in the UK or **we** discover that **you** did not tell **us** of this change. Where this is the case, **we** will give three months' written notice to **you** before terminating **the Service**.

3.3 Appointment and change of an adviser

You can apply for a **product wrapper** either through **your adviser**, **your employer**, or directly if you are already using **the Service** and have access to do so at the correct **gate**. If **you** are using an **adviser** to apply for a **product wrapper**, **your adviser** must be authorised by the **FCA** and have agreed to **our platform terms of business**.

3.3.1 Where you have an adviser

If **you** have applied for **your product wrapper** through **your adviser**, we will assume that **you** have met and received suitable advice from **your adviser** and that this is not regarded as a **distance contract** for the purposes of the **FCA** regulations. **You** or **your adviser** must tell **us** if this is not the case.

You agree that **your adviser** is duly authorised to give **us** instructions on **your** behalf as if they had come directly from **you**. This includes authority to make withdrawals, trade **investments**, conduct switches and to add, amend or remove rebalancing on **your** behalf using **the Service**.

You agree to accept full responsibility for all instructions placed by **you** or **your adviser** and to release **us** from any liability for executing instructions which **you** or **your adviser** has placed using **the Service** (save for any direct loss or damage arising directly from **our** gross negligence, fraud or wilful default).

There are some instructions that must be given in writing, signed by all investors or authorised signatories and sent, where appropriate, with the relevant

supporting documentation. These are explained in 9.

We will only accept instructions relating to payments of **adviser charge** to **your adviser** (see 10.4) direct from **you** or from **your adviser**. Where the instruction is passed to **us** by **your adviser**, **we** will send **you** details of the **adviser charge**.

You may only have one **adviser** for each **client profile**, and at any time **we** will only pay any **adviser charge** under 10.4 to that **adviser** we have noted against your **client profile**. Notification of a new **adviser** will automatically result in the removal of the existing **adviser**.

Where participating in more than one arrangement on **the Service**, through an **employer**, **you** may have more than one scheme adviser for each **client profile**.

You must tell **us** in writing if **you** want to change **your adviser** – please send confirmation of this change to ARC Client Services. This confirmation must also contain details of **your new adviser**. **You** can only appoint one **adviser** for each **client profile** **you** hold (containing one or more **product wrappers**).

You may hold more than one **client profile**, with different **advisers**, and the **client profiles** will be treated completely separately, including separate online access, separate post-sale documents and separate charges.

3.3.2 When you do not have an adviser

If **you** do not have an appointed **adviser**, during any periods that you use **the Service**, the following will apply to **your** account.

If **your product wrapper** has been provided through **your employer**, **you** will have transactional online access to **the Service** at the **gate** **you** are given by **your employer** in

terms of 7.3. This applies even if **you** have an **adviser**. If **you** do not have **your** log-in details to enable **you** to access **the Service**, **you** can obtain these log-in details from ARC Client Services.

If **you** do not already have transactional online access to **the Service**, then **we** will provide this to **you** so that **you** can manage **your** account online. **We** will do this when **we** are advised that **you** no longer have an **adviser**. **You** will only be able to transact at the **gate you** are in, in terms of 7.3.

You can continue to make payments into any existing **product wrappers**, or choose to open new ones, based on the access that **you** have, determined by the **gate you** are in.

We will continue to accept and invest any **regular contributions** for any **product wrapper** or **investment** that **you** do not have access to transact on under 7.3.

We will continue to invest any **regular contributions** received in line with the current **investment** strategy, unless **you** alter this. This applies to an **investment** strategy that purchases **investments** that are in a **gate you** do not have access to transact under.

You will be able to buy and sell **investments** that are available within the **gate** that you are in. For any **investments** that **you** already hold, which are in a **gate** above **your** current access, **you** will be able to sell these but not make any further purchases.

Any rebalancing instruction that is in place for any of **your product wrappers** will remain in place until **you** take an action that stops this as more fully detailed in 7.13.

With the exception of a **SIPP**, **you** may still, at any point and without

an **adviser**, request the closure of **your product wrappers** and request a return of any money due to **you**. For a **SIPP**, **you** can request a transfer out to another pension provider, as described in clause 8 of section C, at any time.

4 Overview of services

We are providing **the Service** as a means for **you** directly, through **your adviser**, or through **your employer**, to manage **your investments** within the **product wrappers** that **you** have taken out. The **product wrappers** that are available are:

- **GIA** – a general investment account that allows **you** to invest in a range of **investments**. This is more fully described in section A. This may be a gross **GIA** where tax is not deducted from payments within the **GIA**, or a net **GIA** where tax is deducted from payments within the **GIA**.
The gross **GIA** may be taken out through a product with **another provider**, for example an offshore bond.
- **ISA** – an individual savings account (this is a stocks and shares ISA) and is provided under the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 and the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 and in the ISA Regulations. This is more fully described in section B.
- **SIPP** – a self-invested personal pension provided by **us**. This is more fully described in section C.

The 'general' section of these Terms and conditions detail those general parts of **the Service** that apply to any **product wrapper** that **you** have on **the Service**. There are specific requirements for each **product wrapper** and these are separately detailed in the section relevant to that **product wrapper**. The specific requirements for a **product wrapper** will override the general section for **the Service** if they conflict.

If **you** have access to transact through **the Service**, **you** will be able to open new **product wrappers** and buy and sell

investments yourself, in line with the **gate** that **you** have access to under 7.3.

5 Opening a product wrapper

To use **the Service**, **you** must open one or more of the available **product wrappers**. **You** may open more **product wrappers** in the future, subject to the Terms and conditions in force at the time.

In making **your** application, or being provided with a **product wrapper** through **your employer**, **you** agree that **you** will be responsible for any losses and/or expenses **we** incur that are due to any untrue, misleading or inaccurate information given by **you**, or on **your** behalf, either now or in the future in relation to that application and the **product wrapper** that **you** are applying for.

5.1 Methods of application

To open a **product wrapper**, the relevant application must be completed:

- online by **your adviser** acting as **your** agent
- through **your employer** either with **your** authorisation or by being auto-enrolled
- online by **you**, if **you** have the relevant level of access to do this

We will open a **product wrapper** for **you** when we have a fully completed application in a format determined by **us** or **you** are auto-enrolled or enrolled by **your employer**, and any **contribution** or transfer will be applied to this **product wrapper** as instructed. **We** can ask **you** to complete an additional form for certain kinds of application such as transfer to **your SIPP**. **We** will tell **you** or **your adviser** where this is the case.

Where **we** receive a sharesave rollover **contribution** to **your ISA** which exceeds the allowable contribution limit in the relevant tax year, **we** will open a **GIA product wrapper** for **you** to accept this **contribution**. **We** will return to **you** any other **ISA contribution** which exceeds the allowable limits.

5.2 Website access

Once **you** have a **product wrapper** with **us**,

you may have direct access to **the Service** at a level decided by either **your adviser** or **your employer**.

On request from **your adviser** to **us**, **we** will provide **you** with a unique username and password enabling **you** to either view or transact (or both) online. **Your adviser** may also give **you** access to transact online. If **you** are given access to transact online, this will be in accordance with 7.3.

If **your product wrapper** is provided through **your employer**, **you** will automatically have view and transactional access at a **gate** chosen by **your employer**. This will apply to all **your product wrappers** and **investments**, even if they have been provided through **your adviser** rather than through **your employer**.

5.2.1 Once **you** have been issued with a username and password, **you** are responsible for maintaining the security of **your client profile**. **You** must not provide **your** log-in details to any third parties.

5.2.2 **You** agree to use **our** website in line with the website Terms of use and Privacy policy, which **you** can obtain from **the Service** or ARC Client Services.

5.2.3 If **you** believe or know that the security of **your** username and password has been compromised, **you** must tell **your adviser** and **us** immediately.

5.2.4 **You** can access **our** website from **your** own or public access points, but **you** are responsible for making sure any access points **you** use are secure.

5.3 Cash facility

5.3.1 Each **product wrapper** will have its own separate **cash facility**. All **contributions** and cash transfers received will be placed into the **cash facility** within the specified **product wrapper**. The exception to this is where **you** have been provided with **your product wrapper** through **your employer**

either with **your** authorisation, or by being auto-enrolled into **your SIPP**. In these circumstances, all **contributions** will be invested in the **default fund** as more fully detailed in clause 4 of section C, subject to the minimum remaining in **your cash facility** as described in 5.3.9 of the general section.

Your SIPP has one or more **cash facilities**. Where **you** have more than one **cash facility**, this will normally be to facilitate the taking of a **drawdown pension**. **You** will have one **cash facility** for the **uncrystallised** part of **your SIPP** unless **you** and **we** agree otherwise. Where **you** have **crystallised** part of **your SIPP**, for each **uncrystallised cash facility you** have, **you** will have a corresponding **cash facility** for the part(s) that **you** have **crystallised** from that **uncrystallised cash facility**. Where there has been a drawdown to drawdown transfer, **you** will have a separate **cash facility** for each drawdown to drawdown transfer.

We cannot hold **your** money as a deposit as **we** are not a bank or building society. Therefore **we** will deposit it with HSBC Bank plc, who is the deposit taker for the **product wrappers**. **We** reserve the right to change **our** banking provider at any time, and **we** will tell **you** if **we** do this.

5.3.2 HSBC Bank plc is authorised by the **PRA** and regulated by the **FCA** and **PRA**. Its registered office is: 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ.

5.3.3 HSBC Bank plc is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. If this bank enters insolvency then **you** may be eligible to claim compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

In respect of bank deposits, compensation under the FSCS is

currently limited. The current limits can be obtained from the FSCS at **fscs.org.uk**

Any limits will apply to **your** total deposits within the HSBC group. This means that any other holdings that **you** have with HSBC will be included in calculating such limits.

5.3.4 **We** are not liable for any acts, errors, omissions, defaults or frauds of the bank referred to in 5.3.

5.3.5 Only cleared funds will be credited to **your cash facility**, and dealing instructions will only be carried out when there are sufficient cleared funds in the relevant **cash facility**.

5.3.6 Where relevant, credits to the **cash facility** will be:

- i subscriptions, **contributions** and transfers in before investment
- ii investment income payments, such as distributions and dividends, received from **investments** held through **the Service**
- iii interest due on cash held within the **product wrapper**
- iv proceeds from the sale of **investments**
- v pension relief at source, which **we** prefund

5.3.7 Debits from the **cash facility** will be:

- i withdrawals
- ii investment settlements
- iii **Aegon** charges (see '10 Payments out')
- iv closures or transfers out
- v other payments relating to the **product wrapper** and are due to a third party

5.3.8 Only cash held within the **cash facility** will accrue interest at a daily rate on a daily basis, cash that is held in any other account within **your product wrapper** that is used to move money to, from and within **your product wrapper** will not earn any interest for **you**.

Interest will be credited on a monthly basis within 10 **business days** of us receiving the interest and will be paid at a rate **we** have agreed with the financial institution that has custody of **our client cash facility**. This will be updated at the discretion of the financial institution and the rate of interest on cash held in the **cash facility** will update in line with this.

5.3.9 A minimum cash balance of 1% of the overall value of the **product wrapper** must be maintained in the **cash facility** of each **product wrapper** at all times.

5.3.10 When **you** make a contribution or transfer to **your product wrapper**, 1% of the value of the contribution will be retained in **your cash facility**.

5.3.11 It is **your** and **your adviser's** responsibility to make sure that there is sufficient cash within **your cash facility** to make any payments due to be made. If the minimum balance of a **cash facility** falls below the minimum cash balance required of the total value of that **product wrapper** or, where the balance is greater than the minimum cash balance required but there is not enough money in the **cash facility** to meet any payment due, **we** reserve the right to:

- i delay or not execute any investment or withdrawal instructions
- ii delay or not pay out any charges
- iii sell **investments** as described in 5.4

This will remain the case until the **cash facility** minimum explained above, and the amount required to make the **investment**, charge or withdrawal is restored.

5.4 Cash facility maintenance and forced disinvestment

5.4.1 Where the **cash facility** falls below the minimum described in 5.3.9 or

there is insufficient cash to make a payment under 5.3.7, and **you** have not taken any action (such as selling **investments** or paying in further **contributions**) to ensure that there is sufficient cash in the **cash facility**, **we** can top up the **cash facility** without **your** agreement. **We** can do this automatically by selling the relevant amount of the largest holding in the following **investments** in the order they are given, **collectives**, insured funds and exchange traded funds, that has a daily **Aegon** dealing point or manually for any other **investments** (other investments are disinvested manually by **us**).

5.4.2 If the largest holding does not give enough cash to meet any payment due, **we** will disinvest the next largest holding in that type of **investment**. If there are no other **investments** in that type of holding, **we** will disinvest from the next type of **investment** mentioned in 5.4.1. **We** will continue this process until there is sufficient cash in the **cash facility** to make the payments due and ensure the minimum amount remains in the **cash facility**.

At no point will this process sell any **investment** that **you** may have in **Secure retirement income** unless it is required to meet any tax, fines or other costs **we** are required to pay under legislation, regulation or order of a court, tribunal, ombudsman or other similar institution.

5.4.3 If **we** sell **investments** in a cash top-up, **we** are not responsible for any loss, charges or tax liabilities on **investments** that **we** sell, or other loss that may be incurred.

5.4.4 A **forced disinvestment** will only take place where **you** have taken no action to maintain the minimum cash balance as explained in 5.3.9, make sure that sufficient money is

in **your cash facility** to meet any charges, income payments or other payments that are due to be paid from **your cash facility**. **We** will not provide **you** with any notice where **we** intend to or have carried out this process.

5.4.5 The **cash facility** maintenance process will be initiated on a day **we** choose based on the reason for starting this process. This is to give time for the proceeds to reach **your cash facility** before a payment is due although **we** cannot guarantee that the payment will reach **your cash facility** in time. **We** are not responsible for any losses, claims or other issues that may occur where the proceeds do not reach **your cash facility** in time for any payment: it is **your** and **your advisers** responsibility to ensure that there is sufficient cash in the **cash facility** to meet any payments due.

We do not issue Contract notes or for **SIPP**, Confirmation of investment – contract note, for these transactions.

6 Contributing to your product wrapper

6.1 Methods of contributing

6.1.1 Each new **product wrapper** application (with the exception of **re-registrations**) must be accompanied by a cheque or bank transfer (BACS, Faster Payments or CHAPS), a fully and correctly completed Direct Debit instruction or a fully and correctly completed transfer request. For **re-registrations**, **we** will need a re-registration application form and stock transfer or re-registration authority form.

6.1.2 Cheques must be made payable to **Aegon**.

6.1.3 Cheques will be subject to the clearing rules of **our** banking partner. This will mean that, if **you**

submit a cheque to make an initial or additional **contribution** into a **product wrapper**, any investment instructions will be delayed whilst the cheque is clearing. **We** accept no liability for any loss arising within this period (for example, investment loss). Bank transfers (BACS, Faster Payments or CHAPS) must be made payable to **our** designated account appropriate for that **product wrapper**. The account details are indicated on the appropriate application.

6.1.4 **We** are not responsible or liable for any loss or costs incurred as a result of a Direct Debit payment being rejected by **your** bank or the incorrect initiation of a bank transfer (BACS, Faster Payments or CHAPS) to **our** bank account. Following the failure of a Direct Debit, **we** will attempt, where possible, to re-present the instruction to **your** bank once only.

6.1.5 All bank transfers sent to **us** must be accompanied by an identifying reference. If a bank transfer is sent to **us** without an identifying reference, **we** will endeavour to identify the source of the transfer. If **we** cannot, **we** will initiate the return of money to the source bank account no later than three **business days** after receipt.

6.2 Contributions into a product wrapper

6.2.1 Initial contribution

Minimum initial **contribution** levels apply for each of the **product wrappers** – please refer to sections A, B and C.

6.2.2 Additional contributions

There is no minimum amount for additional **contributions** into the **cash facility** for all **product wrappers**. However, there may be minimum amounts payable with certain payment methods. Speak to your **adviser** for more information.

We can accept additional contributions by bank transfers (BACS, Faster Payments or CHAPS), which must be made payable to **our** designated account appropriate for that **product wrapper**.

The account details are indicated on the appropriate additional **contribution** application.

6.2.3 Contribution limits

- a **Contributions** are permitted into an **ISA** subject to **HMRC** maximum yearly subscription limits. Current limits are available at [hmrc.gov.uk](https://www.hmrc.gov.uk) **You** are responsible for making sure **you** do not breach the current **ISA** subscription levels stated in the **ISA Regulations** for the tax year in which **you** are investing.
- b **Contributions** into **your SIPP** may be liable to a tax charge where they exceed the **annual allowance** imposed by **HMRC**. **You** are responsible for monitoring **your** pension savings against the **annual allowance**.

If **you** have any concerns or questions then **you** should check with **your adviser** the scope **you** have for making **contributions** to **your ISA** or **your SIPP**.

6.2.4 Regular contributions

If **you** are making **regular contributions**, minimum **regular contribution** levels apply for each of the **product wrappers** – please refer to sections A, B and C.

Regular contributions must be paid by Direct Debit and will be initiated following receipt of a fully and correctly completed Direct Debit instruction. Direct Debits will typically be collected on the second **business day** of the month.

You can change or stop **regular contributions** to a **product wrapper** at any time. **You, your adviser, or your employer** must tell **us** that **you**

are doing this. Instructions from **you** and **your adviser** must be in writing and must be received not less than 10 days before the collection of **your** next **contribution**. If **regular contributions** are being paid through **your employer, your employer** will advise **us** of any change by the method **we** have agreed with them.

6.3 Re-registration of investments from other providers to the Service

6.3.1 Before starting the transfer, **you** must provide **us** with a fully and correctly completed application and transfer authority signed by all holders or required authorised signatories. **We** will then contact **your** existing provider to arrange the transfer. **We** will not accept responsibility for any loss to **you** resulting from any delays or actions that are outside **our** control.

6.3.2 **We** will allow **re-registration** of allowable **investments** into all **product wrappers**. **Investments** that are re-registered remain invested in the market.

6.4 Re-registration of collectives

6.4.1 When re-registering **collectives** to **the Service**, **we** will endeavour to register **your** units/shares with the same Group 1 and Group 2 units/shares that were held with the previous provider. However, where the information on the unit/share split is not provided by the previous provider, all units/shares will be recorded as Group 1 and no equalisation will be shown on **your** tax credit. This will have no impact on the value of **your** units/shares. In this clause:

- Group 1 units/shares have already been through a distribution or dividend period, so are considered units with no preferential tax handling.
- Group 2 units/shares have been recently issued to an investor and

have not yet had a distribution paid against them. These units/shares are classified so as to permit identification for purposes of tax handling. When a distribution has been paid against them, they are reclassified/labelled as Group 1 units/shares.

6.5 Cash transfers from other product providers to the Service

6.5.1 We will accept transfers that are capable of being transferred into a **product wrapper**. Certain product-specific limitations exist for transfer in. For more information on transfers, please see 3 and 8 of section B for **your ISA** and 4, 6, 7 and 8 of section C for **your SIPP**.

6.5.2 Before starting the transfer, **you** must provide **us** with a fully and correctly completed application form and transfer authority form. **We** (where **you** do not have an **adviser**), will then contact **your** existing provider to arrange the transfer. **We** will not accept responsibility for any loss to **you** resulting from any delays or actions that are outside **our** control.

6.6 Outstanding dividends or distribution payments

Other than for **your SIPP**, if **we** receive any outstanding dividends or distribution payments under £50 from **your** previous provider which relate to a **re-registration** or transfer into a **product wrapper**, **we** may return this to the previous provider or investment manager depending on the size of the payment and the ease with which **we** can apply it to **your product wrapper**. Any payment applied will be placed into the **cash facility** of the **product wrapper** the **investment** has been re-registered to.

7 Managing your investments

7.1 Our nominee services

Any **investments** other than the cash in the **cash facility** of the **ISA** and **GIA**, or any other account that is used to move money

to, from and within the **ISA** and **GIA**, that are held within **product wrappers** are held in the name of one of **our nominee companies**. Cash in the **cash facility** of the **ISA** and **GIA**, or any other account that is used to move money to, from and within the **ISA** and **GIA** is held for **you** in the name of Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd.

7.1.1 Depending on the **product wrapper** **you** hold, the **nominee company** will be:

Product wrapper	Nominee
GIA (gross)	Aegon Investment Solutions – Nominee 1 (Gross) Ltd
GIA (net)	Aegon Investment Solutions – Nominee 2 (Net) Ltd
ISA	Aegon Investment Solutions – Nominee 3 (ISA) Ltd
SIPP	Aegon SIPP Nominee Ltd

7.1.2 The **nominee companies** provide professional nominee services exclusively for **us** and can only hold **assets** belonging to **clients**. Aegon SIPP Nominee Ltd can only hold assets that are held in the **scheme**. This will include **your investments** within **your SIPP** as well as assets of other members of the **scheme**. They do not carry on business in their own right and any **assets** held by them cannot be lent or borrowed against. This means **your** assets are held separately from **our** own assets. These services are included as part of **our** overall services to **you**, at no additional charge.

7.1.3 Each of **your investments** will be registered in the name of the nominee relevant to the **product wrapper** in which they sit. The exception to this is cash in the **cash facility** of the **ISA** and **GIA**, or any

other account that is used to move money to, from and within the **ISA** and **GIA**, as this is held in the name of Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd.

7.1.4 While **your** own name and details do not appear on the register of any of the companies or funds whose **investments you** have chosen to hold in **your product wrapper**, **your investments** are still held for **your product wrapper**. **We** keep detailed records of which **investments** are held for each of **your product wrappers**, so that **your** interests in the **investments** are fully documented.

7.1.5 The obligations of the **nominee companies** are guaranteed by Aegon UK plc and **we** reserve the right at any time to appoint an alternative nominee and/or custodian for **your investments**.

7.1.6 **You** may assign underlying **investments** within the **GIA** to a third party subject to **our** agreement. Doing so without **our** express permission may result in closure of the **product wrapper**. This excludes any **GIA** opened by a product with **another provider** where any rights **you** may have to assign the **GIA**, including the underlying **investments**, to a third party will be in line with the Terms and conditions of that product. If the other provider allows **you** to assign the **GIA** on **the Service** to a third party, **you** must tell **us** about this assignment.

7.2 How your investments are managed

We offer the ability to trade a range of **investments**, through **the Service**.

7.2.1 Within each of the **product wrappers**, **we** offer the facility to buy and sell allowable **investments**, which are a subset of the entire range available, through **the Service**. The specific range of allowable **investments** is determined by each of the

product wrapper providers (or in the case of the **SIPP**, the trustee of the **scheme**) and also by any permissibility criteria contained within relevant legislation and **HMRC** rules.

7.2.2 Details of all the **investments we** provide are available from **your adviser** or through **the Service**.

7.2.3 **We** reserve the right to vary the investment universe at any time.

7.2.4 If instructions are given to purchase any **investments** that are not within the **investment list**, **we** will not initiate the purchase.

7.2.5 If an **investment** ceases to be allowable because it does not qualify under legislation or regulations as an **investment** that is permitted to be held within a **SIPP** or an **ISA**, we must sell the **investment** as soon as practicable after it has been identified as not being an **investment** that is allowed within **your SIPP** or **ISA**. **You** will be liable for the costs incurred in selling that **investment**, this will be taken from **your cash facility** or as part of the trade.

7.2.6 Where an **investment** is removed from **the Service** either by the provider of the **investment** or by **us** and **we** nominate an alternative **investment**, **we** will sell **your** holding in that **investment** and switch **your** holdings into that alternative **investment**. Any future **contributions** or transfer payments shall be applied into the alternative **investment**. If **you** do not want this to happen, **you** or **your adviser** must provide **us** with **your own investment** instructions through **the Service** prior to the date **we** set out in the notice telling **you** that the **investment** is being removed from **the Service**.

7.2.7 Where an **investment** is removed from **the Service** either by the provider of the **investment** or by

us, and **we** do not nominate an alternative **investment**, **we** will sell **your** holding in that **investment** and switch **your** holdings in to the **cash facility**. Any future **contributions** or transfer payments which would otherwise have been applied into that **investment** will be retained in the **cash facility**. If **you** do not want this to happen, **you** or **your adviser** must provide us with **your** own **investment** instructions through **the Service** prior to the date **we** set out in the notice telling **you** that the **investment** is being removed from **the Service**.

7.2.8 Where an **investment** is closed by the provider of the **investment** or by **us** to further payments into that **investment**, but that **investment** is not removed from **the Service**, **you** will retain **your** holding in that **investment**. **You** will not be able to make any further payments into that **investment**. Any future **contributions** or transfers which would otherwise have been applied into that **investment** will be retained in the **cash facility** or applied to any alternative **investment** that **we** have nominated. If **you** do not want this to happen, **you** or **your adviser** must provide **us** with **your** own **investment** instructions through **the Service** prior to the date **we** set out in the notice telling **you** that the **investment** is being closed.

7.2.9 Any alternative **investment** that **we** nominate under clauses 7.2.6 and 7.2.8 will be an **investment** that **we** consider closely reflects the make-up of the **investment** that is removed or closed. **We** are not responsible for the new **investment** and are not liable for its performance or suitability, this includes the movement into the **cash facility** under clause 7.2.7. If **you** do not want to be invested

in the alternative **investment** chosen by **us** or the **cash facility**, then **you** must give **us** alternative instructions as detailed in clauses 7.2.6, 7.2.7 and 7.2.8 or change **your investments** after the action mentioned in clauses 7.2.6, 7.2.7 or 7.2.8 has taken place.

7.3 Access to products and investments (gating)

Your adviser may, and **your employer** will authorise **you** to carry out certain transactions within **the Service**. The level of transaction that **you** will initially be able to carry out will depend on the transactional level of access that **you** have been given by **us** or **your employer**. These transactional levels are referred to as '**gates**'.

When choosing new **product wrappers** or **investments** and **you** have been authorised to carry out transactions on **the Service**, **you** can choose to open up a new **gate** without the authorisation of **your adviser** or **your employer**.

The details of the **gates** and the **product wrappers** and **investments** that **you** can transact under each gate, with each gate being additional to the previous gate, are:

Gate	Product wrapper	Asset type
1	SIPP (transacting on a SIPP that has been opened)	Cash facility Insured pension funds Sharesave rollover
2	Stocks & Shares ISA GIA Net	Collectives
3	Opening a new SIPP	Equities
4	GIA for International Bond SIPP Drawdown GIA Gross	All available investments not included in gates 1, 2 and 3

All transactions that require **gate 4** access may only be carried out by **your adviser**, other than selling any **investments** that **you** hold. All instructions will be carried out online, unless **we** tell **you** otherwise. Further details can be obtained from **your adviser** or by contacting **us**.

If **we** add new **investments** and/or **product wrappers** to the service, **we** will determine the **gate** that they are contained in.

The **gate you** are in cannot be reduced: when **you** are given access to a particular **gate**, that access will remain for as long as **you** have a **product wrapper** on **the Service**. **You** will always be able to sell any **investment** (subject to any restrictions in place for any **investment** such as dealing minimums) even if **you** do not have transactional access at the correct level. If **you** do not have transactional access to instruct the sale of any **investment**, you can still instruct **us** directly as detailed in 7.5.

If **you** have more than one **client profile** on **the service** then each will be treated separately for the purposes of 7.3.

If **you** leave **the Service** so that **you** have no **product wrappers** on **the Service** but, at a later date, rejoin **the Service**, **your** previous level of access at a particular **gate** will not apply. **We** will require the relevant authorisation from **your adviser** or **employer** before **you** will be able to transact with **the Service** at a particular **gate**.

7.4 Appointment of a discretionary fund manager

7.4.1 **You** can appoint a **discretionary fund manager** to manage **investments** on **your** behalf through a **model portfolio**. To appoint a **discretionary fund manager**, **you** must have an **adviser**. **You** can only appoint a **discretionary fund manager** that **we** have entered into an agreement with. **Your discretionary fund manager** must abide by the Terms of Use **we** issue to them.

7.4.2 A list of the **discretionary fund managers** that **you** can appoint is available from **your adviser**. The appointment of a **discretionary fund manager** does not replace the need for an **adviser** on **the Service**.

7.4.3 To appoint a **discretionary fund manager**, an agreement must be entered into with them by **you** or **your adviser**.

7.4.4 **Your** appointed **discretionary fund manager** will then provide investment management in line with the agreement with them, so they will have access to view and instruct investment transactions for the **model portfolio** that they provide. For the avoidance of doubt, **we** will not allow **your discretionary fund manager** to change any personal or contact details.

7.4.5 For further information, **you** should check the agreement with **your discretionary fund manager** and speak to **your adviser**.

7.4.6 It is **your** and **your adviser's** responsibility to make sure that any **discretionary fund manager you** appoint has **FCA** authorisation to carry out discretionary management of **your investments** on **your** behalf. It is the responsibility of **you** and **your adviser** to carry out any due diligence of the **discretionary fund manager** that **you** wish to use. If **you** no longer have an **adviser**, in relation to **the Service** you lose your **discretionary fund manager** because this is a service provided through **your adviser**.

7.4.7 Where a **discretionary fund manager** is appointed, **you** authorise **us** to accept investment instructions from **your** appointed **discretionary fund manager** as if they had come directly from **you**. Therefore, **we** are not liable for any losses, expenses incurred as a result of the actions of **your** appointed **discretionary fund manager**, or any actions of or claims from the **discretionary fund manager** in respect of any **product wrapper you** hold through **the Service**. **You indemnify us** against any claim in respect of any actions taken by **your discretionary fund manager**.

7.4.8 Where **your discretionary fund manager** is to receive payment of their charges from the **cash facility** of the **product wrapper** they are managing **investments** for, this will be payable to them in the form of **discretionary investment manager charge** in line with and subject to 10.4.9.

7.4.9 If **you** want to stop using **your** appointed **discretionary fund manager**, **you** must confirm this to **us** in writing. **You** will remain invested in the **investments** held at the time **we** process **your** instruction to stop using **your discretionary fund manager** until **you** or **your adviser** gives **us** alternative instructions. **You** will also stop paying charges to **your discretionary fund manager** from the time **we** process this instruction.

7.5 General information about buying and selling investments

Within each **product wrapper**, **you** can build a portfolio of **investments** from **our** investment universe. Once **you**, **your adviser**, or **your discretionary fund manager** has selected **investments** for **you**, **we** will act on those investment instructions.

7.5.1 Instructions to carry out investment transactions will be given by **you** (where **you** have access to do so), **your adviser**, or **your discretionary fund manager** or using the online **Service**. For **investments** that cannot be traded online or in exceptional circumstances where online services are not available, **we** will require an instruction offline. **We** will inform **you** where this is the case and how to give the instruction, which will depend on the particular **investment**.

7.5.2 **We** accept all instructions in good faith. Once an instruction has been submitted and acknowledged online, **we** cannot make any changes to that instruction.

7.5.3 Details of instructions are provided online within the transaction history. **We** will confirm to **you** all **investment** purchases and sales that are instructed by **you**, **your adviser**, or **your discretionary fund manager**. It is the responsibility of **you** and **your adviser**, to check the transaction history and make sure that any instructions have been received by **us**.

7.5.4 **Investments** are subject to such conditions as **we** or an **investment provider** impose from time to time on any particular **investment**. Where conditions are imposed on **investments**, **we** will tell **you** about this when **you** apply for that **investment** unless we are unaware of any **investment provider** conditions imposed by the **investment provider**, in which case **we** will advise **you** of the conditions as soon as practicable.

7.5.5 **We** have an Order Handling Policy, which describes the way in which **we** will manage and handle orders to ensure the fair treatment of all **clients**. **You** can obtain this from **your adviser** or by contacting ARC Client Services.

7.6 Investment provider charges and rebates

7.6.1 **Investment providers** may levy their own charges, which are in addition to the charges detailed in these Terms and conditions and the Charges guide. **You** can obtain details of these from **your adviser** or through **the Service**.

7.6.2 **Investment providers** normally deduct their charges either directly from the **investment** or include their charges when calculating the price of the **investment**. However, where the **investment providers** require **us** to do so, **we** will deduct these charges from the **cash facility** of **your product wrapper**.

7.7 Trading methods

Investments that are traded online are traded in one of two ways – either real time or aggregated.

The following table gives an overview of which **investments** are traded by which method. If any **investment** is traded on a different basis than that detailed in this table, **we** will tell **you** of this within **the Service**:

Investment types	Aggregated	Real-time
Insured funds	Y	N
Collectives	Y	N
Hedge funds*	Y	Y
Structured products	Y	N
Exchange traded funds	Y	N
Equities	N	Y

*How hedge funds are traded will depend on the particular hedge fund involved, further details can be obtained from **your adviser** or through **the Service**.

7.7.1 **We** can change the method by which **investments** are traded. **We** will only do this where, if the **investment** is traded online **we** are no longer able to offer the trading of the **investment(s)** online or, if the **investment** is traded offline, **we** are now able to offer trading online. **We** cannot accept any requests to trade an **investment** that is traded online by a method other than the method stated here unless **we** agree otherwise.

7.7.2 For details of the charges related to trading **investments**, please see the Charges guide.

7.8 Aggregated trading

7.8.1 **Investments** traded by this method will have a **valuation point**. At this **valuation point**, all instructions received from **clients** using **the Service** will be added together

into a single trade for a particular **investment** and sent to the relevant **investment provider**. This means that a deal that **you** place may be combined with deals for the same **investment** made by other users of **the Service**. **We** will place all buy instructions separately from all sell instructions.

7.8.2 **We** adhere to **FCA** rules on **aggregated trading** and conflicts of interest and keep records of transactions to make sure that **we** can allocate all deals fairly and in the order in which they were placed.

7.8.3 For aggregated transactions **we** reserve the right to round the settlement proceeds when we apply them to **your** account.

7.8.4 **Exchange traded funds (ETFs)** aggregated by **Aegon** will be traded through **the Service** once each **business day**. Following receipt of an acceptable instruction and cleared money, trades will typically be dealt between 2pm and 4pm on the following **business day**.

7.9 Dealing minimums

Some **investment managers** have their own dealing minimums. If **your** instruction does not meet the dealing minimums imposed by the **investment manager**, which may apply to both buys and sells, **we** will not be able to carry it out and the money will remain in **your cash facility** until **we** receive an alternative instruction. **We** are not liable for any loss incurred due to the instruction being delayed or not actioned due to investments not meeting the **investment manager's** minimum investment value.

7.10 Settlement

For **investment** sales, any settlement proceeds will be credited to **your cash facility** when received – the timing will be in line with the settlement of the individual **investments** being traded. For purchases, **we** will ringfence any money due for settlement from **your cash facility** when the instruction to purchase is placed with **us**.

7.11 Individual purchase and sale transactions

7.11.1 Once **we** have received and acknowledged the instruction online and have identified and applied appropriate cleared funds to **your cash facility**, any purchase will then typically be made within the next two **Aegon** dealing points, subject to acceptance of the instructions by the relevant **investment provider**.

7.11.2 In order to initiate **your** sale instructions, **we** must have received and acknowledged the instruction. Any sale will then typically be placed within the next two **Aegon** dealing points, subject to acceptance of the instructions by the relevant investment institution.

7.11.3 **Aegon's** dealing point is in advance of the investment manager's own **valuation point**. **You** can find details of **Aegon's** dealing points for each **investment** from **your adviser** or through **the Service**.

7.12 Switching within a product wrapper

7.12.1 Switching (or a switch transaction) comprises selling an **investment** and buying another **investment**, in other words it is one instruction, comprising a sale instruction and a related purchase instruction.

7.12.2 Where a switch instruction is received, the sale of the **investments** will be in line with sale information in 7.11 above. **We** will then await settlement of all of the sale instructions before initiating the purchase instruction(s).

7.12.3 Once a switch instruction has been submitted, no aspects of that switch can be changed or cancelled.

7.13 Rebalancing

7.13.1 **The Service** allows automatic realignment of **investments** within a **product wrapper** (including **investments** in a **model portfolio**) to the proportions that **you** have

previously specified – this process is called rebalancing. There are some **investments** which cannot be included for rebalancing. Rebalancing can only be set up by **your adviser**, or **your discretionary fund manager** in relation to a **model portfolio** set up by them. Please speak to **your adviser** for further information.

7.13.2 Rebalancing can be set up to be carried out on a quarterly or yearly basis. The rebalancing timetable will be from the start of the month following the establishment of **your product wrapper**, or from the start of the month following the setting up of the rebalancing instruction or **model portfolio** that has rebalancing against **your product wrapper**.

7.13.3 Where dealing minimums have been met for all **investments**, **your investments** will be rebalanced to the **investment** choice selected.

7.13.4 For a rebalancing instruction that includes an **investment** where:

- dealing minimums have not been met,
- that **investment** has been removed from the **product wrapper** either by **us** or by the **investment provider**, or
- that **investment** is no longer available for inclusion in any rebalancing instruction (whilst **we** cannot predict why this may happen, some reasons why this may happen include but is not limited to: taking account of any changes to legislation, codes of practice or regulatory change; an investment being closed, suspended or illiquid; in response to a decision of a court, ombudsman, regulator or similar body),

either:

- at the time rebalancing is due

to take place, the remaining **investments** will be rebalanced as closely as possible to the **investment** choice selected, or

- rebalancing will be turned off.

The action that will be taken will depend on the circumstances at the time. Whilst **we** cannot predict the action that will be taken, **we** will take the action that **we** consider most appropriate for the majority of clients affected.

- 7.13.5** Rebalancing can be initiated on the application when a **product wrapper** is opened or at a later date.
- 7.13.6** If **you** or **your adviser** change **your investment(s)**, any rebalancing instructions in place will cease. To continue with any rebalancing instruction, **your adviser** will need to confirm the existing rebalancing instruction or set up a new rebalancing instruction.
- 7.13.7** **Re-registration** of new **investments** onto **the Service** does not automatically cancel any existing rebalancing instructions. If **you** do not review and alter **your** rebalancing instruction to take account of any re-registered **investments**, the re-registered **investments** will be all or partly sold at the next rebalancing depending on the existing rebalancing instructions.
- 7.13.8** When a portfolio is rebalanced, **investments** that are not available for rebalancing (for example **equities** or **Secure retirement income**) will be excluded from rebalancing transactions.
- 7.13.9** Rebalancing will only maintain the balance in the **cash facility**, subject to the minimum, for the value of **investments** included in the rebalancing instruction. If **you** hold **investments** that are not included in the rebalancing instruction, the rebalancing will not take the value

of those **investments** into account when rebalancing the **cash facility**. If the balance in the **cash facility** falls below the minimum, **we** may require to take action as detailed in 5.4.

- 7.13.10** Cancellation of existing rebalancing instructions, new rebalancing or amendments to **your** existing rebalancing instructions can only be initiated by **your adviser** or **discretionary fund manager** on **your** behalf. The exception to this is if **you** do not have an **adviser** **you** can write to **us** to cancel **your** rebalancing instruction.
- 7.13.11** Valuation calculations for the rebalancing of a **product wrapper** will be made on the last **business day** of the quarter or year end, depending on the rebalancing instruction. Valuations are performed in line with 8.1.
- 7.13.12** Any sales required to rebalance will be initiated within the first two **business days** of the rebalancing valuation. Purchases will be initiated once settlement of all sales has completed and cleared funds are available within the **cash facility**.
- 7.13.13** There may be costs associated with buying and selling an **investment**, levied by the investment manager – for details of these, please speak to **your adviser**.
- 7.13.14** **Exchange traded funds** will incur charges as explained in 10.3.8 and 10.3.9.

7.14 Model portfolios

- 7.14.1** **We** provide the facility for **advisers** and **discretionary fund managers** to set up and maintain **model portfolios**.
- 7.14.2** Where **we** receive an instruction from **your adviser** or **discretionary fund manager** to alter the **investments** within a **model portfolio**, to which **your product wrapper** is linked, this will result in transactions to change the

investments within that **product wrapper** to realign with any change to the **model portfolio**, in line with the switching process described in 7.12 and, if applicable, the re-balancing process described in 7.13.

7.15 Equity trading

- 7.15.1 Through **the Service**, investments traded in real time are those listed in 7.7.
- 7.15.2 To buy an **investment** using **equity trading**, there must be sufficient cleared funds within **your cash facility** to pay for the trade and any associated charges.
- 7.15.3 There will be a dealing charge and potentially other costs associated with the trading of **equities** – more details can be found in 10.3.8 and 10.3.9. These will be taken from the **cash facility** at the time **you** instruct the trading of **equities**.
- 7.15.4 **You** will receive Contract notes, detailing **equity** trades through **the Service**.
- 7.15.5 For sales, **we** will credit any settlement proceeds due to **your cash facility** when **we** receive them. This will typically be three days after the date of **your** trade.
- 7.15.6 For purchases, **we** will ringfence any money due for settlement from **your cash facility** at the time **you** instruct the trading of **equities**.
- 7.15.7 All stock market transactions will be undertaken in line with the rules of the London Stock Exchange, or the regular terms, customs and usages of the exchange or market in which the transactions are made. Details of how we ensure best execution can be found in **our** Best Execution Policy. **You** can obtain this from **your adviser** or by contacting ARC Client Services.
- 7.15.8 **Investments** traded by this method are not available for switching, in **model portfolios** or rebalancing.

8 Investment servicing and administration

8.1 Valuation of investments

We rely on data supplied by third parties to provide a valuation of the **investments** in **your product wrappers** each **business day**. Valuations are used for certain transactions, such as cash top-up, rebalancing and the calculation of charges.

From time to time this information may be delayed, assumed or estimated by the third party data provider. **We** do not accept any liability resulting from delays, assumptions, estimates or errors in any such third party information.

8.2 Corporate actions, income events, voting and accounts/reports

8.2.1 Corporate actions are events that occur periodically and may affect **investments** that **you** hold. These may change the **investments**, including but not exclusively, in terms of ownership, structure and features and may involve different options, charges or returns for investors.

8.2.2 Where a corporate action does not require **you** to take any action, **we** will notify **you** or **your adviser** of a corporate action that affects an **investment you** hold through **the Service**.

8.2.3 Where **we** receive sufficient notice from an **investment provider** regarding a corporate action that requires **you** to make a decision, **we** will contact **you** in writing to seek **your** instructions. This communication will be issued as soon as reasonably practicable, following notification from the **investment provider** concerned.

8.2.4 Where **we** do not receive sufficient notice from an **investment provider** regarding a corporate action that requires **you** to make a decision, **we** will apply the **investment provider's** default instruction.

You should consult **your adviser** for more information and to undertake any response that may be prompted.

8.2.5 Where **you** hold **investments** when the action is processed, but have not provided specific instructions, you will receive the **investment provider's** default option where available, depending on the corporate action concerned. Any proceeds in cash will be credited to **your cash facility** after **we** have received them.

8.2.6 For any corporate actions affecting **investments** held within a **model portfolio**, we will contact the **adviser** or **discretionary fund manager** that established the model to seek their instruction. Therefore, **we** will not contact **you** directly in relation to this corporate action.

8.2.7 **Investments** affected by corporate actions will be unavailable for transaction while **we** process the corporate action. Depending on the type of corporate action this could take up to seven **business days** before the effective date of the action and up to five **business days** after the effective date. During this period the **investment** cannot be bought, sold or switched.

8.3 Income events

8.3.1 This type of corporate action includes dividends and distributions, where **we** receive income in connection with an **investment you** hold. **We** will credit these to **your cash facility** as soon as reasonably practicable.

8.3.2 Some **fund managers** will not distribute income in the form of interest or dividends if this is below a minimum level, in line with the fund prospectus and set by them. Whether income distributions will be made below a certain minimum level depends on the **fund managers**

concerned and details of this will be available from the relevant **fund managers**.

8.4 Voting rights

8.4.1 **We** will not exercise voting rights for any of **your investments** unless **you** have specifically requested **us** to do so and **we** have agreed to this request.

8.4.2 If **you** want to exercise voting rights associated with **investments you** hold, **you** must put this in writing to ARC Client Services, detailing the relevant investments in full, each time **you** want to do so.

8.4.3 **You** must allow 15 **business days** before the voting date to inform **us** of **your** wish to exercise any voting rights. If **we** receive **your** instruction less than this number of days before the voting date, **we** will not be able to action **your** request.

8.4.4 If **we** vote on **your** behalf following such an instruction, **we** can charge a reasonable fee to cover **our** expenses in carrying out the vote, where this applies **we** will notify you in advance of the fee. This fee will be deducted from **your cash facility**.

8.5 Exercising voting rights for quoted companies

8.5.1 The rules governing voting rights for shareholders of quoted companies are detailed in the Articles of Association of the individual company in question.

8.5.2 There are two basic forms of voting rights – one vote for each shareholder and one vote for each share. If **you** ask **us** to exercise **your** voting rights, then the rules of the company will dictate the action that **we** can take on **your** behalf.

8.5.3 Where there is one vote for each shareholder, also known as non apportioned voting, **we** cannot exercise a vote on **your** behalf.

8.5.4 Where there is one vote for each

share, also known as apportioned voting, the **nominee company** will vote the number for, against and abstained, as the example in the table below shows:

Client	Holding	Vote	Nominee action
A	10,000	Against	Nominee company would vote: 10,000 against 5,000 for
B	1,000	For	
C	4,000	For	
Total	15,000		

9 Servicing

9.1 General enquiries

For general enquiries, in the first instance **you** should speak to **your adviser**. If **you** want to contact **us**, please use the following contact details.

Platform Client Services
Aegon
Edinburgh Park
Edinburgh
EH12 9SE

03456 80 12 34

clientservices@aegon-arc.co.uk

9.2 Change of client profile and product wrapper information

The following instructions cannot be made online, so must be given in writing and signed by **you** (or all authorised signatories where there is more than one authorised signatory) and sent, where appropriate, with the relevant supporting documentation (for example a marriage certificate for a change of name):

- i change of name
- ii change of **adviser**
- iii increases in levels of any **adviser charge** and/or **discretionary investment manager charge**
- iv assignments or changes to **product wrapper** holders
- v changes to the UK bank account **you** have nominated for **the Service**

- vi **product wrapper** closures
- vii notification to send correspondence to a third party

9.3 Documentation and communications from us

- 9.3.1** **We** will operate within the rules set out by the **FCA** and will send **you** and/or **your adviser** such documents as required by all regulations, including, but not limited to:
- i Contract notes or for SIPP, Confirmation of investment – contract note, detailing **investments**, subscriptions and **contributions** and **investment** purchases and sales made through **the Service**. Contract notes or for SIPP, Confirmation of investment – contract note, will not be issued for transactions resulting from maintenance of the **cash facility**, rebalancing or changes made to a **model portfolio**. Initial or additional **investments** into a **model portfolio** will show the name of that **model portfolio** on the Contract notes or for SIPP, Confirmation of investment – contract note.
 - ii Periodic statements detailing all transactions that have taken place in the period (including those not previously notified to **you** in a Contract note or for SIPP Confirmation of investment – contract note) and a valuation of **investments** held through **the Service**. These statements will be generated twice a year, as at 5 April and 5 October and will be sent to your correspondence address thereafter.
 - iii In respect of the **ISA** and **GIA**, **you** have the right to request the provision of a periodic statement every three months.
 - iv In respect of the **SIPP**, where **you** have crystallised some or

all of **your** benefits, and some of **your SIPP** is providing or available to provide drawdown, **we** will issue an annual review to **you**.

- 9.3.2** In addition, **we** will make the information detailed above available to **you** or **your adviser** online.

9.4 Complaints

- 9.4.1** If **you** have a complaint about **the Service** or **product wrapper**, **you** should write to **our** Complaint Manager at the following address:
Complaint Manager
Aegon
Edinburgh Park
Edinburgh
EH12 9SE
- 9.4.2** Scottish Equitable plc is authorised by the **PRA** and regulated by the **FCA** and **PRA** and bound by their rules. Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd is authorised and regulated by the **FCA** and bound by its rules. **We** will send **you** details of **our** complaints procedure and what **you** can expect when **we** acknowledge **your** complaint.
- 9.4.3** If **your** complaint is not dealt with to **your** satisfaction and **you** have a complaint, **you** can write to the Financial Ombudsman Service at the following address:
Financial Ombudsman Service
South Quay Plaza
183 Marsh Wall
London E14 9SR
08450 80 18 00
complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk
- 9.4.4** Where complaints relate to a third party, **we** reserve the right to refer these to the third party and inform **you** that **we** have done this.

9.5 Cancellation

Cancellation does not apply where the joining process is made under the Pensions Act 2008

and relevant regulations made under that Act. This joining process provides **you** with the ability to opt out of a **SIPP** when **you** have been enrolled or auto-enrolled by **your employer** into that SIPP. In those circumstances, **we** will comply with the legislative provisions that apply to that process.

- 9.5.1** When **you** cancel **your product wrapper** within the cancellation period, all **contributions** and transfers will be repaid. The amount to be repaid will depend on what action has been taken in respect of **your product wrapper** at the time **you** cancel.

9.5.2 General

Costs at the start of **your** plan cannot be specific due to the wide range of options available to **you**. Amounts deducted on cancellation will be restricted to **our** own costs, **adviser charges** and those costs incurred in relation to **your investment** choices and transactions.

If **your investments** are held only within the **cash facility** during the cancellation period and no trading has occurred, **we** will return any **contribution** or transfer in full to the person who paid it (for example to **you, your employer**, a third party or another provider for a transfer) less any **adviser charge** that has been deducted from your cash facility.

If **you** start trading within the cancellation period **you** will be liable for any charges levied by 3rd parties such as investment managers or stockbrokers. In addition, if **your investment** has fallen in value before **we** received the cancellation request, **you** may get back less than **you** invested. The maximum repayment that is possible when **you** cancel is 100% of **your original investment**.

On receipt of **your** cancellation instruction, **we** will sell any

investments you have purchased and return any monies to the place from which it was paid, less any charges taken by investment managers and **discretionary fund managers** and any **adviser charges** already deducted from **your cash facility**. **Your investment** may also suffer a loss from market movement and **you** may still be liable to pay any outstanding **adviser charges** under the terms of **your** agreement with **your adviser**.

If **you** cancel after purchasing **investments** that are not easily convertible to cash, **we** may have to delay the return of the monies to **you**. **You** should be aware that this may involve a significant delay. Please note that for any **investments you** have purchased through the stockbroking service, **you** or **your adviser** will need to arrange the sale of these. **We** cannot instruct the sale of such **investments** on **your** behalf.

Where **you** have transferred funds to **us** from **your** previous provider, it may not be possible to reverse the transfer as the previous provider is not obliged to take back the transfer and/or may levy charges in order to do so. If this happens, **you** should seek the advice of **your adviser**.

9.5.3 Regular contributions

It is only the first **regular contribution** that **you** choose to make that will have cancellation rights. If **you** choose to cancel, any **regular contributions** will be returned to **you** in full, less any **adviser charge** already deducted from **your cash facility**.

9.5.4 Single contributions and transfer

For single **contributions** or transfers, **you** may get back less than **you** invested if **your investment** value has fallen before **we** received **your**

cancellation request. If the value of **your investments** has increased between investing **your contributions**, or transfers, and receiving **your** cancellation, then the sum refunded will be no more than the original value of **your contributions** or transfer.

9.5.5 Adviser charges

Any **adviser charges** that have left **your cash facility** when **we** receive the cancellation request cannot be refunded to **you**.

9.6 Verification of your identity/source of wealth

We are required by the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 to verify **your** identity when **you** open **your** first **product wrapper**. In addition, in certain circumstances **we** will need to check where the money **you** are investing in a **product wrapper** comes from.

Where **we** are unable to satisfactorily verify **your** identity and/or the source of the money **you** are investing, **we** may decide to close the **product wrapper**, return the payment and remove **your** access to **the Service**.

Where, for a **SIPP**, **we** are unable to satisfactorily verify **your** identity and/or the source of the money **you** are investing and **we** decide to return the payment to **you** from the **SIPP**, that payment may be an unauthorised payment in terms of the Finance Act 2004. Where this is the case, **we** will deduct the unauthorised payment charge, the scheme sanction charge and any unauthorised payment surcharge due to **HMRC** before **we** return the payment to **you**.

10 Payments out (withdrawals, transfers, charges and fees)

10.1 Withdrawals from a product wrapper

10.1.1 Whether withdrawals are allowed from a **product wrapper** is closely governed by the individual **product wrapper rules**, so **you** should refer to sections A, B and C.

10.1.2 All withdrawals will be deducted from the **cash facility** of the **product wrapper** as instructed

by **you** or **your adviser** on **your** behalf where this is a **benefit crystallisation event** or income withdrawal within **your SIPP** as detailed in 9 and 13 of Section C. **You** and **your adviser** must make sure that there is sufficient cleared money available in the **cash facility** for these withdrawals to be paid.

10.1.3 **We** will pay all proceeds received directly to the UK bank account **you** have nominated for this purpose on application or notification to **us** in writing.

10.1.4 Payments are made by BACS and are subject to the bank clearing rules.

10.1.5 All payments made by **us** will be made by bank transfer. Payments will not be made by cheque.

10.1.6 With the exception of payments related to a **SIPP**, **we** will not make any payments with a value of less than £1.

10.1.7 **We** will not make withdrawal payments to third parties.

10.1.8 Where there is a payment out of **your product wrapper**, this will be made after the deduction of any outstanding charges, taxes, fines, or other payments that **we** are required to pay under legislation, regulation or order of a court, tribunal, ombudsman or other similar institution.

10.2 Re-registration and transfers from the Service to another provider

10.2.1 **We** will allow **re-registration** and cash transfers out from the **ISA**, **SIPP** and **GIA** where **we** have received a fully and correctly completed transfer authority signed by all holders or required authorised signatories. Current year **ISAs** must be transferred out in full.

10.2.2 Not all providers will accept **re-registration** to them.

10.2.3 Where **you** are re-registering

investments away from **the Service**, **we** accept no liability for any loss incurred as a result of a delay in **your re-registration** from **the Service**, unless this delay is caused by **our** wilful default or negligence.

10.2.4 Where **you** want to transfer out part of a **product wrapper**, the value of what remains, after the transfer must not be less than £1,000. Where the value of **your product wrapper** remaining would be less than £1,000, **we** reserve the right to transfer the whole value and close **your product wrapper**.

10.2.5 If **you** have outstanding **Aegon charges** related to **your product wrapper**, **we** will deduct **our** charges from the **cash facility** of that **product wrapper** before transferring any money out. For an in-specie transfer out, **we** will not carry out any transfer requested until the outstanding charges are paid.

10.3 Aegon charges and fees

This section details the charges **we** take for the provision of the **product wrapper** and **the Service** by **us**. The actual amounts of these charges are detailed in the Charges guide.

10.3.1 Initial charge

10.3.1.1 The initial charge is a percentage amount and is deducted by **us** from the value of the gross **contribution** that is deposited by **you** or on **your** behalf into the **cash facility** of any **product wrapper** held on **the Service**. The initial charge will be taken when money has cleared into the **cash facility** and before any **investments** are made.

10.3.1.2 If applicable, the initial charge will be taken from all initial

and regular gross **contributions** made into the **cash facility** of the specified **product wrapper**.

10.3.1.3 We will confirm the amount of the initial charge to **you** in the Contract note or for SIPP, Confirmation of investment – contract note.

10.3.1.4 We will calculate the Aegon charge before **we** have deducted any **adviser charge** due.

10.3.1.5 Where **you** set up **your SIPP** by making a **contribution** or transfer (or series of transfers) within the application setting up **your SIPP**, and immediately **crystallise** all of this **contribution** or transfer, **we** will calculate the **Aegon initial charge** after the deduction of any excess lifetime allowance charge and **pension commencement lump sum**. In all other circumstances, we will calculate the **Aegon initial charge** after the deduction of any excess lifetime allowance charge but before any **pension commencement lump sum** has been deducted.

10.3.2 Annual charge

10.3.2.1 The annual charge is based on the total value of all **your product wrappers**, held under the same **client profile**. The annual charge is calculated as a percentage of this

total, as detailed in the Charges guide.

10.3.2.2 The annual charge will be applied to each **product wrapper** and taken from the **cash facility** of each **product wrapper**.

If **you** have **Secure retirement income**, the annual charge will not be applied to that part of **your SIPP** that is invested in **Secure retirement income**. This is because any **Secure retirement income** **you** have has its own charging structure.

10.3.2.3 Where possible, **we** will take into account the value of **your other eligible Aegon pension products** that are shown on **the Service** under **your client profile** when calculating the cumulative value of all **product wrappers** held. This could have the effect of reducing the percentage of the annual charge you pay through your **product wrapper**.

10.3.2.4 The annual charge is calculated monthly on an annualised basis and will be deducted monthly in arrears from the **cash facility** of the relevant **product wrapper**. This means that each month it will be calculated as though it was going to apply for one year from that month but only be deducted in relation to that month. It will be calculated and deducted

in this way each month.

10.3.2.5 The valuation date of **your** total **investments** on which the annual charge is based is the last **business day** of the month. The annual charge will then be deducted from **your cash facility** on or around the first **business day** of the next month. Any valuation is based on the latest valuation **we** hold for the particular **investment** it relates to.

10.3.2.6 **Your** annual charge may be discounted from **our** standard tiered scale if **we** have reached an agreement with your **adviser**. If **you** change **advisers**, any discount agreed with **your** previous **adviser** will no longer apply unless **you** and **we** agree otherwise. If **you** appoint a new **adviser** who offers access to **the Service**, and **we** have reached agreement with that **adviser** to discount **our** standard tiered scale, this new discount will apply to **your** annual charge.

When **your** annual charge receives a discount through an agreement **we** have reached with **your adviser**, this discount will not change whilst you remain with that **adviser**, even if we agree a new level of discount with **your adviser** (whether this is an increased or decreased

discount).

However, if **we** have agreed any special time related deal with **your adviser**, this deal will only apply for the time period **we** have agreed with **your adviser**. After this time period, you will receive the discount that **we** have agreed with **your adviser**.

If you do not have an **adviser** who offers access to **the Service**, or leave such an **adviser**, **you** will not benefit from any discount whilst you do not have such an **adviser**.

10.3.2.7 **You** may be on a different scale from **our** standard tiered scale. **We** will tell **you** if **you** are on a different scale. If **you** are on a different scale then any discount will apply to that scale and not the standard tiered scale.

10.3.2.8 Uncleared funds and incomplete transfers are not included in the calculation of the annual charge.

10.3.2.9 If **you** have a **SIPP**, any portion of the annual charge that relates to the ARC insured funds policy are charges that arise under that policy. These charges are payable to Scottish Equitable plc as the provider of that policy.

10.3.3 Customer fee

10.3.3.1 **You** may have a customer fee applied to **your product wrapper**. A customer fee will

apply to **your product wrappers** if:

- a customer fee, including the level of customer fee, is detailed on **your Confirmation of application** or
- **your** charging structure has changed under 10.3.4 of the general section to a charging structure that includes a customer fee.

If **you** have **Secure retirement income**, the customer fee will not be applied to that part of **your SIPP** that is invested in **Secure retirement income**. This is because any **Secure retirement income you** have has its own charging structure.

10.3.3.2 The customer fee will be deducted monthly and proportionately across **your product wrappers**. For each **product wrapper**, it is based on the proportionate value of the **investments** under each **product wrapper** as a percentage of the total value of all **investments** under all **your product wrappers** on **the Service** at the time the customer fee is calculated. For example, if the total value of all **your investments** on **the Service** is £100,000 and is made up of:

- a **SIPP** with a value of £50,000 (50% of the total value)
- a stocks and shares

ISA with a value of £35,000 (35% of the total value) and

- a **GIA** with a value of £15,000 (15% of the total value)

the customer fee is split:

- 50% of the customer fee to be deducted from the **SIPP**
- 35% of the customer fee to be deducted from the stocks and shares **ISA** and
- 15% of the customer fee to be deducted from the **GIA**

10.3.3.3 The customer fee will increase on 1 January each year in line with the Average Weekly Earnings index. The Average Weekly Earnings index is an official method of calculating the average increase in weekly earnings in the UK. If the UK government stops publishing this index, or **we** decide that it is no longer suitable, **we** will use another index. The replacement index will either be one published by the government or calculated by **us**. The increase will be based on the Average Weekly Earnings increase for the whole economy. **We** use the most recently published rate of increase in Average Weekly Earnings when calculating the increase to the customer fee. This will not necessarily be the latest increase in Average Weekly Earnings available on 1 January as

we calculate the increase to the customer fee before 1 January.

The customer fee will only increase and not reduce. This means that if the Average Weekly Earnings fall below 0% for a particular year, no change will be made to the customer fee for that year.

- 10.3.3.4** The customer fee will not be discounted even where **we** have reached agreement with **your adviser** to discount the platform charge as detailed in 10.3.2.6.

10.3.4 Charging logic

- 10.3.4.1** When the charging structure that includes **your** annual charge (and customer fee, if applicable) is set for **your product wrappers**, this operates as detailed below.

- i If **you** leave the employment of **your employer**. When this happens, **you** will retain the charging structure that **you** are on. If **you** have appointed an **adviser**, or appoint one at a later date, **you** will not move to the charging structure that **we** have agreed with **your adviser**, but will remain on the charging structure **you** were on.
- ii If **you** join a new **employer** on **the Service**. If **you** are on a charging structure that **we** have agreed with a previous **employer**,

you will not move to the charging structure **we** have agreed with **your** new **employer**, but will remain on the charging structure that applied to **your product wrapper** when it was set up or amended to when you first joined an **employer** that uses **the Service**. If **you** are on a charging structure that **we** agreed with **your adviser**, **you** will move to the charging structure that **we** have agreed with **your** new **employer**.

- iii If **you** appoint a new **adviser**. When this happens, unless **you** are on a charging structure **we** agreed with **your employer** or a previous **employer**, **you** will move to the charging structure **we** have agreed with **your** new **adviser**. This may be different from **your** current charging structure. **We** will tell **you** where this applies and what **your** new charging structure is. If **you** are on a charging structure **we** agreed with **your employer** or a previous **employer**, you will remain on that charging structure and not move to the charging structure **we** have agreed with **your adviser**.

iv If **we** agree a new charging structure with **your current employer** where **your** charging structure is through that **employer**. When this happens, **you** will move to the new charging structure that we have agreed with **your employer**. We will tell **you** where this applies and what **your** new charging structure is. For the avoidance of doubt, if **you** leave an **employer you** stay on the charging structure **you** were on at the date of leaving that **employer**, if **we** later agree a new charging structure with that **employer**, **you** will not receive this new charging structure.

10.3.5 Income drawdown fee

10.3.5.1 **We** will apply a drawdown fee, to set up the income payment following the start of **drawdown pension** payments and each year after that. This will be deducted from **your cash facility** on or around the first **business day** of the next month.

10.3.5.2 If no **drawdown pension** payments are taken in the 12 months since the last drawdown pension payment, there will be no charge.

10.3.5.3 If **you** restart **drawdown pension** payments after a 12 month gap, charges will apply as if **you** have

set up a new **drawdown pension** payment.

10.3.5.4 The drawdown fee is split equally between all **your SIPP** arrangements that **you** hold within a **client profile** that are paying a **drawdown pension**. If an arrangement contains only **Secure retirement income**, the drawdown fee will be split between the other **SIPP** arrangements within that **client profile** and not be deducted from that arrangement. If **your SIPP** or all **your SIPPs** that you hold in that **client profile** contain only **Secure retirement income** at the time the drawdown fee is due, no drawdown fee will be deducted. For the avoidance of doubt, if **your SIPP** or **SIPPs** within that **client profile** contain only **Secure retirement income** but the income from **Secure retirement income** is not equal to the **drawdown pension** you have requested, there will be a balance left in **your cash facility** and the drawdown fee will be payable.

10.3.6 UFPLS charge

We reserve the right to make a charge for processing and paying request for an **UFPLS**, or to introduce a charge in general for processing and making payment of **UFPLSs**. Any charge that we introduce for processing a request for an **UFPLS** will be introduced in accordance with 10.3.11. Where we decide to introduce a charge for

processing a request for payment of an **UFPLS**, we will tell you of our charges at the point of making such a request.

10.3.7 Withdrawals

10.3.7.1 No charges will be made for withdrawals (other than **drawdown pension** payments, where an income drawdown fee is charged).

10.3.7.2 No charges will be made for transferring out to another provider either through **re-registration** or cash transfers from **the Service**. The level of the stockbroker fee will be detailed in the Charges guide.

10.3.8 Stockbroker fee

Aegon will apply a stockbroker fee when **you** buy or sell **equities** using **the Service**. The level of the stockbroker fee will be detailed in the Charges guide.

10.3.9 Aggregated stockbroker fee

When **you** buy or sell an **exchange traded fund** using **the Service**, **we** will apply a fee. The level of the aggregated stockbroker fee will be detailed in the Charges guide.

10.3.10 Sharesave rollover fee

A fee which is taken for facilitating the rollover of shares from a matured sharesave scheme, into **your product wrapper(s)**.

10.3.11 Changes to Aegon charges

10.3.11.1 During the lifetime of a **product wrapper**, **we** may need to change **our** charges. This includes levying new types of charges, setting minimum charges, removing charges and varying the level of an existing charge.

10.3.11.2 The change to charges may be due to a number of circumstances. **We** retain the right to vary these charges where **we** feel it is necessary and reasonable to do so. In setting a new level or charge, **we** will set an amount that **we** believe is not excessive.

10.3.11.3 Charges may be changed:

- i to reflect market conditions and general industry practice
- ii to take account of changes to the law, codes of practice or the way in which **we** are regulated
- iii to reflect any changes to the way in which **we** provide **our** services
- iv to reflect any changes in the cost of providing **our** services
- v to reflect changes to technology
- vi to take account of a decision by a court, ombudsman, regulator or similar body
- vii each year in line with the consumer price index or any replacement of this index. The consumer price index is an official method of calculating inflation in the UK. It is a measure of the cost of living and reflects changes in the general price level.

10.3.11.4 Where possible, **we** will communicate any changes to **you**, in advance, in line with 13.7, no less than one calendar month before any changes take effect.

10.4 Adviser charge (including discretionary investment manager charge)

In this section **we** describe how **we** can facilitate payments from **your product wrapper**, to **your adviser**.

10.4.1 Payments of **adviser charge** to **your adviser** are specific to each **product wrapper**. **We** facilitate the payment of initial, ongoing and ad hoc **adviser charges** that have been agreed between **you** and **your adviser** and notified to **us** by **you**, or **your adviser** on **your** behalf.

10.4.2 Payments of **adviser charge** will be deducted from the **cash facility** within the relevant **product wrapper** and paid to **your adviser** by **us** on **your** behalf. At any time **you** can ask **us** in writing to alter or stop paying any **adviser charge**. However, once the payment of **adviser charge** has been deducted from **your cash facility**, it will be held by Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd or Scottish Equitable plc as agent for **your adviser**. This means that once it has left **your cash facility** it has been paid to **your adviser** and cannot be altered or returned by **us**.

10.4.3 **We** will confirm to **you** the total amount of initial and ongoing **adviser charge** that has been paid or is due to be paid to **your adviser** when **we** confirm the purchase of the **investments** for that application. If the **adviser charge** alters at a later date, **we** will tell **you** of this change.

10.4.4 Please contact **your adviser** if **you** consider the amount **we** have deducted and paid to **your adviser** on **your** behalf to be incorrect. If

there is a dispute between **you** and **your adviser** about the amount of any **adviser charge**, **you** should in the first instance contact **your adviser** and then **us**.

10.4.5 If there is not enough cash in **your cash facility** to pay any **adviser charge**, the cash maintenance process in 5.4 will apply. Please note that the cash maintenance process does not apply to **Secure retirement income**, this means that if the only **investment** is **Secure retirement income** no **adviser charge** will be paid without **you** or **your adviser** taking action to ensure that there is enough in the **cash facility** to pay the **adviser charge**.

10.4.6 Initial adviser charge

An initial **adviser charge** is a payment **you** agree to make to **your adviser** from a gross **contribution** or cash transfer into **your product wrapper**.

10.4.6.1 The initial **adviser charge** is paid to **your adviser** based on:

- a a percentage of the value of a gross **contribution** or cash transfer to be made, calculated by deducting the stated percentage from the amount placed into the **cash facility**, or
- b a specified monetary amount deducted from the gross **contribution** or cash transfer amount

10.4.6.2 If **you** are making a cash transfer, regular and single **contributions** at the same time, different types of initial **adviser charge** can be taken from each payment method.

10.4.6.3 Where **you** set up **your SIPP** by making a **contribution** or transfer (or series of transfers) within the application setting up **your SIPP**, and immediately **crystallise** all of this contribution or transfer, **we** will calculate the **initial adviser charge** after the deduction of any excess lifetime allowance charge and **pension commencement lump sum**. In all other circumstances, **we** will calculate the **initial adviser charge** after the deduction of any excess lifetime allowance charge but before any **pension commencement lump sum** has been deducted.

10.4.7 Ongoing adviser charge

Any ongoing **adviser charge** is a charge paid to **your adviser** on a regular basis, based on the total value of **your product wrapper**.

10.4.7.1 The ongoing **adviser charge** is calculated and paid on a monthly basis as follows:

- a a percentage based on the value of **your product wrapper** on the last **business day** of each month and apply the percentage to this value to calculate how much ongoing **adviser charge** is to be paid. The ongoing **adviser charge** will then be deducted on or around the first **business day** of each month

- b a specified monetary amount deducted on or around the first **business day** of each month

10.4.7.2 Ongoing **adviser charge** may be set up or amended following the opening of a **product wrapper**. **We** will only accept instructions in writing to increase ongoing **adviser charge** signed by **you**.

10.4.8 Ad hoc adviser charge

Ad hoc **adviser charges** are one-off charges that **you** agree to be paid to **your adviser**.

10.4.8.1 Ad hoc **adviser charges** are calculated and paid as follows:

- a a percentage based on the value of **your product wrapper**
- b a specified monetary amount

10.4.8.2 **Your adviser** must instruct the payment of the ad hoc **adviser charge** online. After **we** have paid this charge, **we** will send confirmation to **you** of the amount that **we** have paid to **your adviser**.

10.4.9 Discretionary investment manager charge

10.4.9.1 Payments to your **discretionary fund manager** are specific to each **product wrapper**. The level of this is as **you** and **your adviser** agree with the **discretionary fund manager**.

10.4.9.2 Payments will be deducted from the **cash facility** within

the relevant **product wrapper** and paid to **your discretionary fund manager** by **us** on **your** behalf. Once the payment has been deducted from **your cash facility**, it will be held by Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd or Scottish Equitable plc as agent for **your discretionary fund manager**. This means that, once it has left **your cash facility**, it has been paid to **your discretionary fund manager** and cannot be altered or returned by **us**.

10.4.9.3 The **discretionary investment manager charge** due is a percentage charge. **We** will value **your product wrapper** on the last **business day** of each month and apply the percentage to this value to calculate how much **discretionary investment manager charge** is to be paid. If **you** have **Secure retirement income**, the **discretionary investment manager charge** will not include that part of **your SIPP** that is invested in **Secure retirement income** when calculating this charge. The **discretionary investment manager charge** will then be deducted from **your cash facility** on or around the first **business day** of each month.

10.4.10 The **adviser charges** and

discretionary investment manager charges you have agreed to pay **your adviser** and **discretionary fund manager** are a matter between **you** and **your adviser** and **discretionary fund manager**. When **we** pay the **adviser charge** or **discretionary investment manager charges**, this is a payment **we** are making at **your** direction and on **your** behalf. It is not a payment for any services provided by **your adviser** and **discretionary fund manager** to **us**. Payment of the **adviser charge** and **discretionary investment manager charge** is separate to any charges that **you** may be required to pay **us** or for **your product wrapper**.

10.4.11 **We** will pay the **adviser charge** and **discretionary investment manager charge** while **your product wrapper** is in force. **You** may remain liable to pay **your adviser** and the **adviser charge** and **your discretionary fund manager** the **discretionary investment manager charge** if there is insufficient money in the **cash facility** of **your product wrapper**, or the **adviser charge** and **discretionary investment manager charge** is stopped, unpaid or re-credited to **your product wrapper**. **You** should check the terms of **your** agreement with **your adviser** and/or **discretionary fund manager** for details about **adviser charges** and **discretionary investment manager charges**.

10.4.12 **We** will not pay interest to **you** or **your adviser** and **discretionary fund manager** for the non-payment or late payment of an **adviser charge** and **discretionary investment manager charge**.

10.4.13 **We** can stop the payment of all or part of an **adviser charge** and **discretionary investment manager charge** for any of the following reasons:

- **we** no longer have a relationship with **your adviser** and **discretionary fund manager**
- **we** reasonably believe the payment of **adviser charge** and **discretionary investment manager charge** would be contrary to law or regulation
- **your adviser** and **discretionary fund manager** is no longer authorised
- **your adviser** and **discretionary fund manager** ceases to trade
- **you** or **your adviser** instruct **us** that **you** no longer want to remain invested in a **model portfolio** provided by the **discretionary fund manager**.

10.4.14 We expect that most **adviser charges** and **discretionary investment manager charges** will not be subject to VAT, however some may be so. **We** will treat all instructions from **you** to pay **adviser charges** and **discretionary investment manager charges** as including any VAT where it is applicable at the rate prevailing at the time of the payment of the **adviser charge** and **discretionary investment manager charge** and taking into account any changes to the rate of VAT howsoever occurring. **We** will not require **you** to provide any further instructions where the rate of VAT has changed. **You** should discuss this with **your adviser** and **discretionary fund manager** who will be responsible for accounting for VAT where this is applicable.

11 Product wrapper cessation

11.1 We are entitled to cease to accept further **contributions** or transfers, or to close a **product wrapper**, if **we** deem it appropriate and reasonable to do so. **We** may close a **product wrapper** either:

- by giving reasonable notice
- without notice where there are serious

grounds that require the termination or

- without notice where there is a valid reason for the termination, provided **we** inform you of this immediately.

Reasons for terminating include but are not limited to, the following situations:

- i Following receipt of a court order obliging **us** to close the **product wrapper**.
- ii **Your product wrapper** has a balance of less than £1,000 for three or more consecutive months and **you** are not paying in **regular contributions**.
- iii **You** have assigned **your investments** to a third party without **our** agreement (with the exception of any **GIA** that has been taken out through a product with **another provider**).
- iv **You** cease to become eligible to contribute to the **product wrapper** by ceasing to be habitually resident in the UK.
- v **You** are using **the Service** for illegal purposes.
- vi **You** are not observing these Terms and conditions or any other documents that apply to **the Service**.
- vii Allowing **you** to contribute or transfer in would breach legislation or **HMRC** or **FCA** regulations.
- viii Where **we** determine that there has been no movement on **your cash facility** balance for a period of at least six years.

11.2 Where **we** will give **you** notice in advance of **our** intention to close a **product wrapper**, **we** will do this by writing to the address **we** hold for **you** against **your client profile**, giving **you** 28 days to respond. **We** will confirm in writing to **you** the closure date of your **product wrapper**. **We** will accept no further instructions from **you** from the date of the letter until the date of closure.

11.3 On the date of closure, all remaining **investments** will be sold and the proceeds deposited in the **cash facility**. After the deduction of any outstanding charges, the balance of **your cash facility** will be paid into **your** nominated bank account, with the exception of the **SIPP**, which must be paid to

a **registered pension scheme** or qualifying registered overseas pension scheme.

12 Aegon

12.1 Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd, trading as **Aegon**, is authorised and regulated by the **FCA** and provide the **ISA** and **GIA**. Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd's **FCA** Registration Number is 543123.

Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd, a company registered in Scotland with registered number 394519 of Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh EH12 9SE.

12.2 Scottish Equitable plc, trading as Aegon, is authorised by the **PRA** and regulated by the **PRA** and **FCA** and provides the **SIPP**. Scottish Equitable plc's **FCA** Registration Number is 165548.

Scottish Equitable plc is a company registered in Scotland with registered number SC144517 of Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh EH12 9SE.

You can check these details on the **FCA** register at [fca.org.uk/register](https://www.fca.org.uk/register) or by contacting the **FCA** on 08456 06 12 34.

The **FCA's** address is:

Financial Conduct Authority
25 The North Colonnade
Canary Wharf
London E14 5HS

12.3 Our nominee companies are wholly owned subsidiaries of Aegon UK plc and the actions of these **nominee companies** remain **our** full responsibility at all times, in compliance with **FCA** regulations including the Regulated Activities Order, which provides the exemption for nominees from **FCA** authorisation. **We** undertake to be responsible for the safeguarding and administration of investments as if **we** were the nominee itself.

13 Legal notices

13.1 Conflicts of interest policy

Aegon maintains a conflicts of interest policy in accordance with all **FCA** Conduct of Business rules. The policy is available on request by writing to ARC Client Services, in 9.

13.2 Order execution policy

Aegon maintains an order execution in accordance with all **FCA** Conduct of Business rules. The policy is available on request by writing to ARC Client Services, in 9.

13.3 Best execution policy

Aegon maintains a best execution policy in accordance with all **FCA** Conduct of Business rules. The policy is available on request by writing to ARC Client Services, in 9.

13.4 Limitation of liability

13.4.1 Where **you** receive any correspondence from **us** that contains any incorrect details or errors in relation to **your product wrappers** that relate to:

- **your, your adviser's or your employer's** details
- any changes to those details
- any transactions carried out within **the Service**
- any charges
- any payments to or from a **product wrapper**
- any other information provided by, or action taken by, **you, your adviser or your employer**

you must notify **us** of any such error(s) within 30 days of receiving any incorrect details or errors. The 30-day period will be from the time of sending of any electronic correspondence or the third **business day** after **we** send out any written correspondence.

- If **you** notify **us** within 30 days, **we** will correct the details or error where it is possible to do so. **We** will not be liable for any loss unless this was as a direct result of **our** negligence, wilful default or fraud.
- If **you** notify **us** outside of this 30-day period, **you** accept and acknowledge that any compensation payable for loss suffered or sufferable will be restricted to the value of the

loss within the 30-day period, and **you** will **indemnify us** against any payment **we** make in relation to a claim in respect of any loss suffered as a result of any such discrepancy or error to the extent that such payment exceeds the value of the loss within this 30-day period.

13.4.2 **We** are not liable to **you** for any **adviser charges, discretionary investment manager charges, costs, charges, expenses, taxes, levies or other liability** of whatever description that have occurred or accrued or have been triggered by **us** following an instruction from **you, your adviser or your employer** (or which **we**, acting in good faith, believe to be from **you, your adviser or your employer**), or by **us** exercising **our** rights under the Terms and conditions of **the Service** or any particular **product wrapper you** hold.

13.4.3 **You** agree to release and **indemnify us** from, and against, any and all costs, claims, demands, losses, expenses and liabilities suffered by **us** in acting in reliance on an instruction given by **you, your adviser or your employer** (or which **we**, acting in good faith, believe to be given by **you, your adviser or your employer**).

13.4.4 Neither **you**, nor **we**, will be liable to the other in contract or otherwise for any indirect loss or damage. **We** will not pay for any losses that are not directly associated with the incident that caused **you** to claim (for example, loss of business, loss of data, loss of profits and third-party claims), whether or not that loss or damage was foreseeable.

13.4.5 **You** **indemnify us** against all liabilities incurred by **us** in connection with **your investments** and **client profile**, other than liabilities caused as a direct result

of **our** negligence, knowing default, fraud or breach of the **FCA** rules or breach of contract.

In general, **we** are not liable for:

- any **force majeure events** and for events outside **our** reasonable control
- any acts or omissions of any third-party service provider to the extent that these are outside of **our** control
- fluctuations in **investment** values (including those occurring during any period in which any verifications necessary under the money laundering regulations requirements are being undertaken)
- any loss resulting from any delay in the payment or transfer of funds to **us**

13.4.6 **We** are not liable or responsible for **investments** or instructions received in relation to **investments** until clear funds are received from **you** or any other source of funds such as a third party, employer or transfer.

13.4.7 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the limitations in this clause will not be applied where it would limit liability for death, personal injury, negligence, wilful default, or any other liability in respect of which limitation is prevented by law from time to time.

13.4.8 Nothing in these Terms and conditions will exclude or restrict to an extent prohibited by the rules of the **FCA**, any duty or liability **we** may have under the regulatory system (as defined by the rules of the **FCA**). Nothing in these Terms and conditions will exclude any obligations **we** may have in law.

13.5 Taxation

Tax treatment depends on **your** individual circumstances. Any tax information provided

is based on **our** understanding of current law and **HMRC** practice, which may change.

13.6 Data protection

13.6.1 How we use your information

The following section explains how **we** (including Scottish Equitable plc) will use any personal information **we** collect about **you**.

13.6.2 We will only use the information **you** have provided for the operation of the **client profile** and **product wrapper(s) you** hold with **us**. **We** will only give out this information to people with whom **we** deal with in the day-to-day operation of **your product wrapper(s)** (including the provider of any product through which **you** have a **GIA**), to people acting as **our** agents, to **your adviser** or **your discretionary fund manager** (where **you** have provided them with the right to this data, by signing an agreement with them) or as required by law on the understanding that the information will be kept confidential. **We** will not use **your** information for marketing purposes without **your** permission.

13.6.3 We may transfer **your** information to other countries, which could involve processing information outside of the European Economic Area (EEA). However, where such processing takes place, appropriate controls are in place to ensure the protection of **your** information.

13.6.4 You have the right to request a copy of all the information **we** hold about **you**. If **you** want to submit a subject access request to **us**, please write to **our** Data Security and Privacy Manager at the following address:
Data Security and Privacy Manager
Aegon
Edinburgh Park
Edinburgh
EH12 9SE

We are entitled to charge up to £10 to provide this information.

13.7 Amendments to the terms and conditions

13.7.1 We may amend these Terms and conditions from time to time, in a reasonable and proportionate manner where it is necessary or prudent to do so. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- i where **we** consider it will make these conditions easier to understand or fairer to **you**
- ii to allow **us** to provide an improved, more efficient or lower-cost service to **you**
- iii to reflect market conditions and general industry practice
- iv to reflect any changes to the costs **we** face in providing services to **you**
- v because of changes in the way **we** do business
- vi to take account of any changes to legislation, codes of practice or regulations and to take account of any decisions made by a court, ombudsman, regulator or similar body
- vii because of changes in technology

13.7.2 We will only use **our** discretion to vary these Terms and conditions in a reasonable manner and will only do so where **we** provide prior notice. **We** will provide at least one month's prior written notice of any change to the Terms and conditions unless doing so would result in **us** being unable to comply with legal or regulatory changes. This notice will be sent to **you**.

13.7.3 You have the right to terminate **your** use of **the Service** at any time. If **you** want to do so following variation of these Terms and conditions, termination will be in line with 11.

13.7.4 These Terms and conditions will be superseded by any more recent

versions, which will incorporate any changes made under this clause.

13.8 Law and jurisdiction

- 13.8.1** The law that applies to **your product wrapper** and the Terms and conditions will depend on where **you** are habitually resident at the time **your product wrapper** starts. If **you** are habitually resident in:
- England and Wales, **we** will treat **your product wrapper** as having been taken out in England and Wales and the laws of England and Wales will apply.
 - Scotland, **we** will treat **your product wrapper** as having been taken out in Scotland and the laws of Scotland will apply.
 - Northern Ireland, **we** will treat **your product wrapper** as having been taken out in Northern Ireland and the laws of Northern Ireland will apply.

For the purposes of this clause, **we** will treat **you** as being habitually resident at the address on **your** application for a **product wrapper** or the address that **your employer** advises **us** is **your** address when the **product wrapper** is set up.

- 13.8.2** If you are habitually resident elsewhere, **we** will treat **your product wrapper** and the Terms and conditions as having been effected in Scotland, and the laws of Scotland will apply.
- 13.8.3** If **you** apply for additional **product wrappers**, each **product wrapper** will be treated separately for the terms of this clause.

13.9 Notices

- 13.9.1** Unless otherwise directed in these Terms and conditions, all notices should be sent to ARC Client Services (at the address shown in 9).
- 13.9.2** If **you** make a request, instruction or notification under these Terms and conditions, **you** must do this in

writing. **We** will only accept or act upon it when **we** receive it at ARC Client Services. **You** must also send **us** any documents and information that **we** need to carry out **your** request or instruction. All written instructions must be in English and must be clear and easy to understand. No one else is authorised to accept any requests, instructions or notifications on **our** behalf.

- 13.9.3** When **we** write to **you** or any other person on **your** behalf, **we** will treat **our** letter as having been received by **you**, or that other person, three **business days** after posting **our** letter to:
- your** last known address (or the other person's last known address), or
 - the last known address of **your** agent (or the other person's agent)

13.10 Electronic messages

13.10.1 **The Service** is conducted mainly in an online environment. Any electronic message that is given through **the Service** in this online environment will be treated as a written communication in line with this clause.

We will tell **you** within these Terms and conditions where actions under these Terms and conditions are not conducted in an online environment. Other parts of **the Service**, for example statements, Contract notes, some items that **we** must send to **you** or **you** must send to **us**, and some correspondence will not be conducted in the online environment.

- 13.10.2** **We** will treat an electronic message as a written communication received at ARC Client Services if:
- we** have told **you** in writing that **we** will accept an electronic message for a specific purpose and **your** electronic message is for that specific purpose

- b **we** have told **you** what type of electronic message **we** will accept for that specific purpose from time to time
- c **we** have told **you** where to send that message

13.10.3 We will treat the message as being received when **we** receive it at that electronic address. This will be when it enters **our** system provided that no error message indicating failure to deliver has been received by **us**.

13.10.4 We will treat **our** electronic message as having been received by **you** on the day **we** send the electronic message to the electronic address **you** have given to **us** on **the Service** unless **we** receive an error message telling **us** that it has not been successfully delivered.

13.10.5 While **we** will try to ensure best endeavours at all times, **we** do not guarantee:

- a that any electronic messages sent to or by **us** will be secure
- b that any electronic messages sent to or by **us** will be free from interception and/or change
- c the routing of any electronic message or the time of delivery or receipt

We are not liable for any viruses received by **you** through electronic messaging.

13.10.6 Where an electronic message is sent by **you** or **your** agent, **you** are liable for any damage or loss caused either directly or indirectly by the use of the electronic message or in relation to that use.

13.10.7 We can act on an electronic message that **we** reasonably believe comes from **you** or **your** agent. **We** do not need to verify the sender of the message or their authority to send it.

13.10.8 It is **your** responsibility to make sure that any electronic message **you** or **your** agent sends **us** is actually received by **us**. **We** have no liability for messages sent to an incorrect electronic address.

13.10.9 An electronic message that does not comply with this clause is not a valid communication for **your** Terms and conditions.

13.11 Fax

13.11.1 We will treat a fax as a written communication received at ARC Client Services if:

- a **we** have told **you** in writing that **we** will accept a fax for a specific purpose and **your** fax is for that specific purpose, and
- b **we** have told **you** the fax number to send that fax to

13.11.2 We will treat the fax as being received when **we** receive it at that fax number.

13.11.3 We can act on a fax that **we** reasonably believe comes from **you** or **your** agent. **We** do not need to verify the sender of the fax or their authority to send it.

13.11.4 It is **your** responsibility to make sure that any fax **you** or **your** agent sends **us** is actually received by **us**. **We** have no liability for faxes sent to an incorrect fax number.

13.11.5 A fax that does not comply with 13.11 is not a valid communication for your Terms and conditions.

13.12 Transfer of business

13.12.1 In the event that **we** transfer **our** business to another person, **your cash facility** and any other account that we may use to transfer money to, from and within **your product wrapper** will form part of this transfer. In accordance with the relevant FCA rules that regulate client money and are contained in the Client Assets Sourcebook part of the FCA Handbook:-

- a These Terms and conditions are the agreement between **you** and **us** to allow such a transfer to take place;
- b Any money transferred is transferred on terms which require the other person to return your transferred sums to you as soon as practicable at your request in accordance with these Terms and conditions; and
- c Any client money that is transferred and that is covered by the client money rules in the FCA Handbook will be:

- i held by the other person for **you** in accordance with the relevant client money rules contained in the FCA Handbook; or
- ii if not held in accordance with a), **we** will exercise all due skill, care and diligence in assessing whether the other person to whom **your cash facility** (and any other account) is transferred will apply appropriate measures to protect these sums.

13.12.2 If **we** transfer **our** business and this clause applies, **we** will provide information to **you** in accordance with any relevant legislative or regulatory requirements. These Terms and conditions will still continue to apply to **your product wrapper**.

Product wrapper specific terms

In the following sections A, B and C you will find terms that specifically relate to the individual product wrappers.

Section A – the Aegon General Investment Account (GIA)

1 Opening a GIA

- 1.1 To open a **GIA**, **you** must be 18 years of age or over.
- 1.2 A **GIA** can be opened under a product with **another provider**. This can only happen where **we** agree with **your** other provider to accept such an application.

2 Joint holders

- 2.1 **We** allow up to four joint holders for the **GIA**.
- 2.2 Joint holders are jointly and severally liable for their obligations under the Terms and conditions of the **GIA**.
- 2.3 Where there is more than one holder of the **GIA**, and where instructions are required in writing (see 'Servicing' clause 9 of the general section), **we** can only accept instructions signed by all the holders. Where the **GIA** is owned under a trust agreement or by a corporate body, **we** will require the relevant number of signatures identified in the authorised signatory list and any associated trust documents.
- 2.4 Only one copy of any documentation will be sent by **us**. It will be addressed to all holders using either the correspondence address recorded or the address of the first named holder if no correspondence address has been recorded.
- 2.5 The **adviser** can only give one set of user credentials to allow access to view the joint **GIA** account online.

3 Tax treatment within a GIA

- 3.1 For all individuals, all interest paid on cash held within the **cash facility** of **your GIA** will be paid net of basic rate tax, which will be deducted at source and paid to **HMRC**.
- 3.2 Corporate entities, trusts or charities may choose to receive interest paid on cash held within their **GIA** either gross or net of tax. Corporate entities and charities should choose either net or gross **GIA** by indicating this on the application. Where **you** receive interest gross, **you** must declare that **you** are entitled to do so and **we** accept no liability for incorrect or false claims for such tax treatment.
- 3.3 For individuals, all income/distributions/dividends received from **investments** held within **your GIA** will be paid net of withholding tax.
- 3.4 Corporate entities, trusts or charities may choose to receive income on **investments** held within their **GIA** either gross or net of tax. Corporate entities and charities should choose either net or gross **GIA** by indicating this on the application. Where **you** receive interest or income gross, **you** must declare that **you** are entitled to do so and **we** accept no liability for incorrect or false claims for such tax treatment.
- 3.5 Some interest or income received by the gross **GIA** will be received net of tax. It is **your** responsibility to correctly account for or reclaim any tax due.

4 Contributions

The following limits apply:

Type of contribution	Minimum amount	Maximum amount
Initial	£1,200	No maximum
Regular	£100 a month or £1,200 a year	No maximum
Additional lump sum	No minimum	No maximum
Re-registration of investments	£250	No maximum

5 Withdrawals

5.1 Partial withdrawals

5.1.1 The minimum amount for a partial withdrawal is £100.

5.2 Regular withdrawals

5.2.1 The minimum **regular withdrawal** is £25 for each payment with a maximum of 10% of the total value of the **product wrapper** each year. A **regular withdrawal** can be set up to be paid monthly, quarterly or yearly. **Regular withdrawal** instructions will leave the **cash facility** on or around the sixth **business day** of the month.

6 Death of a GIA holder

6.1 Where one individual holds a **GIA**, on notification of the death of the **GIA** holder **we** will automatically sell all **investments** as soon as **we** are able, and keep the proceeds in the **cash facility** until **we** receive the formal documentation appointing the legal personal representatives of **your** estate that is acceptable to **us**. When **we** receive this, **we** will recognise the legal personal representatives of the estate as the holder of the **GIA**.

6.2 It is possible that **investments** may not be readily realisable, such as **investments** that deal irregularly or infrequently, or have dealing minimums that have not been reached. In these circumstances, **we** will defer payment of the proceeds of the sale of the **investments**. The proceeds of any **investments** that are not readily realisable will be made available as soon as **we** can sell these **investments**. **You** and **your** legal personal representatives should be aware that this may involve a significant delay.

6.3 **Your** legal personal representatives will need to instruct the sale of any **equities you** have purchased. **We** cannot instruct the sale of such **investments** on behalf of **your** estate.

6.4 Where the **GIA** has multiple holders and **we** are notified of the death of one of the holders, the **GIA** will automatically pass to the surviving holders.

6.5 Where **your GIA** is through a product with **another provider**, that product will determine what happens on death. **Your** other provider will tell **us** what action to take in the event of **your** death.

Section B – the Aegon Individual Savings Account (ISA)

1 Opening an Aegon ISA

To be eligible to subscribe to an **ISA**, **you** must:

- be an individual
- be aged 18 or over
- be resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or, if not so resident, be performing duties as a Crown employee serving overseas and paid out of the public revenue of the United Kingdom (typically a serving member of the armed forces, or a diplomat), or be married to, or in a civil partnership with, such a person
- not have subscribed to another stocks and shares **ISA** in that tax year other than in accordance with the rules around taking out an additional **ISA** on the death of **your** spouse or civil partner, and
- not have exceeded the overall subscription limit details of which can be found on **the Service** or from **HMRC**.

2 General

- 2.1** The **ISA** Regulations (the Individual Savings Account Regulations 1998/1870) will take precedence over these Terms and conditions.
- 2.2** Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd, an **HMRC** – approved **ISA** manager, will undertake to operate **your ISA** in accordance with the **ISA** Regulations. **Our** registered plan manager number is Z1775.
- 2.3** **We** will satisfy ourselves that any person to whom **we** delegate any functions or responsibilities under the Terms and conditions agreed with **you** is competent to carry out those functions and responsibilities.
- 2.4** **We** must notify **you** if, by reason of any failure to satisfy the provisions of the **ISA** Regulations, your **ISA** has, or will, become void.

3 Transfers and withdrawals

- 3.1** If **you** instruct us to do so, an **ISA**, with all rights and obligations, shall be transferred to another **ISA** manager in accordance with the **ISA** Regulations relating to transfers, within the time stipulated by **you**.
- 3.2** If **you** instruct **us** to do so, all of the **investments** held in the **ISA** and proceeds arising from those **investments** shall be transferred or paid to **you**, within the time stipulated by **you**.
- 3.3** **We** can specify a minimum period which must not exceed 30 days on the time stipulated by **you** to carry out the transfer to another **ISA** manager. This period is required to allow us sufficient time to carry out the transfer. **You** will be informed of this minimum period when **you** request a transfer.
- 3.4** **We** can specify a minimum period which must not exceed 30 days on the time stipulated by **you** to carry out a withdrawal. This period is required to allow **us** sufficient time to carry out the withdrawal request. **You** will be informed of this minimum period when **you** request a withdrawal.
- 3.5** If **you** have subscribed to a stocks and shares **ISA** which contains units or shares in a **UK UCITS**, a **non-UCITS retail scheme** or a **recognised UCITS** and dealings in such units and shares have been suspended in accordance with the rules of the **FCA** (or any direct foreign equivalent), the minimum period which is specified by us for transfers and withdrawal requests may be extended to seven days after the suspension ends.

4 Subscription levels

- 4.1** **Your ISA** subscription will take effect on the later of the receipt of the application form or the receipt of the subscription to the **ISA**.
- You** are responsible for making sure **you** do not breach the current **ISA** subscription levels stated in the **ISA** Regulations for the tax year in which **you** are investing.

4.2 In applying for the **ISA**, **you** are confirming that **you** have not, and will not, breach the prevailing **ISA** Regulations and subscription levels. This includes any **ISAs** that **you** may hold, or intend to open with any other **ISA** manager. Other than in accordance with the rules around taking out an additional **ISA** on the death of **your** spouse or civil partner, in each tax year, **you** may subscribe to one cash **ISA** and one stocks and shares **ISA**. **You** may not subscribe to two (or more) cash **ISAs**, or two (or more) stocks and shares **ISAs** in the same tax year. Where **you** make a transfer of current year subscriptions from a cash **ISA** to a stocks and shares **ISA**, the subscriptions to the cash **ISA** are treated as if they were made to the stocks and shares **ISA** so **you** can subscribe to a cash **ISA** following the transfer. The same position applies for a transfer from a stocks and shares **ISA** to a cash **ISA** meaning that after such a transfer, **you** can subscribe to a stocks and shares **ISA**. This is subject to the overall subscription limits.

4.3 **You** may apply to open an **ISA** depending on **your** eligibility (see 1 of section B).

4.4 If **you** make **contributions** in excess of the current **ISA contribution** limits, **we** will refund any **contributions** to **you** unless they are made through a sharesave scheme. If the **contribution** is made through a sharesave scheme, **we** will open a **GIA** for **you** in **your** name and place any excess shares from that scheme into that **GIA**. **You** will then be able to access that **GIA** at the **gate you** have access to **the Service** at (see 7.3 in the general section).

5 Investments and related information

5.1 The **ISA investments** will be, and must remain in, the beneficial ownership of **you** and must not be used as security for a loan.

5.2 The title to the **ISA investments** will be registered in the name of **our nominee company**, except for cash deposits in cash **ISAs**, cash held in the **cash facility** of the

ISA, or any other account that is used to move money to, from and within, the **ISA**, which is held in the name of Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd.

5.3 Except for cash deposits/National Savings products in cash **ISAs** and for insurance policies held with an insurer who is also an **ISA** manager, share certificates or other documents evidencing title to **ISA investments** will be held by **us** or as **we** may direct.

5.4 Except for cash deposits/National Savings products in cash **ISAs**, **we** will arrange, if **you** elect, for **you** to receive a copy of the annual report and accounts issued by every company or other concern in respect of **investments** that are held directly in the **ISA**.

5.5 Except for cash deposits/National Savings products in cash **ISAs** and insurance policies, **we** are under an obligation (subject to any provisions made by or under any other enactment), if **you** so elect, to arrange for **you** to be able:

- i to attend shareholders', securities holders' or unit holders' meetings
- ii to vote
- iii to receive, in addition to the annual report and accounts, any other information issued to shareholders', securities holders' or unit holders'

5.6 A charge may be made for the arrangement of the above (5.5, parts i, ii and iii of section B), which is explained and detailed in 8.2 of the general section.

5.7 If instructions are given to purchase any **investment** that does not qualify under the **ISA** Regulations, and those **investments** are purchased, **we** must sell the **investment** as soon as practicable after **we** have identified the non-permissible holding. In such circumstances **you** will be liable for the costs to rectify the matter and will have to bear any losses due to price movement.

6 Cash ISA

6.1 Only cash may be held within **your** cash **ISA**. **We** will be the **ISA** manager for the cash **ISA** and **your** point of contact for any queries **you** may have on the cash **ISA**. **We** do not hold **your** money but will deposit it with HSBC Bank plc, who is the deposit taker for the cash **ISA**.

6.2 **We** cannot hold **your** money as a deposit as **we** are not a bank or building society. Interest accruing will be paid gross to the **cash facility**.

6.3 HSBC Bank plc is authorised by the **PRA** and regulated by the **PRA** and **FCA**. Its registered office is: 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ. **We** will not meet the obligations of the HSBC Bank plc if it fails.

6.4 **We** are not liable for any acts, errors, omissions, defaults or frauds of the bank referred to in 6.3 of section B.

7 Cash held within a stocks and shares ISA

Cash held within **your** stocks and shares **ISA** will be held on deposit with HSBC. 6.3 and 6.4 in this section B apply to this clause 7.

8 Contributions

8.1 The minimum **contribution** for **regular contributions** is £20 each month or £240 each year and the minimum single premium is £1. The maximum that you can contribute is the maximum allowed under current **ISA** rules.

8.2 **We** will accept the transfer in of existing **ISA** accounts subject to the minimum initial transfer in value, which is currently £250.

8.3 **We** will accept **ISA** transfers in cash, or by a **re-registration** of **investments**. This is with the exclusion of employee SAYE share schemes.

8.4 Where dividends/income/distribution payments are paid as the result of transfer, **we** reserve the right to reject any payments less than £50.

9 Withdrawals

9.1 Partial withdrawals

The minimum amount for a partial withdrawal is £100.

9.2 Regular withdrawals

The minimum **regular withdrawal** is £25 for each payment with a maximum of 10% of the total value of the **product wrapper** each year. A **regular withdrawal** can be set up to be paid monthly, quarterly or yearly. **Regular withdrawal** instructions will leave the **cash facility** on or around the sixth **business day** of the month.

10 ISA application policy

10.1 **We** operate a continuous **ISA** application form. This means that, once **we** have received and accepted **your** application form, it remains valid for the current year and each subsequent year that **we** receive subscriptions.

10.2 If there is a break in subscriptions to **your** stocks and shares **ISA** of one full tax year, **we** will need a new application form, which must be sent to ARC Client Services with any subsequent new subscription. **We** will not accept any new application for a cash **ISA** in these circumstances.

10.3 **We** reserve the right to ask for a new application form for each new tax year.

11 UK residency

11.1 **You** undertake to inform **us** as soon as reasonably practical that **you** have ceased to be resident in the UK or a Crown employee overseas, or become resident, or ordinarily resident, outside the UK.

11.2 **We** cannot advise **you** of the tax consequences and do not accept any liability for any tax charges or penalties arising from changes of **your** residency. **You** should seek advice from a qualified tax adviser in such circumstances.

11.3 If **you** cease to be resident in the UK, or a Crown employee overseas, **you** are required to cease subscriptions into an **ISA**.

12 Void accounts

- 12.1** We will manage **your ISA** in accordance with the regulations. We will notify **you** if, for any reason, **your** account has or will become no longer exempt from tax.
- 12.2** On notification by **HMRC** of a breach of regulations, **we** will make every effort to repair **your ISA** within the guidance set out by **HMRC**. We will confirm in writing the action taken where **your ISA** has been repaired.
- 12.3** If **your ISA** is voided, **we** will deduct any cash available to cover any tax **we** have to pay or repay. If there is insufficient cash in the **cash facility** to cover **your** liabilities as a result of the **ISA** being made void, **we** reserve the right to sell some or all of **your investments** to meet these liabilities.
- 12.4** We will also deduct all outstanding charges due to **us** in respect of **your ISA** and any expenses incurred in termination of the **ISA** will be deducted.

13 Death of an ISA investor

- 13.1** On **your** death, **your ISA** ceases to be tax exempt.
- 13.2** On notification of **your** death, **we** will sell all **investments** held in **your ISA** and move these to cash, close **your ISA product wrapper**, open a **GIA** and move this cash to the **cash facility** of this **GIA**. We will do this and the holding will remain in that **GIA** until **we** receive the formal documentation appointing the legal personal representatives of **your** estate that is acceptable to **us**. When **we** receive this, **we** will recognise the legal personal representatives of the estate as the holder of that **GIA**.
- 13.3** From the date of the death of an **ISA** investor, any interest on the cash held in this **cash facility** will be paid net of tax. Any tax reclaimed between the date of **your** death and notification to **us** will be deducted by **us**.

- 13.4** When **we** receive the appointment of **your** legal personal representatives, **we** will accept instructions from **your** legal personal representatives. We will continue to hold **your investment** in the form of cash until **we** receive instructions from **your** legal personal representatives.
- 13.5** On **your** death, **your** spouse or civil partner will be able to open an additional **ISA** in accordance with the relevant **ISA** guidelines.

Section C – the SIPP

Definitions

In this section C 'we', 'us' and 'our' refers to Scottish Equitable plc.

1 General

1.1 The **Aegon** Self Invested Personal Pension Scheme (the **scheme**) is a **registered pension scheme**. It has been established for the purpose of providing pension and lump sum benefits.

1.2 The **scheme** is established under a trust deed and **scheme rules**, the **scheme** will be governed and administered according to the **rules**.

1.3 Scottish Equitable plc is the **scheme** provider and administrator of the **scheme**. Aegon Pension Trustee Ltd is the trustee of the **scheme**. We will administer the scheme in accordance with the **rules** of the **scheme** and these Terms and conditions.

1.4 When **you** open a **SIPP product wrapper** or **your SIPP** is provided through **your employer**, **you** become a member of the **scheme** and, as a member, the trust deed and **Rules** apply to **your SIPP**. **You** can obtain a copy of the **rules** on request from ARC Client Services. Where there is any conflict between the **rules** of the **scheme** and these Terms and conditions, the **rules** of the **scheme** will override the conflicting provision in these Terms and conditions.

1.5 Retirement age

When **you** open a **SIPP**, **you** will have a **retirement age** which will be chosen by **you**. **You** can alter **your retirement age** at any time. Where **your SIPP** is provided through **your employer**, they will advise us of a **retirement age** for **you**.

We will use **your retirement age** in benefit illustrations that show **you** what **your** benefits might be at that **retirement age**. When **you** are getting close to **your retirement age**, we will send **you** information about putting **your** benefits into payment. **You** are not required to take **your** benefits at **your retirement age**.

Your retirement age may affect any lifestyle fund that **you** may have invested in under **your** ARC Insured Funds Policy. That policy details the effects that a change to **your retirement age** may have.

2 Eligibility for the SIPP

2.1 **You** can apply for the **SIPP** if **you** are 16 years or older. However, if **you** are under the age of 18 and not resident in Scotland, the **SIPP** application form and applicable declarations must be made by a parent or guardian unless **your** application is through **your employer**.

2.2 **You** can make **contributions** at any time. We will not claim any tax relief under 3.4 of section C for any **contribution** made once **you** have reached **your** 75th birthday.

2.3 **You** may only apply for, or have provided through **your employer**, a **SIPP** if **you** are resident in the UK and are a **relevant UK individual**.

When **you** applied to join the **SIPP**, **you** will have given a declaration as part of the joining process confirming **you** meet **HMRC** rules. This declaration is that:

- **you** will inform us if **your** total **contributions** to all UK registered pension schemes (schemes that attract tax relief) in respect of which **you** are entitled to tax relief exceeds:
 - a **your relevant UK earnings**, and
 - b £3,600, if **your relevant UK earnings** are less than £3,600.
- if **you** are no longer entitled to tax relief on **your contributions**, for example if **you** move out of the UK for tax purposes or lose eligibility for tax relief on any **contributions** that **you** pay to **your SIPP** (because **your** earnings have reduced), **you** will inform us no later than the later of:
 - a 30 days after the change, and
 - b the 5 April at the end of the tax year when **your** circumstances change.

If **your employer** arranged for **you** to be

auto-enrolled or enrolled into the **SIPP**, **HMRC** rules require **your employer** to give this declaration on **your** behalf. **Your employer** must confirm that the details they give us to set up **your SIPP** are correct.

You should check information that we send **you** to ensure that all of **your** personal details are correct and contact us or **your employer** if there is anything wrong in **your** personal details.

The declaration from **you**, or on **your** behalf, also means that **HMRC** rules require **you** to check:

- that **you** are not breaching the limits on **contributions** qualifying for tax relief set by **HMRC**, and that
- if **you** move out of the UK, **you** tell us as soon as possible.

The granting of **tax relief** is a matter between **you** and **HMRC**, or **your employer** and **HMRC**. What follows is a description of some of the provisions that may apply in connection with that **tax relief**, and is set out just for information purposes. **You** should check **your** actual position and proceed accordingly.

Tax relief will only be available in respect of **contributions** under this condition 2, paid during a tax year if **you** are a **relevant UK individual** for that year.

You are a **relevant UK individual** for a tax year if at least one of the following applies:

- **you** have **relevant UK earnings** chargeable to income tax for that year
- **you** are resident in the UK at some time during that year
- **you** were resident in the UK both at some time during the five tax years immediately before that year and when **you** became a member of the **scheme**
- **you**, or **your** spouse or civil partner, has for the tax year general earnings from overseas Crown employment subject to UK tax (such earnings being as defined in section 28 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions Act 2003).

Contributions in excess of £3,600 or **your relevant UK earnings** if higher, will not receive tax relief.

3 Contributions to the SIPP

3.1 **Contributions** can be made by **you**, **your employer** or a third party.

3.2 The minimum contribution is £1.

Please see 3.5 of section C for further information on the legislative minimums that apply where **your SIPP** is provided through **your employer** and is used by **your employer** to meet their auto-enrolment requirements.

3.3 There is no maximum **contribution** that can be paid into **your SIPP**. However, **contributions** in excess of your current **annual allowance**, as defined by **HMRC**, may attract a tax charge. **You** should discuss this with **your adviser** before contributing to **your SIPP** in excess of your **annual allowance**.

3.4 We will claim basic rate tax relief on all new personal **contributions** made to **your SIPP**, other than **contributions** made once **you** have reached **your** 75th birthday. **Contributions** made by a third party (not **your employer**) will be treated as personal **contributions**. The gross amount of such **contributions** (this is the net amount of the **contributions you** (or a third party) paid, together with the tax relief that we claim) will be placed within **your cash facility** and invested in line with **your** instructions. We will not claim any tax relief on **contributions** made by **your employer** – these are paid to us gross.

We may have to repay any tax relief (and pay interest on that tax relief) to **HMRC** because a **contribution you** paid to **your SIPP** does not qualify for tax relief. Where this is the case and the **cash facility** does not hold enough funds to pay this, **we** will carry out a forced disinvestment in line with clause 5.4 of the general section to realise the sum to be paid to **HMRC**.

3.5 **Your employer** may use the **SIPP** to meet their legal requirements to ensure that certain people are enrolled automatically into a pension scheme meeting the government's requirements on saving for retirement (auto-enrolment).

If **you** do not opt out of auto-enrolment, minimum **contribution** rates apply to the total of employer and employee **contributions** that must be paid.

There is also a separate minimum for employers as part of the total minimum.

The minimum **contributions** mean that, if **your employer** contributes less than the total minimum to **your SIPP**, **you** may be required to contribute the difference between the amount **your employer** contributes (which is always subject to the employer minimum) and the total minimum to **your SIPP**. For example:

- the government sets the total minimum contribution rate at 8%, and
- the employer minimum at 3%.

If the employer pays the 3% minimum, employees would be required to pay 5% in this example (this 5% would be including any basic rate tax relief).

If the employer agrees to pay a higher amount, for example 7%, employees would be required to pay 1% (again, this 1% would be including basic rate tax relief).

If **contributions** to **your SIPP** are affected by the minimum contribution requirements set by the government in future, contribution rates to **your SIPP** will be increased automatically (unless you opt out of the increase). We may not send **you** a Contract note when **contribution** rates are increased to meet the minimum requirements set by the government.

You can get more information about the minimum contribution requirements set by the government on our website or from the **scheme adviser**.

- 3.6 We accept no liability for any tax charges or penalties resulting from **contributions** made to **your SIPP**. We will deduct the amount of any such charge, fine or claim from **your SIPP cash facility** without needing **your** consent to do so. If there are insufficient funds in **your cash facility** to cover any such charge, fine or claim **we** will sell the **investments** in **your SIPP** in accordance with 5.4 of the general section to the extent necessary to cover such charge, fine or claim. If the value of the **investments** in **your SIPP** is insufficient to cover the amount

of such charge, fine or claim **you** agree to pay any outstanding amounts to us.

- 3.7 We will not be liable in the event that we are unable to proceed with an **investment** due to an error or omission of a payment/payment schedule from an employer or third party or due to any delay in a **contribution** or transfer reaching the **cash facility**.

- 3.8 We will not accept new **contributions** to the **SIPP** by way of a transfer of contribution of shares or **re-registration** of an investment fund.

4 Default fund for your SIPP through your employer

- 4.1 If **your SIPP** is provided through **your employer**, a **default fund** will be available under **your SIPP**. This is the fund into which any **contributions** to **your SIPP** are invested if **you** do not make an **investment** choice. The minimum amount must be maintained within the **cash facility**, as detailed in 5 of the general section. If **you** have taken out **your SIPP** through **your adviser** or directly, any **contributions** will be placed into the **cash facility** and remain there until an investment instruction is received by **us**.

- 4.2 The provisions of the **default fund** are:
- i Unless v below applies, the **default fund** will usually be selected by **your employer** or the **scheme adviser**. If **your employer** or the **scheme adviser** does not select a **default fund**, the **default fund** will be the **Aegon default fund**.
 - ii Where **you** do not make a valid selection for the **investment** of **contributions** to **your SIPP** or any part of them, then the **contribution**, or that part of them will be invested in the **default fund** that applies to **your SIPP**, subject to the minimum amount remaining in **your cash facility**.
 - iii If the **default fund** for **your SIPP** is changed by **your employer** or the **scheme adviser**, **you** will be advised of this by **your employer**. **Your contributions** will then be invested in accordance with the instructions that we receive from **your employer** or the **scheme adviser**. **Your contributions** may be invested in the new **default fund** or continue

to be invested in the old **default fund**.

- iv If the **default fund** is the **Aegon default fund** and we change the **Aegon default fund**, all **your contributions** to the previous **Aegon default fund** will now be invested in the new **Aegon default fund**.
- v If there is an investment instruction in place for the **contributions** to **your SIPP**, and **your** or **your employer's contributions** are increased (whether under auto-enrolment or not) without any investment instruction for this increase, **your contributions** will continue to be invested in line with **your** existing investment instruction and **you** will not be invested in any **default fund**.

If **you** have actively selected the **investment** that was the previous **default fund**, rather than investing in it as the **default fund**, **your** investment instruction will not be altered and **contributions** will continue to be invested in **your** chosen **investments**, subject to 7 of the general section.

- vi Where the **default fund** is changed, all **investments** into the previous **default fund** will be moved into the new **default fund**. This change will be carried out as a normal switch under 7.12 of the general section.

4.3 Bulk transfers

Where there is a transfer from another UK **registered pension scheme** that is part of a bulk transfer through **your employer**, such a transfer will be placed in the **default fund** unless **you** have given us alternative investment instructions for this transfer, in which case the transfer will be placed in those **investments** detailed in that investment instruction. The minimum amount must be maintained within the **cash facility**, as detailed in 5 of the general section.

A bulk transfer is a transfer that is arranged through **your employer** where two or more members, employed by the same **employer**, transfer to **the Service** at the same time and in relation to a previous pension scheme through that **employer**.

5 Permitted investments

You may have a different **investment** choice for **crystallised** and **uncrystallised** funds within the same **SIPP product wrapper**.

6 Transfers in

- 6.1 We can accept transfers from other UK registered pension schemes, including pension credits that are granted on divorce. We will also consider requests for us to accept transfers from recognised overseas pension schemes, subject to us agreeing that we are able and willing to accept these transfers, and any conditions that we may impose. We are under no obligation to accept any transfer request from **you**.
- 6.2 To transfer an existing pension to **your SIPP**, **you** must complete the relevant pension transfer authority and obtain a discharge form from **your** existing pension provider.
- 6.3 It is **your** responsibility to make sure that the trustees, scheme administrator or provider of the existing scheme or pension will allow the pension to be transferred to **your SIPP**.
- 6.4 We accept no liability for any penalties, charges or liabilities arising from the transfer of an existing pension.
- 6.5 We will accept transfers in cash and by way of a **re-registration** of **investments**.
- 6.6 Each transfer will be invested in accordance with **your** investment instructions, other than where **your** transfer is part of a bulk transfer when it will be invested as detailed in 4.3 of section C.
- 6.7 Each separate drawdown-to-drawdown transfer will result in a new **crystallised** arrangement being created within **your SIPP product wrapper**.
- 6.8 **You** may apply new **uncrystallised contributions** or transfers to a **SIPP product wrapper** already containing post 5 April 2006 **crystallised** funds and, if the existing **crystallised** funds are in respect of a pension in payment before 6 April 2006 **you** may not apply new **contributions** or transfers to that arrangement.

7 Block transfers

- 7.1 The **scheme** will inherit the scheme protection being block transferred.
- 7.2 **You** may only apply a **block transfer** if **you** have been a member of the **scheme** for less than 12 months.
- 7.3 For a **block transfer** to take place, at least two investors in the transferring scheme must transfer, at the same time, all their benefits under that scheme to the **scheme** in which **your SIPP** is to be held.
- 7.4 At least one of the **clients** in a **block transfer** must have a scheme protected low pension age or protected **pension commencement lump sum**.
- 7.5 All **your SIPP** benefits (**block transfer** plus others) under the scheme must crystallise on the same day for scheme protection to apply. If **you** transfer in benefits that have already **crystallised**, these will be ignored for this purpose, with any payments from those benefits not being treated as unauthorised payments.
- 7.6 Only one scheme protected **pension commencement lump sum block transfer** is allowed for each **client**. Any additional transfers of the same type will lose their protection. If **you** have an existing arrangement under the **scheme** (for example, a pension under One Retirement or Retiready) with a retirement age of 55 (or above), that retirement age will not be reduced as a result of a **block transfer** with a protected low pension age being paid to a **SIPP**.

8 Transfers out

10.2 of the general section details the general provisions for transferring out. That clause is qualified by this clause 8, of this section C for **your SIPP**.

- 8.1 Where **you** are transferring **your SIPP**, on receipt of a valid transfer request from the trustees or scheme administrator of a **registered pension scheme** or QROPS, **Aegon** will transfer out **your investments** from **your SIPP**, this will involve the sale of all **investments** unless the transfer is by way of a direct transfer or **re-registration**

of **investments**. However, we are entitled to delay any transfer while we satisfy ourselves that we can make the transfer from a legal and regulatory perspective and have received any discharge that we require.

- 8.2 We will complete all transfers out as soon as reasonably practical after receipt and acceptance of the relevant paperwork from **your** new scheme provider and **you** complying with these Terms and conditions, including providing us with a fully and correctly completed discharge form.
- 8.3 We will transfer **your investments** to **your** new pension provider either in cash or through a **re-registration** of **investments**.
- 8.4 **Aegon** will make no charge for transferring out **your SIPP**.

9 Retirement benefits and the lifetime allowance

- 9.1 **You** may only start taking retirement benefits from the age of 55 or a scheme protected low pension age or due to ill-health, in line with the **rules**. We reserve the right to allow **you** to continue with both **uncrystallised** and **crystallised investments** after **your** 75th birthday if **you** and we agree and it is allowed in terms of the **rules**.
- 9.2 When **you** choose to have a **benefit crystallisation event**, **you** must designate all or part of the **investments** within **your SIPP product wrapper** to provide an **UFPLS**, a **drawdown pension** or to purchase an annuity, unless you are transferring to a **QROPS**.
- 9.3 The amount being used to provide benefits will be tested against **your** available **lifetime allowance**. If **your** available **lifetime allowance** is exceeded, **you** will be subject to an excess **lifetime allowance** charge, as determined by **HMRC** – this will be deducted from **your SIPP** and paid to **HMRC**. Any charges, penalties or tax payments not paid as detailed in this clause, that arise from a breach of the **lifetime allowance** must be met by **you**.
- 9.4 An instruction to take retirement benefits from **your SIPP** must be made in a manner prescribed by us from time to time. If we

allow **your adviser** to complete a **benefit crystallisation event** request online on **your** behalf, **you** confirm that **your adviser** is doing this with **your** authority and **you** give us authority to act on such an instruction. **You** will advise us of any issues or anything **you** consider to be incorrect within 30 days of us confirming the terms of the **benefit crystallisation event** to **you**. Speak to **your adviser** for details of our current process for such a request.

9.5 Where **you** want to **crystallise** part of **your uncrystallised SIPP**, the value of **your** remaining **uncrystallised SIPP** must not fall below £1,000. If the remaining **uncrystallised** balance is below £1,000, **you** will be required to fully **crystallise** all of **your product wrapper**.

10 Uncrystallised funds pension lump sum

10.1 **You** can request an **UFPLS** from the **uncrystallised** part of **your SIPP** at any time from age 55 or earlier if **you** have a protected low pension age or if **you** meet the ill-health condition in the **Rules**. This request must be in a format specified by us from time to time. Details of the current format for a request for an **UFPLS** and any terms that apply can be obtained from **your adviser** or **the Service**. In addition to any legislative requirements, any request for an **UFPLS** is subject to such terms as we may impose from time to time including but not limited to providing any information that we reasonably require to process **your** request, any minimum amount we will pay out as an **UFPLS**, and any charges we may require to be paid before paying **your UFPLS**.

10.2 We reserve the right to make a charge for processing and paying a request for an **UFPLS**, or to introduce a charge in general for making payment of an **UFPLS**. Any charge that we introduce for processing a request for an **UFPLS** will be introduced in accordance with 10.3.11 of the general section. Where we decide to introduce a charge for processing a request for payment of an **UFPLS**, we will tell you of our charges at the point of making such a request.

11 Pension commencement lump sum

11.1 Where you are moving into a **drawdown pension** or buying an annuity, you may elect to receive part of **your SIPP** that is **crystallising** as a **pension commencement lump sum**. This would reduce the amount available to provide a **drawdown pension** or annuity.

11.2 Where **your SIPP** is held either wholly or in part in respect of pension credit rights that were payable on divorce, the payment of any **pension commencement lump sum** will be restricted, where necessary, in accordance with legislation relating to pension sharing orders.

12 Age 75

12.1 Any **uncrystallised investment** held before **your** 75th birthday will remain **uncrystallised** on and after your 75th birthday until you take your benefits under 13, 14 or 15 of section C. Any **uncrystallised investment** will be tested against **your lifetime allowance** on **your** 75th birthday.

12.2 **You** can still purchase an annuity after **your** 75th birthday, although **your** funds will need to be transferred to an annuity provider as **Aegon** does not currently provide this facility.

12.3 During the 12 months leading up to **your** 75th birthday, we will endeavour to contact **you** to inform **you** of the options available to **you** at that time and to obtain **your** instructions.

If we cannot contact **you** or **you** have not given us an instruction, by **your** 75th birthday, your **investments** will remain **uncrystallised**.

12.4 We will calculate and deduct any applicable tax from **your SIPP** in line with the **rules** and **HMRC** rules applicable at the time.

13 Drawdown pension

13.1 On receipt and acceptance of a **benefit crystallisation event** request, an amend drawdown pension request or transfer in request, all in a format specified by **us** from time to time, **drawdown pension** can be paid from **your SIPP**. Speak to **your adviser**

for details of our current process for such a request.

The **rules** set out provisions for the calculation of the minimum and maximum **drawdown pension** from time to time.

- 13.2** We will pay **drawdown pension** payments on the day that **you** choose out of the dates we advise **you** are available for payment of **your drawdown pension**. **You** can find details of the current dates available through **the Service** or from **your adviser**. It will reach **your** account sometime after that, subject to the clearing rules of our and **your** bank.
- 13.3** **You** can request a change to the date of payment of **your** regular **drawdown pension**. Any request will be in a format determined by us from time to time, please speak to **your adviser** or see **the Service** for details of our current format. The change to the date of payment of **your** regular **drawdown pension** will take place in the month following the month in which you make the request.
- 13.4** Regular **drawdown pension** payments are payable monthly unless **you** and we agree otherwise. **You** can also request **drawdown pension** on an ad hoc basis.
- 13.5** **Drawdown pension** payments are spread evenly over the remaining payment dates in the pension year, taking into account any ad hoc **drawdown pension** that **you** have taken.
- 13.6** The date that the **drawdown pension** payment leaves the **cash facility** will be the date used to determine which pension and tax year the **drawdown pension** falls into.
- 13.7** The level of **drawdown pension** is limited to any maximum and minimum levels set out in the **rules**. If the minimum payment is £0, no drawdown needs to be taken. If any **drawdown pension** is taken, this can be set to any level within these limits, subject to the minimum payment of £25. The maximum level of **drawdown pension** will depend on whether or not you have **capped drawdown** or **flexi-access drawdown**, speak to **your adviser** for more information on the type of **drawdown pension** you have.
- 13.8** For **drawdown pension** payments to start on the next payment date, **your** instruction

must be received and accepted at least 10 **business days** before the payment date.

- 13.9** Cleared funds must be available within **your product wrapper cash facility** for a **drawdown pension** payment to be made. We accept no liability for loss or charges incurred as a result of cleared funds not being available for **drawdown pension** payments.
- 13.10** Any income received from **Secure retirement income** will be placed in **your cash facility** and used to provide your **drawdown pension**. If the amount of income received from **your Secure retirement income** is less than the amount of **drawdown pension you** have requested, and you have not taken any action to ensure that there is sufficient cash in the **cash facility** to meet this amount, the cash maintenance process detailed in 5.4 of the general section will take place. If the income from **your Secure retirement income** is greater than the amount of **drawdown pension you** have requested, the excess amount will remain in the **cash facility** as cash and can be used in the same manner as any other cash in the **cash facility**.

If the income received from **your Secure retirement income** is less than the amount of **drawdown pension** that you have requested and there are no other assets to make up the difference, no **drawdown pension** will be paid until there is enough cash in the **cash facility** to meet a requested payment of **drawdown pension**. If, after this payment, there is an outstanding balance in the **cash facility**, this will be treated as uninvested cash.

14 Flexible drawdown

If **you** have a **flexible drawdown** arrangement on 5 April 2015, this will be automatically converted to a **flexi-access drawdown** arrangement on and from 6 April 2015. This is a legislative requirement under paragraph 8A of Schedule 28 of the Finance Act 2004, or paragraph 22A of Schedule 28 of the Finance Act 2004 if **you** are receiving **flexible drawdown** as a **dependant**.

15 Annuity purchase

- 15.1** If **you**, or **your dependant**, want to buy an annuity, the provider setting up the contract or policy must agree to provide the annuity.
- 15.2** On receipt of a valid instruction, we will arrange for the purchase price of the annuity to be paid to the provider of your annuity. The purchase price will be obtained through the sale of **investments** in **your SIPP**.
- 15.3** The annuity to be paid must be allowed by the **rules**.
- 15.4** We are not liable for any acts or omissions of an annuity provider that **you** or **your dependant** choose.

16 Death benefits

- 16.1** We, as the scheme administrator, will pay all or part of the death benefit available in line with the **rules**.
- 16.2** On notification of **your** death, and after we have been provided with satisfactory evidence of death, the following options are available, all as detailed in the **rules**:
- i **drawdown pension** for **dependants**
 - ii annuity purchase for **dependants**
 - iii and/or lump sum for **dependants**
 - iv lump sum to beneficiaries

Unless we have a nomination of a **dependant** from **you** (or where **you** have not nominated a **dependant**, as nominated by us), or a written direction from **you** to purchase or provide an annuity or **dependant's drawdown pension** for a named dependant, we will sell the **investments** as soon as we are able after we receive notification of **your** death. This may be some time after **your** death if we need to consider nominating a dependant where **you** have not done so.

If you have a **Secure retirement income account** that has a joint life attached, as described in 7.4.3 of the ARC Insured Funds Policy, the joint life will be the person nominated for the **Secure retirement investment** part of your SIPP. **You** can specifically remove the nomination in favour of the joint life, this will remove the joint life from that **Secure retirement income account**. To remove a nomination in favour of

a joint life, we require a specific instruction telling us to do this. Once a joint life is removed they cannot be reinstated as a joint life on **your Secure retirement income account**.

- 16.3** On receipt of satisfactory evidence of **your** death, where an **uncrystallised funds lump sum death benefit** is payable, we will pay the **uncrystallised funds lump sum death benefit** on the basis set out in the **rules**.
- 16.4** On receipt of satisfactory evidence of death, where a **drawdown pension fund lump sum death benefit** is payable, we will pay the **drawdown pension fund lump sum death benefit** on the basis set out in the **rules**.
- 16.5** Where **your dependant** continues with the **SIPP**, they will not be able to make any **contributions** to the **SIPP**.
- 16.6 Accidental death benefit**
- 16.6.1** We will pay an **accidental death benefit**, as set out in this clause, if **you** die within the period specified in 16.6.2 of section C and where all of the terms in 16.6.4 of section C are met.
- 16.6.2** Cover for **accidental death benefit** begins on the **start date** and ends on the earlier of:
- a five years from the **start date**
 - b where, on the **start date**, there is less than five years until **your retirement age**, cover for **accidental death benefit** will stop on the day immediately before **your retirement age** that applies on the start date. To avoid any doubt, if you subsequently change **your retirement age**, cover for **accidental death benefit** will still stop on the day immediately before **your retirement age** that applies on the **start date**
 - c **your** 75th birthday
 - d the day on which all remaining **investments** are either **crystallised** or transferred out of **your SIPP**.

16.6.3 The terms that apply to the **accidental death benefit** are as follows:

- a The amount of **accidental death benefit** we will pay is 10% of the total amount of all **contributions** and transfers into **your SIPP** (including any Regular Contributions and Single Contributions paid by an Insurer under a policy or contract of Insurance (often called a waiver policy)) paid to **your SIPP** from the **start date** to the day immediately before the date of **your** death.
- b The **accidental death benefit** shall be paid as an **uncrystallised lump sum death benefit** as set out in 16.2 of section C.

16.6.4 The terms referred to in 16.6.1 of section C are as follows:

- a In good faith, we consider that the cause of **your** death is an **accidental death**, which did not arise directly or indirectly from any of the following causes:
 - **An accidental bodily injury that occurred before the start date,**
 - **Alcohol or drug abuse**
We will not pay an **accidental death benefit** if **your** death results from or is directly related to alcohol or drug abuse.
 - **Flying (other than as a passenger in a commercially licensed aircraft)** We will not pay an **accidental death benefit** if **your** death occurs while taking part in any flying activity other than as a passenger in a commercially licensed craft,
 - **Participating in a hazardous sport or pastime**
We will not pay an **accidental death benefit** if **your** death occurs while taking part in (or practising for) boxing, caving, climbing, horse-racing, jet skiing,

martial arts, mountaineering, off-piste skiing, pot-holing, power-boat racing, underwater diving, yacht racing or any race, trial or timed motor sport.

- **A self-inflicted injury**

We will not pay an **accidental death benefit** if **your** death occurs as a result of intentional self-inflicted injury.

- **Any action taken by you, without due regard for your own safety,**

- **Criminal Activity**

We will not pay an **accidental death benefit** if **your** death is as a result of **your** participation in a criminal activity.

- **Suicide**

We will not pay an **accidental death benefit** if **your** death is as a result of **your** own actions (whether or not at the time of such action **you** were sane or insane), or

- **War and civil commotion**

We will not pay an **accidental death benefit** if your death results from any of the following: war, invasion, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution or taking part in a riot or civil commotion.

- b We receive the evidence and information concerning the circumstances of **your** death that we ask for.

17 Dependant's annuity

Where we are to buy an annuity for **your dependant** on the basis set out in the **rules**, the value obtained when the **investments** are sold will be used to buy an annuity in line with the **rules**.

18 Dependant's drawdown pension

18.1 Your dependant may be allowed, under the **rules**, to postpone buying an annuity. If **your dependant** is allowed and wants to postpone

buying an annuity, the following applies:

- a **Your dependant** can tell us in writing, having given us all of the details we reasonably require, to continue **your SIPP** so that the **investments** can be used to provide **dependant's drawdown pension**.
- b Where we receive **your dependant's** instruction in terms of 18.1a of section C, we will change **your SIPP** so that it will be **your dependant's SIPP**. Where more than one of **your dependants** want **dependant's drawdown pension** to be provided for them, the **investments** to be applied for each **dependant** will be applied to a **SIPP** for each **dependant**.

We shall make the change at the time **dependant's drawdown pension** is to start. We can make the change without the agreement of **your dependant**, or any other person.

- 18.2** For **your dependant's SIPP**, the **rules** and the rights and obligations **you** and we have under **your SIPP**, in so far as they remain relevant, will apply to **your dependant**.

19 Death of your dependant

On receipt of satisfactory evidence of death, where a **drawdown pension fund lump sum death benefit** is payable, we will pay the **drawdown pension fund lump sum death benefit** on the basis set out in the **rules**.

20 Lifetime allowance charge

- 20.1** HMRC may apply a **lifetime allowance** charge as set out in section 214 of the Finance Act 2004. Where it is to be deducted from **your SIPP**, we will deduct from **your cash facility** an amount equal to the **lifetime allowance** charge on the basis set out in 20.2 of section C. The amount deducted will either be paid to **HMRC** or, where the **lifetime allowance** charge has already been paid by us, it will be retained by us for our own use. Please note that a **lifetime allowance** charge may apply to any death benefits that are payable from **your SIPP**. In that case, the recipients of the **uncrystallised funds**

lump sum death benefit are liable to pay the **lifetime allowance** charge to **HMRC**.

- 20.2** We will recover the **lifetime allowance** charge by taking this from the **cash facility** or, if there are insufficient funds in the **cash facility**, by carrying out a **forced disinvestment** to pay for the **lifetime allowance** charge.

21 Divorce

- 21.1** If we receive a pension sharing order and are to make a payment under this, we will pay the pension debit from the **cash facility** to the qualifying arrangement. If there is an insufficient balance in **your cash facility** to pay the pension debit, we will carry out a **forced disinvestment** to enable the full pension debit to be paid.
- 21.2** If **you** are in receipt of a pension credit, **you** can transfer this pension credit to **your SIPP** as a transfer in.

Part 2 – ARC Insured Funds Policy

Here is what you need to know about the policy of insurance where you open a SIPP and invest in insured funds, provided by Scottish Equitable plc.

Introduction

You have taken out a SIPP with Aegon, a brand name of Scottish Equitable plc. This booklet of policy conditions sets out the terms on which we, Scottish Equitable plc, issue you, the member, with a policy of insurance within your SIPP. You should read this booklet together with your contractual documents and any document we give you that makes changes to your policy.

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1 Definitions and interpretation

1.1 In this booklet and the rest of your **policy**, we use some words and phrases that have particular meanings. We call these defined terms. 'We'/'us'/'our' refers to Scottish Equitable plc. 'You'/'your' refers to the **member**. (If, following your death, your **dependant** chooses to postpone the securing of an annuity under your **SIPP**, you/your refers to your **dependant**.)

1.2 If you see a word or phrase in **bold** in this booklet, this word or phrase is a defined term and its meaning is set out below:

Adviser – means the financial adviser through which you access **the Service**, open **product wrappers** and transact investments and who you are able to remunerate in the form of adviser charge (as defined and detailed in the **Terms and conditions**). Your **adviser** must be registered with us and have appropriate FCA authorisation.

Aegon guarantee charge – is the charge we make to cover the cost of providing the benefits (income, **guaranteed minimum death benefits** and **joint life**) under your **Secure retirement income account** and is more fully detailed in Condition 7.6.2.

Aegon product charge – is the charge we make for your **Secure retirement income account**. These are more fully detailed in Condition 7.6.1.

ARC insured fund – means the Scottish Equitable insured funds available on the ARC platform. We describe these in 4.

Anniversary date – means the day that falls on the start of each anniversary of the **start date**.

Arrangement – has, during the lifetime of the **member**, the meaning set out in the **rules**. After the death of the **member**, it means an **arrangement** under the **scheme** from which we will provide **dependant's drawdown pension**.

Business day – means any full day on which banks, investment managers and the London Stock Exchange (LSE) are open for business.

Capped drawdown – means a **drawdown pension** arrangement set up before 6 April 2015 withdrawals from which are subject to certain limits and is not a **flexible drawdown** arrangement, and is described in paragraphs 8 and 22 of schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004.

Cash facility – means the untraded cash account that is set up for and within your **SIPP** for the movement of money to and from, and within, your **SIPP**.

Cash-in value – means the total value at **unit price** of the **units** being cashed in.

Confirmation of application – means the document called 'Confirmation of application' that we issue to you or any additional, amended or updated version of it that we issue at a later date.

Confirmation of investment – contract note means the document called 'Confirmation of investment – contract note' that we issue to you.

Deed – means the **deed** or declaration of trust establishing the **scheme** and any amendment or modification to it that is made at any time and from time to time. If you ask us for a copy of the **deed**, we will give you the version that applies at that time.

Dependant – has the meaning set out in the **rules**, except where **dependant's drawdown pension** is being provided, in which case it means the dependant named in any documentation that we issue to the dependant.

Dependant's drawdown pension – means dependants' **drawdown pension** as set out in paragraph 18 of part 2 of schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004 and is described in your **Terms and conditions**.

Dependant's drawdown pension commencement date – means the date, after the death of the **member**, on which a fund (being **units** under this **policy** and/or other assets held in your **SIPP**) is designated (under paragraph 8 or 8A of Schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004) for **dependant's drawdown pension** for the **dependant**.

Discretionary fund manager – means an appropriately authorised manager you select to manage investments within your **SIPP** on your behalf.

Drawdown pension – means a **drawdown pension** as set out in paragraph 4 of part 1 of schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004. Broadly speaking, it is the payment of a pension directly from the funds in your **SIPP**.

Drawdown pension commencement date – for each **arrangement**, means the first date on which some or all of the sums and assets under the **arrangement** (being **units** under the **policy** and/or other assets held in your **SIPP**) are designated as **drawdown pension** in terms of paragraph 8 of part 1 of schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004.

Drawdown pension fund lump sum death benefit – has the meaning set out in the rules.

Flexi-access drawdown – means a new **drawdown pension** arrangement set up on or after 6 April 2015; a **flexible drawdown** arrangement that was converted as detailed in 14 of section C of the **Terms and conditions**; or a **capped drawdown** arrangement which has either been converted to flexi-access drawdown following our acceptance of your request to that effect or has become a flexi-access drawdown arrangement through an error that cannot be rectified. Flexi-access drawdown is detailed in paragraphs 8A and 22A of schedule 28 to the Finance Act 2004.

Fund benchmark – means the relevant measure that an **ARC insured fund** is being compared to with respect to the management or performance as described in the **ARC insured fund**.

Fund management charge – is described in condition 9.1.

Guaranteed minimum death benefit – means the fund value that has a minimum value on the death of the member as more fully described in Condition 7.4.2.

Guaranteed pre-income increase rate – means the rate as detailed in your

Confirmation of your Secure retirement income investment statement.

Head office – means our head office which may change from time to time.

HMRC – means HM Revenue & Customs.

Income basis – means the method on which we will pay income from your Secure retirement income account. Single life means we pay the income for your life only and **joint life** means we pay for your life and then for the life of your nominated **joint life**. Where income is not taken immediately your Secure retirement income account will be set up on a deferred income basis.

Initial income base – means the value of the investment or, if more than one, the total investments into the **Secure retirement income account**.

Income base – means the value that we use to work out the amount of income. This is more fully described in Condition 7.3.1.

Income rate – means the percentage of the **income base** that determines the level of your income from your **Secure retirement income account**. This percentage rate is based on your age that you start to take the income and the percentage rates that were fixed when we set up your **Secure retirement income account** and confirmed in the Confirmation of your Secure retirement income investment statement.

Joint life – means the person that you nominate to receive your **Secure retirement income account** after you die with the option to continue income at the **joint life** income proportion rate, confirmed in your Confirmation of your Secure retirement income investment statement, and based on your income rate whatever the value of your **Secure retirement income account**.

Liabilities and expenses – are described in Condition 10.

Lifestyle fund – means a fund that targets your **retirement age** for moving from underlying assets with growth potential to investments better suited to help protect annuity buying power. These are more fully

described in 4.5.

Member – means the **member** named in your **Confirmation of application**.

Monthly date – means the same date of the month as the start date unless that day would be the 29th, 30th or 31st of a month that has fewer than this number of days. In this case, **monthly date** means the last day of the relevant month (for example, if the start date is on 31 December, the **monthly dates** for March, June, September and December are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December in each year). Where that date falls on a day that is not a **business day**, it will be the last **business day** prior to that date.

Policy – means and is made up of:

- this booklet
- your **Confirmation of application** and first **Confirmation of investment – contract note**
- any additional document we give you that makes a change to this booklet and/or makes changes to your **Confirmation of application**

Retirement age – means that date within your **SIPP** that has been specified as such in accordance with your **Terms and conditions**.

Rules – mean the **rules** of the scheme.

Scheme – means the Aegon Self Invested Personal Pension Scheme established by a Declaration of Trust executed by Scottish Equitable plc on 30 September 2011 and any amendments that are made from time to time.

Secure retirement income – means the part of your **policy** that provides for;

- a secure level of income for your life with a **guaranteed minimum death benefit**; or
- a secure level of income for your life with no **guaranteed minimum death benefit**; or
- a secure level of income for your life continuing to a **joint life** on your death.

Secure retirement income account – means a sub-account that is held within your uncrystallised or crystallised **SIPP** that contains your investment for **Secure**

retirement income.

SIPP – means the self-invested personal pension that you have as a **member** of the **Scheme**.

Start date – is set out in your **Confirmation of application**. It means the date when your **policy** started.

Terms and conditions – means the documents that set out the **Terms and conditions** of your use of **the Service** and that govern your **SIPP**.

The Service – means the service provided by us for you and your adviser, which contains your **SIPP** and enables you and your **adviser** to manage your investments within your **SIPP** and is described in your **Terms and conditions**.

Uncrystallised funds lump sum death benefit – has the meaning set out in the **rules**.

Unit – means one, or part of one, of the notional **units** of equal value that we divide each **ARC insured fund** into.

Unit price – in relation to a whole **unit** of an **ARC insured fund**, means the **unit price** calculated in line with 5.4.

Wound-up fund value – is described in condition 4.4.4.

- 1.3 Where we use the masculine form of a word, it also includes the feminine. The opposite also applies.
- 1.4 Words in the singular include the plural. The opposite also applies.
- 1.5 Where we refer to a piece of legislation, we are also referring to any amendment or re-enactment of the legislation. We also refer to any regulations made under the legislation, and that includes any corresponding provisions in force in Northern Ireland.
- 1.6 All references to conditions are references to conditions in this ARC Insured Funds Policy unless stated otherwise.

2 Overriding provision

The terms of your **policy** are subject to being allowed by the **deed** and **rules** of the **scheme**.

No term of your **policy** shall override/take precedence over any provision of the **deed** and **rules** of the **scheme** unless we tell you that a term of your **policy** is to override/take precedence over a provision of the **deed** and **rules** of the **scheme**.

3 Deemed creation, cancellation and allotment of units

We do not actually have to create or cancel any **units** of any **ARC insured fund**, or to allot any **units** to your **policy**. Instead, we may deem these **units** as having been created, cancelled or allotted. This is for accounting purposes on our computer systems. The **unit price** of these deemed **units** will be the same as the **unit price** of the actual **units** at the relevant times. Where we refer to the creation, cancellation or allotment of any **units**, this includes the deemed (or notional) creation, cancellation or allotment of these **units**.

4 The ARC insured funds

4.1 ARC insured funds

The **ARC insured funds** will consist of any **ARC insured funds** that we agree are available to your **policy**. If you want to see a description of the **ARC insured funds**, you can get one from our **head office**.

4.2 You can see how the **ARC insured funds** operate in 4.3 to 4.6. Additional terms apply to certain **ARC insured funds**.

4.3 Our powers relating to the ARC insured funds

Regardless of the name and description of each of the **ARC insured funds**, and where UK law and regulation allows, we have power to:

- a acquire and hold, for the **ARC insured funds**, investments and assets of any kind
- b borrow money for any of the **ARC insured funds**, and
- c use as security any asset of the **ARC insured funds**

4.4 Closing and winding up ARC insured funds

4.4.1 We have the right to close an **ARC insured fund**. If you hold **units** in that **ARC insured fund**, we will tell you or your **adviser** as soon as reasonably practicable.

We will not issue any further **units** in an **ARC insured fund** that is closed but it will continue to exist until it is wound up or the last of its **units** is cancelled.

Until we wind up an **ARC insured fund** that is closed, or the last of its **units** is cancelled, we may re-open that **ARC insured fund**. If you hold **units** in that **ARC insured fund**, we will tell you that we have done this.

4.4.2 We will only close an **ARC insured fund** for the reasons set out in this condition 4.4.2. When we decide to close an **ARC insured fund**, we will act reasonably and take account of all our policyholders' interests. We can close an **ARC insured fund** where:

- a the manager of the underlying fund tells us that the underlying fund is to close
- b there has been a fall in the size of the **ARC insured fund**, and it is no longer cost effective to keep it open
- c we are told about a change in management approach or corporate strategy by the manager, or a change in manager of the underlying fund that we reasonably believe may impact on the ability to manage the underlying fund in accordance with our objective
- d we think that an **ARC insured fund** may not be able to meet its objectives in future

For the purposes of conditions 4.4.2 a and c, an underlying fund means an external fund in which our **ARC insured fund** is invested.

4.4.3 We have the right to wind up an **ARC insured fund** at any time. If you hold **units** in that **ARC insured fund**, we will give you at least 30 days' notice that we are going to do this.

When we are in the process of winding up an **ARC insured fund**, we will either:

- a sell the assets of the **ARC insured fund** or
- b transfer the assets of the **ARC insured fund** to another **ARC insured fund** for an amount equal to a fair market value that we reasonably believe we could sell them for, less any actual or estimated **liabilities and expenses**.

4.4.4 When we have either sold or transferred all of the assets, we will cancel all of the **units** in that **ARC insured fund**. Before we cancel the **units**, we will calculate the value of all **units** that remain in that **ARC insured fund**. We will do this by taking the total amount from the sale or transfer and deducting an amount we estimate covers all outstanding **liabilities and expenses**. This will give the **wound-up fund value**. We will then wind up the **ARC insured fund**.

4.4.5 Your share of the **wound-up fund value** will equal the number of **units** held by you immediately before the **ARC insured fund** is wound up, divided by the total number of **units** in that **ARC insured fund** at that time. We will apply your share of the **wound-up fund value** (which will be a percentage of the **wound-up fund value**) to allot **units** in other **ARC insured funds** to your **policy** at the **unit price**. We will do this in accordance with your instructions. If you do not give us any instructions before the **ARC**

insured fund is wound up, we will allot **units** in the **ARC insured funds** we set out in the notice telling you that we are going to wind up the **ARC insured fund**.

4.5 Lifestyle Funds

The **ARC insured funds** may include funds that we designate as **lifestyle funds**. The purpose of the **lifestyle fund** is to move your investment into the retirement fund at a particular date. This date is the **retirement age** that is specified when you open your **SIPP**.

A **lifestyle fund** invests in a series of **ARC insured funds** and has an investment strategy designed to move, over a period of time determined by that **lifestyle fund**, from a variety of underlying assets with growth potential to investments better suited to help protect annuity buying power. This will be carried out in line with the objectives of that **lifestyle fund**. A **lifestyle fund** does this by moving the value of your investment through three phases:

- growth
- glidepath, and
- retirement

Details of the objectives of the lifestyle strategy for any particular **lifestyle fund** and the timings of movement between phases, are detailed in the relevant **lifestyle fund** information that we provide.

For each phase of a **lifestyle fund**, you will have purchased **units** in an **ARC insured fund**. As you move from one phase to the next, the **units** that you hold in the underlying **ARC insured fund**, will be cashed in and used to purchase **units** in the underlying **ARC insured fund** of the next phase within the **lifestyle fund**.

If you change your **retirement age**, we will take action to ensure you hold **units** in the fund and phase of your chosen **lifestyle fund** that corresponds to your amended **retirement age**. This may require us to sell **units** in your existing **lifestyle fund** and purchase **units** in the growth, glidepath or retirement phase of the chosen **lifestyle fund** that targets your amended **retirement age**.

We will carry out the required action within 60 days of notification.

In line with all other **ARC insured funds**, when you instruct us to cash in **units** in the **lifestyle fund**, the proceeds will be paid into the **cash facility**. This will not apply where we cash in **units** as part of the move between phases within the **lifestyle fund**.

4.6 Rights in respect of assets of ARC insured funds

We will hold the assets that make up any **ARC insured fund** and any rights relating to them. You have no right to the assets that make up any **ARC insured fund**. We will similarly limit the rights of our other policyholders.

4.7 Ownership of the ARC insured funds

The **ARC insured funds** and the assets that make up these **ARC insured funds** are our absolute property. All assets are or will be registered accordingly. We are not a trustee for you.

5 Valuing ARC insured funds and working out unit prices

5.1 Creating and cancelling units

When we add cash or any other asset to an **ARC insured fund**, we will create **units** in it equal to the value of the cash or those other assets. When we cancel **units** from an **ARC insured fund**, we will take from it cash or other assets equal to the value of **units** cancelled.

5.2 Valuing assets in an ARC insured fund

5.2.1 We will normally carry out a valuation of the assets in an **ARC insured fund** at least once on each **business day**. We value certain assets within an **ARC insured fund** less often than once each **business day** because daily valuations may not be available for these assets. Such assets include property (for example land, buildings and leaseholds), derivatives and securities that are not quoted on a recognised stock exchange. A derivative is typically a right or an obligation to buy or sell another

type of asset – such as a share or a bond – at a set price to someone else at a set date and time in the future. The set price may turn out to be higher or lower than the market price at that date. The most common types of derivatives are futures and options. Securities include stock, shares and bonds. We will value any such assets at least once a month.

5.2.2 There may be circumstances beyond our control that stop us from valuing assets on any particular **business day**.

5.2.3 Where we do not or cannot value an asset in an **ARC insured fund** at least once on a **business day**, we will estimate the value of that asset on that particular **business day**. We will take into account changes in the market, any current restrictions or difficulties in trading in such assets and any other circumstance that might affect a valuation. We will always act fairly when we are estimating the value of an asset under this condition.

5.2.4 When an **ARC insured fund** is expanding, we will value the assets of that **ARC insured fund** at the market price at which we estimate its assets may be bought, including the actual and/or our estimate of the **liabilities and expenses** of buying those assets. An **ARC insured fund** is expanding when the normal position of that **ARC insured fund** in the recent past is that more **units** were being bought than sold in that **ARC insured fund**.

5.2.5 When an **ARC insured fund** is contracting, we will value the assets of that **ARC insured fund** at the market price at which we estimate its assets may be sold, less the actual and/or our estimate of the **liabilities and expenses** of selling those assets. An **ARC insured fund** is contracting when

the normal position of that **ARC insured fund** in the recent past is that more **units** were being sold than bought in that **ARC insured fund**.

5.2.6 Our estimate of the **liabilities and expenses** of any purchase or sale will be an amount that we believe we would have incurred in buying or selling the asset at the date of the valuation.

5.2.7 The **ARC insured fund** may change from expanding to contracting, or from contracting to expanding. Where it changes, we can change the basis on which we value the assets. This is to make sure we give fair treatment to:

- a buyers of **units**
- b sellers of **units**, and
- c those policyholders who remain invested in that **ARC insured fund**

5.3 When and how we value an ARC insured fund

We will value an **ARC insured fund** on each **business day**. We will do this by:

- a adding up the value of its assets as calculated in 5.2, and
- b deducting the actual and estimated **liabilities and expenses**, and **fund management charge**, of that **ARC insured fund**. To avoid doubt, this does not include the **liabilities and expenses** of buying and selling assets mentioned in 5.2.4 and 5.2.5

5.4 Calculating unit price

We allot **units** to, and cancel **units** from, each **ARC insured fund** at the relevant **unit price**.

We calculate the **unit price** by dividing the value of an **ARC insured fund** by the number of **units** of that **ARC insured fund** then in issue. We will round the result down or up, as appropriate, by not more than 0.01p.

5.5 Exceptional circumstances

5.5.1 Exceptional circumstances can affect the valuation of assets in an **ARC insured fund** and the pricing

of **units**. Examples of exceptional circumstances include extreme volatility of market prices around a significant global or national event such as:

- a major terrorist attack
- a major political event, for example a coup affecting a strategic market, or
- a major exchange event

5.5.2 We do not know in advance what action we will take in any given situation as this will depend on the situation itself and its effect on the valuation of assets and pricing of **units**. Our actions will always be reasonable and proportionate to the circumstances. Examples of actions that we may take include:

- the suspension of creation and/or cancellation of **units** in any **ARC insured fund**
- the suspension of pricing of any **ARC insured fund**
- applying indexation in estimating the value of any **ARC insured fund**. This means we work out how much an **ARC insured fund's** value will have changed by applying to it an amount that represents the proportionate change in the **fund benchmark** for the period between the date when we were last able to obtain a value for the **ARC insured fund** and the date when we are estimating the value of the **ARC insured fund**, or
- moving away from a stated investment strategy of any **ARC insured fund**

6 Purchasing and cashing in units

6.1 When a payment is received from the **cash facility**, we will apply this by allotting to your **policy** the number of **units** of the relevant **ARC insured funds** that can be allotted at the relevant **unit price**. Once we receive a valid instruction at or before the dealing point, your **units** will be created at the **unit**

price on the next **business day**. Where we receive your instruction on a day that is not a **business day**, we will create those **units** at the **unit price** we calculate on the next **business day**.

6.2 You can choose to cash-in **units** under your **policy** and for the sum raised to be applied to the **cash facility**. We will cancel the **units**, at **unit price**, that you request us to cancel. Once we receive a valid instruction at or before the dealing point, your **units** will be cancelled at the **unit price** on the next **business day**. Where we receive your instruction on a day that is not a **business day** we will cancel those **units** at the **unit price** we calculate on the next **business day**. We will make the cancellation of **units** proportionately from all applicable **ARC insured funds** for which there are **units** under your **policy** unless otherwise agreed between you and us. The amount we will pay to the **cash facility** will equal the **cash-in value** of the **units** cancelled.

6.3 Your instruction to purchase or cash-in **units** must be given by you or your **adviser** or **discretionary fund manager** using the **Service** website or, in exceptional circumstances, should **the Service** not be available, via another media which **we** will inform **you** of.

The **Terms and conditions** detail who can give these instructions and in what circumstances.

7 Secure retirement income

7.1 General

7.1.1 **Secure retirement income** is an investment that provides a certain level of income which is deducted from your fund and that we will continue to pay until you die, even if your fund reduces to zero. There is also the option for this income to continue to be paid to a **joint life** (see Conditions 7.4.3) or pay a **guaranteed minimum death benefit** (see Condition 7.4.2). **Secure retirement income** is only available with gate 4 access under clause 7.3 of the **Terms and**

conditions, this means that it can only be applied for through your adviser.

7.1.2 We will provide specific **ARC insured funds** that you can invest in through your **Secure retirement income account**; no other investments can be used for your **Secure retirement income account**. We will tell you the **ARC insured funds** that are available for your **Secure retirement income account**, and the number of **ARC insured funds** that you can invest in, at the time you apply for your **Secure retirement income account**. We reserve the right to change the **ARC insured funds** that are available at any time. Where we change the **ARC insured funds** that are available for a **Secure retirement income account**, this will not affect any existing **Secure retirement income account**, which will remain invested in the **ARC insured fund** chosen. The only time we will move you out of your current **ARC insured fund** is if we wind up that fund as detailed in condition 4.4.3 of the **ARC insured funds Policy** or that fund is removed from **the Service** under clause 7.2 of the **Terms and conditions**. If we do this, this will not affect your **Secure retirement income account** other than in relation to the **ARC insured fund** you are invested in.

7.1.3 You can apply for a **Secure retirement income account** at any time from your 45th birthday to the day before your 75th birthday. You will not be able to apply for a **Secure retirement income account** for any **capped drawdown** that you have within your **SIPP**. If part of your **SIPP** is in **capped drawdown** but part is not (it remains uncrystallised), you can still apply for a **Secure retirement income account** for that part of your **SIPP** that is uncrystallised. If you have a **Secure retirement income account** within

your uncrystallised **SIPP** but also have **capped drawdown**, before you crystallise the investment in your **Secure retirement income account** you will need to ask us for your **capped drawdown** to be converted to **flexi-access drawdown**. Only once your **capped drawdown** has been converted to **flexi-access drawdown** can you crystallise the investment in your **Secure retirement income account**.

7.1.4 You can have more than one **Secure retirement income account**. This may happen where you have applied for different **Secure retirement income accounts** at different times under your **SIPP**, crystallised only a part of a **Secure retirement income account**, or have a **Secure retirement income account** under the **scheme** but not through your **SIPP**. If you have more than one **Secure retirement income account**, each **Secure retirement income account** is treated separately for the purposes of this **Policy**. If you crystallise part of an existing **Secure retirement income account**, this will create a new **Secure retirement income account** for the crystallised part, with the part that remains uncrystallised being recalculated as detailed in condition 7.5.

7.1.5 When we accept an application for a **Secure retirement income account**, all money in relation to that **Secure retirement income account** must be received within 10 weeks of that application being submitted to us to receive the terms that we apply at the time of the application. If any money in relation to that application is received more than 10 weeks after the submission of that application, a new **Secure retirement income** application is required for that

money. This new application will be used to set up a new **Secure retirement income account** based on the terms that apply at the time of application: this will mean that the charges, **income rate** and other aspects of this **Secure retirement income account** may differ from what was originally applied for.

7.1.6 Condition 7.5 details what happens if **units** are cashed in for any reason other than to meet income under Conditions 7.3.2, the **Aegon product charge**, or the **Aegon guarantee charge**. When this happens, the **initial income base**, the **income base**, the amount of income you or the **joint life** might receive, and any **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** will be altered as detailed in that condition.

7.2 Limits

7.2.1

Minimum and maximum

We operate a minimum and maximum amount that can be invested in a **Secure retirement income account**. The value of the minimum and maximum can vary from time to time and you will be advised of the minimum and maximum values at the time you apply for your **Secure retirement income account**. You can find details of these minimum and maximum amounts through your **adviser** or **the Service**.

7.2.2

Overall maximum

7.2.2.1 There is also an overall maximum amount that we will allow to be invested by one member of the **scheme** in all their **Secure retirement income accounts** held within the **scheme**. This maximum applies across all your pensions that you hold within the **scheme**. You can find details of the current maximum amount

that can be invested in all your **Secure retirement income accounts** through your **adviser** or the **Service**. We can alter the maximum amount at any time but such a change will only apply to future **Secure retirement income** applications and not affect any existing **Secure retirement income account**.

7.2.2.2 We will check your **Secure retirement income** application against all your other **Secure retirement income accounts** within the **scheme**. If your **Secure retirement income** application would take the total value of all your **Secure retirement income accounts** above the current maximum, we can reject your application. We have the right to reject your application even where we have sent out a confirmation of application as the confirmation of application may be sent out prior to us being able to carry out this check.

7.2.2.3 To calculate if you have invested more than the overall maximum, we will add the amount you wish to invest in your new **Secure retirement income** application to the current **income base** of all other **Secure retirement income accounts** that you hold. If this results in an amount greater than our current overall maximum, we can refuse your application for **Secure retirement income**.

7.3 Income

7.3.1 Income escalator and guaranteed pre-income increase

7.3.1.1 We set the **initial income base** of your **Secure retirement income account** when we set it up, with the first **income base** amount from the setting up of the **Secure retirement income account** being equal to the **initial income base**. The **income base** is reviewed on each **anniversary date**, even if the **Secure retirement income account** is set up on a different date than the **start date**. When your **Secure retirement income account** is set up, the **initial income base** is equal to 100% of all the investment to the **Secure retirement income account**. If you cash in any **units** at any time, the **initial income base** and **income base** will be recalculated as detailed in condition 7.5.

7.3.1.2 If there is more than one investment into the **Secure retirement income account**, each investment received will lead to a change to the **initial income base** and the **income base**. This is calculated by adding each investment received onto the original value of the investments already received for the **initial income base** and adding each investment received to the value of the **income base** at date of investment. This original value is the value at the

time they are applied to the **Secure retirement income account** and not the value of the **units** on the day the other investments are received.

If you cash in any **units** at any time, the **initial income base** and **income base** will be recalculated as detailed in condition 7.5.

7.3.1.3 On each **anniversary date** we will review the **income base** and, from that time, it will be the higher of:-

- a The value, at **unit price**, of all the **units** that remain allotted to your **Secure retirement income account** on that **anniversary date**;
- b The highest value, at **unit price**, of all **units** that remain allotted to your **Secure retirement income account** on any **monthly date** during the previous **Secure retirement income account** year, being the year to the relevant **anniversary date**, and recalculated in accordance with condition 7.5 where applicable; and
- c The **income base** immediately prior to the **anniversary date**.

7.3.1.4 If you have not taken any income from your **Secure retirement income account**, on an **anniversary date** where the **income base** calculated under Condition 7.3.1.3 above results in no increase to the previous **income**

base, or an increase of less than the percentage amount of the **initial income base** multiplied by the **Guaranteed pre-income increase rate** we specified to you in your Confirmation of Secure retirement income, we will increase the **income base** by the **initial income base** multiplied by the **Guaranteed pre-income increase rate**.

For each investment made to your **Secure retirement income account**, we will calculate a proportionate amount at the first **anniversary date** following the investment date based on the number of days elapsed between the date of investment and the **anniversary date**.

7.3.1.5 If you cash in **units** in the **ARC insured fund** that you are invested in for your **Secure retirement income account**, the **initial income base** and **income base** will be recalculated as detailed in Condition 7.5.

7.3.2 Taking income

7.3.2.1 You can only take income from your **Secure retirement income account** if it is held within a part of your **SIPP** that has crystallised. Income can be started at any time from your crystallised **SIPP** unless that **SIPP** is providing **Capped drawdown**; any **Secure retirement income** that you hold must be part of your **flexi-access drawdown SIPP** before it can pay any income.

- 7.3.2.2** You are not obliged to start taking income from your **Secure retirement income account** when you crystallise all or part of your **SIPP**, even if you move your **Secure retirement income account** into the crystallised part of your **SIPP**.
- 7.3.2.3** When you crystallise all or part of your **Secure retirement income account** in your **SIPP**, we will open a new **Secure retirement income account** in your crystallised **SIPP** for the amount you have elected to move. The new **Secure retirement income account** will inherit the terms that applied to the **Secure retirement income account** it originated from. Where you elect to crystallise less than 100% of the value of your **Secure retirement income accounts** in your **SIPP** we will remove from your **Secure retirement income account** that part that is to be crystallised and create a new **Secure retirement income account**, as detailed in this condition 7.3.2.3, with that amount. The remaining **Secure retirement income account** will be recalculated as detailed in condition 7.5.
- 7.3.2.4** You can take income from different **Secure retirement income accounts** held in your crystallised **SIPP** at different times; you do

not have to take income from them all at once. The **income rate** that will apply to a **Secure retirement income account** you are taking income from will be the **income rate** applicable at the time you start to take the income from that **Secure retirement income account**.

- 7.3.2.5** You can start to take an income from your **Secure retirement income account** at any time from the later of your 55th birthday or any later date that is prescribed in legislation for starting **flexi-access drawdown** where you do not have a protected pension age. Even if you have a protected pension age, you will still not be able to start income from any **Secure retirement income account** until you reach the age stated in this clause. Once you start taking income from **your Secure retirement income account**, this will be paid to the **cash facility** of **your crystallised SIPP** that it relates to. Any **drawdown pension** that you receive will be payable as detailed in 13 of section C of the **Terms and conditions**. There is no maximum age at which income must start to be taken.
- 7.3.2.6** Income will be paid monthly to the **cash facility** of your crystallised **SIPP** and based on the date you have selected for your

monthly drawdown payment to be paid from your crystallised **SIPP**. We will cash in as many of the **units**, at **unit price**, allotted to your **Secure retirement income account** that is paying an income as we need to to provide this income. We will do this as often as we need to. We will cash in these **units** in sufficient time prior to the date of payment and pay the proceeds to your **cash facility** so that the income reaches your **cash facility** in time for your drawdown payment to be paid.

7.3.2.7 Your income payments will be paid for the rest of your life. If you have a **joint life**, the income payable to a **joint life** will be paid as detailed in Condition 7.4.3. In the event that your **Secure retirement income account** fund value is reduced to less than the income payment, we will cash in all remaining **units** and pay the full income payment. We will then continue to make payment of your income until your date of death without cancelling **units** as there are no **units** left to cancel. The amount of income that we will pay will be equal to the last income payment made before the value of your **Secure retirement income account**, or that part of it that the income is in respect of, fell below the level of income due.

7.3.2.8 On the date you start to take income from your **Secure retirement income account**, you will receive income at the **income rate** that applies to your **Secure retirement income account**. This is a percentage of the **income base** at the date you take income. The **income rate** is based on your age at the time you start to take income from **Secure retirement income account** and will be fixed for that **Secure retirement income account** until you die. That **income rate** also determines the amount of income payable to any **joint life** as detailed in Condition 7.4.3.

7.3.2.9 The **income rate** that applies to that **Secure retirement income account** that is detailed in Condition 7.3.2.8 is a percentage of the **income base** at the time you start to take income. On each **anniversary date**, your income will be recalculated based on the new **income base** as calculated in Condition 7.3.1.3. If your **income base** has not altered then the amount of income paid to your **cash facility** will not increase.

7.3.2.10 If your **income base** is recalculated as detailed in Condition 7.5, we will also recalculate your income using the **income rate** and the recalculated **income base** of your **Secure retirement income account**. This will be for any future income

payments. If there is an income payment in the process of cashing in **units** under Condition 7.3.2.6, this will not be affected by the change in the **income base**.

7.4 Death benefits

7.4.1 Options

7.4.1.1 When you die with a **Secure retirement income account**, there are three possible scenarios, depending on whether you have chosen a **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** or a **joint life** on your **Secure retirement income account**:-

- If there is no **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** and no **joint life**, you have removed the **joint life**, or the **joint life** decides not to continue the income from your **Secure retirement income account**, we will cash in all **units** in the **Secure retirement income account** and the value of those **units** is paid to the **cash facility** of your **SIPP** to be used to provide death benefits under your **SIPP**;
- Where **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** applies, the **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** as determined in Condition 7.4.2 is paid to the **cash facility** of your **SIPP** and used to provide death benefits under your **SIPP**;
- Where there is a **joint**

life on the **Secure retirement income account**, and the **joint life** decides to continue to receive income, the **Secure retirement income account** remains with income paid out as detailed in Condition 7.4.3.

The timing of the payment to your **cash facility** is dependent on the decisions that are made. The earliest we will cash in the **units** will be when we receive evidence of your death and no further action is required. If we need further details prior to making payment, or wait on a decision from the **joint life** on whether or not they are continuing with the income, the date we cash in the **units** and pay it to the **cash facility** will be later.

7.4.2 Guaranteed minimum death benefit

7.4.2.1 This benefit provides a minimum level of fund value for your **Secure retirement income account** on your death. The fund value of the **Secure retirement income** investment that is paid out on your death will be the greater of:-

- The **initial income base**, as recalculated under condition 7.5 if applicable, less total income payments paid from your **Secure retirement income account** where applicable;
- The highest value of your **Secure retirement**

income account on the **monthly date** at the last **Secure retirement income anniversary date** before receipt of evidence of death, as recalculated under Condition 7.5 if applicable, less total income payments paid from your **Secure retirement income account** where applicable;

- The cash in value of all **units** under your **Secure retirement income account** when it is cashed in after your death.

The **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** will then be paid to your **cash facility** and the **Terms and conditions** will determine how any benefits on death will be paid.

7.4.2.2 If you die within 12 months of taking out a **Secure retirement income account** with **Guaranteed minimum death benefit**, we will investigate the circumstances of your death. If, after carrying out reasonable enquiries, we are of the opinion that you were aware or should have been aware that you would not survive 12 months from the date of application, the claim for **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** will fail and the cash in value of the **units** under your **Secure retirement income account** will be the death benefit.

7.4.2.3 **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** cannot be used in conjunction with a **joint life** on a **Secure retirement income account**. Therefore, if you start taking income from your **Secure retirement income account** and chose a **joint life** for this **Secure retirement income account**, any **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** that you had on this **Secure retirement income account** will no longer apply.

7.4.3 **Joint life**

7.4.3.1 The **joint life** option allows you to nominate a beneficiary to have the option, on your death, of continuing the **Secure retirement income account** in their own name.

7.4.3.2 You need to select the **joint life** option at the time that you start to take income from your **Secure retirement income account**. If you select this option, any **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** that you may have will cease, and the **Aegon guarantee charge** will alter to the amount that you were advised, when you invested in the **Secure retirement income account**, would apply if the **joint life** option is selected.

- 7.4.3.3** The **joint life** selected must be:-
- Your spouse or civil partner;
 - A **dependant**
 - Born no more than 10 years after you.
- 7.4.3.4** Once you have selected a **joint life**, you cannot change this selection to another person.
- 7.4.3.5** You can revoke the nomination of the selected **joint life**. If you do this, the **joint life** will be removed from the **Secure retirement income account** and cannot be reinstated. The **Aegon guarantee charge** that applies for the **joint life** (see condition 7.4.3.2) will continue to apply, even if you remove the **joint life** from your **Secure retirement income account**. For the avoidance of doubt, you cannot appoint a new or alternative **joint life** at any time.
- 7.4.3.6** If the **joint life** predeceases you, you are not able to nominate a new **joint life**. The **Aegon guarantee charge** that applies for the **joint life** (see Condition 7.4.3.2) will continue to apply even after the death of the **joint life**.
- 7.4.3.7** Income for the **joint life** is a continuation of your **Secure retirement income account**, with the income based on the **joint life** terms that applied at the time we accepted your application for the **Secure retirement**

income account. The amount of income that we will pay to the **joint life** under condition 7.3.2 will be a percentage of the income that we paid you under that Condition and confirmed to you as the 'joint life income proportion rate' in your Confirmation of Secure retirement income.

7.5 Switching out of and crystallising funds under a Secure retirement income account

- 7.5.1** If **units** are cancelled from the **ARC insured funds** in your **Secure retirement income account** for any reason other than payment of income under Condition 7.3.2, payment of the **Aegon product charge** or payment of the **Aegon guarantee charge**, the **initial income base** and **income base** will be recalculated. When the **initial income base** and the **income base** are recalculated, everything that is based on these will also be recalculated and now based on the new **initial income base** or the new **income base**, whichever calculation is applicable. This means that:-
- The **income rate** will apply to the recalculated **income base** and the income from your **Secure retirement income account** will be altered to reflect this;
 - The income for the **joint life** will be altered in the same way as the income you are receiving;
 - The **Guaranteed minimum death benefit** will be recalculated;
 - The income escalator detailed in Condition 7.3.1 will be recalculated based on the new **initial income base** and **income base**, and will escalate in the future based on their new values.

7.5.2 Each cashing in of **units** from your **Secure retirement income account** will reduce the **initial income base** and the **income base** in proportion to the decrease in the fund value caused by that withdrawal.

7.5.3 Initial income base
After each cashing in of **units**, the **initial income base** will, therefore, be equal to the result of the following formula:-

A x B/C where

A is the **initial income base** immediately before the **units** are cashed in;

B is the value of the **units** remaining in your **Secure retirement income account** immediately after the **units** are cashed in; and

C is the value of the **units** in your **Secure retirement income account** immediately before the **units** are cashed in.

7.5.4 Income base
After each cashing in of **units**, the **income base** will, therefore, be equal to the result of the following formula:-

A x B/C where

A is the **income base** immediately before the **units** are cashed in;

B is the value of the **units** remaining in your **Secure retirement income account** immediately after the **units** are cashed in; and

C is the value of the **units** in your **Secure retirement income account** immediately before the **units** are cashed in.

7.6 Charges

7.6.1 Aegon product charge

7.6.1.1 The **Aegon product charge** is based on the total value of your **Secure retirement income account**. The

Aegon product charge is calculated as a percentage of this total value. The percentage to be applied as the **Aegon product charge** is detailed in your Confirmation of Secure retirement income that is sent to you when we accepted your application for **Secure retirement income**.

7.6.1.2 The **Aegon product charge** is taken from your **Secure retirement income account** and not from the **cash facility** of your **SIPP**. It is in addition to any other charges that are deducted from your **SIPP**. However, the Aegon charges that are detailed in the **Terms and conditions** are not deducted from your **Secure retirement income account**.

7.6.1.3 The **Aegon product charge** is calculated monthly on an annualised basis and will be deducted monthly in arrears from your **Secure retirement income account** by cashing in **units** of your **ARC insured fund** that makes up your **Secure retirement income account**. This means that each month it will be calculated as though it was going to apply from one year from that month but only be deducted in relation to that month. It will be calculated and deducted in this way each month.

7.6.1.4 The valuation date of your **Secure retirement income account** on

which the **Aegon product charge** is based is the last **business day** of the month. The **Aegon product charge** will then be deducted from your **Secure retirement income account** on or around the first **business day** of the next month. Any valuation is based on the latest valuation we hold for the particular **ARC insured fund** that it relates to.

7.6.1.5 In the first month of your **Secure retirement income account**, the **Aegon product charge** will be deducted proportionately for that month. This means that it will only be deducted for the days that you have a **Secure retirement income account**.

7.6.2 Aegon guarantee charge

7.6.2.1 A guarantee applies to your **Secure retirement income account**. The **Aegon guarantee charge** is based on the **income base** of your **Secure retirement income account**. The **Aegon guarantee charge** is calculated as a percentage of the **income base**. The percentage to be applied as the **Aegon guarantee charge** is detailed in your Confirmation of Secure retirement income that is sent to you when we accepted your application for **Secure retirement income**. However, if, when taking income at a later date, you select the **joint life** option, the **Aegon**

guarantee charge will be altered to reflect the cost of providing the **joint life** option.

7.6.2.2 The **Aegon guarantee charge** that applies from the time you take income will remain in place even if the **joint life** option is taken and you later revoke this or the person nominated as the **joint life** predeceases you. The **Aegon guarantee charge** will not reduce in these circumstances.

7.6.2.3 The **Aegon guarantee charge** is taken from your **Secure retirement income account** and not from the **cash facility** of your **SIPP**. It is in addition to any other charges that are deducted from your **SIPP**.

7.6.2.4 The **Aegon guarantee charge** is calculated monthly on an annualised basis and will be deducted monthly in arrears from your **Secure retirement income account** by cashing in **units** of your **ARC insured fund** that makes up your **Secure retirement income account**. This means that each month it will be calculated as though it was going to apply from one year from that month but only be deducted in relation to that month. It will be calculated and deducted in this way each month.

7.6.2.5 The valuation date of your **Secure retirement income account** on which the **Aegon guarantee charge** is based is the

last **business day** of the month. The **Aegon guarantee charge** will then be deducted from your **Secure retirement income account** on or around the first **business day** of the next month. Any valuation is based on the latest valuation we hold for the particular **ARC insured fund** that it relates to.

7.6.2.6 In the first month of your **Secure retirement income account**, the **Aegon guarantee charge** will be deducted in full and not proportionately. This means that it will be deducted for the whole of that first month even if you have your **Secure retirement income account** for less than the full month.

7.6.3 Altering the Aegon product charge and the Aegon guarantee charge

We may alter the **Aegon product charge** and **Aegon guarantee charge** in line with Condition 9.

8 On your death

When you die and **units** are, at that time, held in the **policy**, the **Terms and conditions** determine how the benefits will be paid from your **SIPP**. When we are advised of your death, **units** will remain within the **ARC insured funds** until we are instructed to cancel those **units**. The **Terms and conditions** will determine how any benefits on death will be paid. When we are instructed to cancel those **units**, they will be cancelled in line with 6.2 and paid to the **cash facility**.

If a **dependant's drawdown pension** is to be provided by **the Service**, we shall change your **policy** so that it shall be your **dependant's policy**. Where more than one of your **dependants** want **dependant's**

drawdown pension to be provided for them, the **units** to be applied for each **dependant** shall be applied to a **policy** that shall be the **dependant's policy**. We shall make the change at the time the **dependant's drawdown pension** is to start. We can make the change without the agreement of your **dependant**, or any other person.

For your **dependant's policy**, the **rules** and the rights and obligations you and we have under your **policy**, in so far as they remain relevant, shall apply to your **dependant**.

9 Charges

9.1 Fund management charge

9.1.1 We will take a **fund management charge** from each of the **ARC insured funds**. We will take it daily at a rate of one 365th of a percentage of the value of each **ARC insured fund** on that day.

9.1.2 You can ask us for details of the percentage that applies to any particular **ARC insured fund**.

9.2 Annual charge

There is an annual charge for your **SIPP**, which is calculated in line with your **Terms and conditions**. Part of this annual charge relates to, and is chargeable under this **policy**. Any portion of the annual charge that relates to **ARC insured funds** that are held through this policy is a charge that arises under this **policy**. This annual charge is deducted from your **cash facility** and paid to Scottish Equitable plc as the provider of this **policy**.

9.3 Changing charges

9.3.1 Your **policy** is regarded as long-term business. During its lifetime, we may need to change our charges set out in 9.1 and 9.2. We will write and tell you if we change any charges that apply to you as soon as reasonably practicable.

9.3.2 In fixing a new level or amount of a charge, we will fix a level or amount that we think is not excessive. We will change our

charges for the following reasons:

- i to reflect market conditions and general industry practice
- ii to take account of changes to the law, codes of practice or the way in which we are regulated
- ii changes to the way in which we provide our services
- iv to reflect any changes in the cost of providing our services
- v to reflect changes to technology
- vi to take account of a decision by a court, ombudsman, regulator or similar body
- vii each year in line with the Consumer Prices Index or any replacement of this index

9.3.3 If we change the level or amount of a charge, we may round the amount up to the nearest £1 sterling.

9.4 General

9.4.1 Unless we tell you something different in this booklet, we will take the charges detailed in this condition 9 from the **cash facility**, by cancellation of such **units**, at **unit price**, as is necessary to meet the charges, or by including the charges when calculating the price of **units**. The cancellation will be made proportionately across the applicable **ARC insured funds** for which there are **units**.

10 Liabilities and expenses of the ARC insured funds

10.1 From time to time and where appropriate we will pay the following **liabilities and expenses** from each of the **ARC insured funds**:

- 10.1.1** the expenses, taxes, duties and other charges incurred in buying, valuing and selling the assets of the **ARC insured funds**
- 10.1.2** the expenses and fees of third parties engaged in the assessment

of the asset allocation and/or management of the assets of the **ARC insured funds**

10.1.3 tax payable on, or by reference to, the assets and income of the **ARC insured funds** or transactions relating to them whether incurred or assessed in the UK or elsewhere

10.1.4 any payment or other liability in respect of money borrowed or raised for the account of the **ARC insured funds**

10.1.5 any expenses, taxes, duties, levies or other charges incurred in connection with the **ARC insured funds** and not previously taken into account

11 Deferring the cancellation of a unit

11.1 When we are instructed to cancel **units** in an **ARC insured fund**, we may have to sell underlying assets of an **ARC insured fund**.

11.2 Where this happens, we may have to defer the cancellation of **units** as follows:

11.2.1 Where the **units** are **units** in an **ARC insured fund** that is invested in whole or part in real/heritable property, for example land, buildings and leaseholds, we may defer the cancellation of **units** for up to 12 months.

11.2.2 Where the **units** are **units** in any other **ARC insured fund**, we may defer the cancellation of **units** for up to one month.

11.3 We can defer the cancellation of **units** where:

11.3.1 there is not enough cash held in the **ARC insured fund** to pay for your cash-in or payment

11.3.2 we reasonably consider that there is likely to be not enough cash held in the **ARC insured fund** to pay for expected future cash-ins or payments by you and other holders of **units** in that **ARC insured fund**. We will base our consideration of this on current and expected trends for cash-ins or payments from that

ARC insured fund

- 11.3.3** the effect of an immediate sale of assets of the **ARC insured fund** needed to pay for cash-ins or payments may, in our reasonable opinion, result in us getting lower prices for the sale of those assets than if a sale of those assets had taken place within a normal timescale for the sale of such assets
- 11.3.4** for reasons that we cannot control, we cannot carry out a sale of assets of the **ARC insured fund** required to pay for the cash-ins or payments
- 11.3.5** other holders of **units** of the **ARC insured funds** may be treated unfairly unless the deferral takes place
- 11.3.6** the volume of cash-ins or payments requested by holders of **units** in an **ARC insured fund** is such that we cannot process the requests on the normal basis set out in this booklet
- 11.4** When we do the cancellation of **units**, where it has been deferred, the **unit price** of the **units** will be the **unit price** at the first valuation of the **ARC insured fund** after the end of the deferred period.

12 Changes to your policy

- 12.1** We may amend these **policy** conditions from time to time, in a reasonable and proportionate manner where it is necessary or prudent to do so. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:
- i where we consider it will make these conditions easier to understand or fairer to you
 - ii to allow us to provide an improved, more efficient or lower-cost service to you
 - iii to reflect market conditions and general industry practice
 - iv to reflect any changes to the costs we face in providing services to you
 - v because of changes in the way we do business
 - vi to take account of any changes

to legislation, codes of practice or regulations and to take account of any decisions made by a court, ombudsman, regulator or similar body

vii because of changes in technology.

- 12.2** We will only use our discretion to vary these **Terms and conditions** in a reasonable manner and will only do so where we provide prior notice. We will provide at least one month's prior written notice of any change to the **Terms and conditions** unless doing so would result in us being unable to comply with legal or regulatory changes. This notice will be sent to you.

- 12.3** You have the right to terminate your use of **the Service** at any time and, if you want to do so following variation of these **policy** conditions, termination will be in line with the **Terms and conditions**.

- 12.4** These **policy** conditions will be superseded by any more recent versions issued, which will incorporate any changes made under this condition.

12.5 HMRC registration

12.5.1 You have taken out your **policy**, as part of your **SIPP**, to obtain tax reliefs given to pension arrangements registered by **HMRC**.

12.5.2 We may use our power, in 12.1, to change the terms of your **policy** to obtain and keep **HMRC** registration. We may make the change without your agreement or the agreement of any person having rights to benefits under your **policy**.

12.5.3 One of the beneficial effects of **HMRC** registration is that we may refer the funds under your **policy** to 'pension business' (this is defined in section 431B of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and, briefly, means that the funds can be invested free from all or some taxes).

If **HMRC** registration is removed, we will give you as much notice as reasonably practicable and use our power, in 12.1, to change your **policy** to take account of the switch out of pension business. Alternatively, **HMRC** rules

may allow you to transfer your benefits to another scheme that meets **HMRC** registration requirements.

13 Written communications

13.1 Unless otherwise directed in this **policy**, please use the following contact details:

Platform Client Services

Aegon

Edinburgh Park

Edinburgh

EH12 9SE

03456 80 12 34

clientservices@aegon-arc.co.uk

13.2 Notices

13.2.1 If you or your **adviser** make a request, instruction or notification under your **policy**, you must do this in writing. We will only accept or act upon it when we receive it at ARC Client Services. You must also send us any documents and information that we need to carry out your request or instruction. All written instructions must be in English and must be clear and easy to understand. No one else is authorised to accept any requests, instructions or notifications on our behalf.

13.2.2 When we write to you or any other person on your behalf, we will treat our letter as having been received by you, or that other person, three **business days** after posting our letter to:

- a your last known address (or the other person's last known address), or
- b the last known address of your agent (or the other person's agent)

13.3 Electronic messages

The Service is conducted mainly in an online environment. Any electronic message that is given through **the Service** in this online environment will be treated as a written communication in line with 13. We will tell

you within this **policy** where actions under this **policy** are not conducted in an online environment. Other parts of **the Service**, for example statements, **Confirmation of investment – contract notes** some items that we must send to you or you must send to us, and some correspondence will not be conducted in the online environment.

13.3.1 We will treat an electronic message as a written communication received at our ARC Client Services if:

- a we have told you in writing that we will accept an electronic message for a specific purpose and your electronic message is for that specific purpose
- b we have told you what type of electronic message we will accept for that specific purpose from time to time
- c we have told you where to send that message

13.3.2 We will treat the message as being received when we receive it at that electronic address. This will be when it enters our system provided that no error message indicating failure to deliver has been received.

13.3.3 We do not guarantee:

- a that any electronic messages sent to or by us will be secure
- b that any electronic messages sent to or by us will be free from interception and/or change
- c the routing of any electronic message or the time of delivery or receipt

We are not liable for any viruses received by you through electronic messaging.

13.3.4 Where an electronic message is sent by you or your agent, you are liable for any damage or loss caused either directly or indirectly by the use of the electronic message or in relation to that use.

13.3.5 We can act on an electronic message that we reasonably believe comes from you or your agent. We do not need to verify

the sender of the message or their authority to send it.

13.3.6 It is your responsibility to make sure that any electronic message you or your agent sends us is actually received by us. We have no liability for messages sent to an incorrect electronic address.

13.3.7 An electronic message that does not comply with 13.3 is not a valid communication for your **policy**.

13.4 Fax

13.4.1 We will treat a fax as a written communication received at ARC Client Services if:

- a we have told you in writing that we will accept a fax for a specific purpose and your fax is for that specific purpose, and
- b we have told you the fax number to send that fax to

13.4.2 We will treat the fax as being received when we receive it at that fax number.

13.4.3 We can act on a fax that we reasonably believe comes from you or your agent. We do not need to verify the sender of the fax or their authority to send it.

13.4.4 It is your responsibility to make sure that any fax you or your agent sends us is actually received by us. We have no liability for faxes sent to an incorrect fax number.

13.4.5 A fax that does not comply with 13.4 is not a valid communication for your **policy**.

14 Law and jurisdiction

14.1 The law that applies to **your policy** and the **Terms and conditions** will depend on where **you** are habitually resident at the time **your policy** starts. If **you** are habitually resident in:

- a England and Wales, **we** will treat **your policy** as having been taken out in England and Wales and the laws of England and Wales will apply.
- b Scotland, **we** will treat **your policy** as having been taken out in Scotland and

the laws of Scotland will apply.

- c Northern Ireland, **we** will treat **your policy** as having been taken out in Northern Ireland and the laws of Northern Ireland will apply.

For the purposes of this clause, **we** will treat **you** as being habitually resident at the address on **your** application for a **policy** or the address that **your employer** advises **us** is **your** address when the **policy** is set up.

14.2 If you are habitually resident elsewhere, we will treat **your policy** and the **Terms and conditions** as having been effected in Scotland, and the laws of Scotland will apply.

15 Evidence of age, existence and other information

15.1 We will only provide benefits under your **policy** if we get proper evidence and the information we need. This includes evidence of your age (for example a birth certificate), your continued existence (for example a letter from your doctor or solicitor) or your death (for example a death certificate).

15.2 We will ask for this in good faith and in a reasonable manner. We will always consider the reason why we need the information or evidence we ask for. We will not ask for evidence or information that is excessive or unreasonably difficult to give us.

15.3 We will continue to have the right to ask you (or your **dependant**) for evidence that you (or they) are still alive. If we do not receive the required evidence within two months of asking you (or them) for it, we have the right to stop paying any benefits from your **policy** until we receive the required evidence.

16 Miscellaneous

16.1 Rights of third parties

You and your **dependant** (but only when your **dependant** is receiving **dependant's drawdown pension**) and we are the only parties that have a right to enforce any term of this pension contract.

16.2 Transferring ownership of your policy

Your **policy** may not be assigned unless we agree.

16.3 Agreement of Scottish Equitable

Where you need our agreement to do certain things under your **policy**, if we agree, we will tell you in writing in terms of 13.2.

16.4 Information powers

16.4.1 **HMRC** has powers under the Finance Act 2004 to require information to be given to **HMRC** concerning some or all aspects or parts of the **scheme** (for example matters relating to tax).

16.4.2 In the event that **HMRC** exercises its powers referred to in 16.4.1, you shall make all reasonable endeavours to enable the required information to be given in good time and in a manner acceptable to **HMRC**.

16.04.3 To the extent that any fine or charge is imposed on us by **HMRC** as the result of non-compliance with the said powers and results from a breach of your obligations set out in 16.4.2, we will recover from your **policy** an amount equal to the fine or charge by cancellation at **unit price** of such **units** as is necessary to pay for the fine or charge. The cancellation will be made proportionately across the applicable **ARC insured funds** for which you hold **units** under your **policy**.

16.5 Policy payments

Any payment made from your **policy** will be paid in UK sterling only. All payments will be made to the **cash facility**.

17 Termination

No further benefit under your **policy** will be payable after the payment under the **Terms and conditions** of an **uncrystallised funds lump sum death benefit**, a **drawdown pension fund lump sum death benefit** or on your **SIPP** being fully cashed-in or transferred under your **SIPP Terms and conditions**.

Executed on behalf of Scottish Equitable plc at Edinburgh on the 'Date of schedule' shown in the original **Confirmation of application**.

Part 3 – Basic scheme information for the SIPP

This part gives you the basic information you need to know about the Aegon Self Invested Personal Pension Scheme governing your Self-invested Personal Pension (SIPP)

Important information

All your benefits will be held under the Aegon Self Invested Personal Pension Scheme.

For the purposes of this leaflet, any reference to 'the Scheme' means the scheme set out above.

Address for enquiries

If you would like any more information about the Scheme, for example details of your rights and benefits under your plan, or want to request a copy of the deeds governing the Scheme and a copy of the rules governing administration of the Scheme, please contact:

The Scheme Administrator
The Aegon Self Invested Personal Pension Scheme
Aegon
Edinburgh Park
Edinburgh
EH12 9SE

If you have any questions or need advice on contribution levels, surrenders, cancellations, transfers or investment decisions, please get in touch with your financial adviser. If you do not have a financial adviser, you can contact IFA Promotions to find one in your local area.

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Our client literature, terms and conditions, and policy conditions booklet explain further some of the terms used in this leaflet.

The Scheme

The Scheme is a personal pension scheme and is registered for tax purposes under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004. The Scheme provides both pension benefits and death benefits.

Conditions of membership – contributions

The following conditions apply if you would like to join the Scheme and contribute to your plan.

1. Permitted contributions

The Scheme may accept personal contributions paid by you (or by another person on your behalf). Under current tax legislation, a contribution will be eligible for tax relief provided it is paid when you are under age 75, and you are a **relevant UK individual** for the tax year in which it is paid. It must also be within the maximum limit for personal contributions as set out in 2a.

You are a **relevant UK individual** for the tax year if at least one of the following applies:

- you have **relevant UK earnings** chargeable to income tax for that year
- you are resident in the UK at some time during that year
- you were resident in the UK both at some time during the five years immediately before that year and when you became a member of the Scheme
- you (or your spouse or civil partner) have, for the tax year, general earnings from overseas Crown employment subject to UK tax (such earnings are as defined in section 28 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003)

Relevant UK earnings covers employment income, schedule D income from carrying on a trade, profession or vocation, and patent income under section 833(5B) of the Taxes Act 1988.

Whether or not you are a **relevant UK individual**, the Scheme may also be able to accept contributions from your employer to your plan, and may, at its discretion, accept contributions from you (or from another person on your behalf) even if not eligible for tax relief.

The above is subject to the following: no contributions can be made to any part of your plan from which benefits have become payable unless the Scheme Administrator agrees otherwise. This includes any part of your plan representing **drawdown pension** funds (see below).

2. Contribution limits and annual allowance

a Personal contributions

If you are a **relevant UK individual**, you will be eligible for tax relief on any personal contributions up to the greater of 100% of your relevant UK earnings (but see b below) and £3,600 each tax year (this limit applies across all registered pension arrangements that you make contributions to in any tax year).

b Personal and employer contributions

If your total **pension input amount** (being an amount as defined in Sections 229 to 237 of the Finance Act 2004) in respect of all your registered pension arrangements for any tax year is more than that year's **annual allowance** plus any amount of unused **annual allowance** you can carry forward, you will be subject to a tax charge at the 'appropriate rate'.

The **annual allowance** for the tax year 2014/15 is £40,000 and for the tax year 2015/16 is £40,000. You can carry forward unused allowance from the three previous tax years. For the purpose of carry forward, years before 2012/13 have an **annual allowance** of £50,000.

Money purchase annual allowance

The money purchase annual allowance is triggered in certain circumstances when you have received benefits from pension savings, for example where you have taken income from a flexi-access drawdown pension or taken an uncrystallised funds pension lump sum (UFPLS). It is the amount that can be paid in one year to your money purchase arrangements without a tax charge applying, for the 2015/2016 tax year this is £10,000.

If the money purchase annual allowance provisions apply to you, and during the year

more than £10,000 has been paid to your money purchase arrangements under all of your registered pension schemes, a tax charge:

- will apply on the money purchase contributions above £10,000, and
- may apply on the value of any savings made to defined benefit arrangements that are higher than £30,000 plus any carry forward you have available.

Special rules apply in the year that the money purchase annual allowance rules first apply, and different rules apply to final salary pensions. Please speak to your financial adviser for more information.

The current 'appropriate rate' is:

- For any part of the excess which, when added to the individual's reduced net income, is within the basic rate limit for the tax year, 20%
- For any part of the excess which, when added to the individual's reduced net income, is more than the basic rate limit for the tax year, 40%
- For any part of the excess which, when added to the individual's reduced net income, is more than the higher rate limit for the tax year, 45%

Pension input amounts are calculated in different ways depending on the type of scheme or arrangement. In relation to the Scheme, your **pension input amounts** for any tax year will normally be the total contributions paid by you, by another person on your behalf, and your employer, if applicable, to the Scheme in the tax year. Your default pension input period runs from 6 April to 5 April of the following year - if you want to change this then please contact us. If you think you may be affected by the **annual allowance** charge and want further details about **pension input amounts**, please consult your financial adviser.

The **annual allowance** limit does not apply to a tax year if you take your benefits in accordance with the serious ill-health

condition in that year, nor would it apply for a tax year if you died in that year.

3. Contributions and tax relief

Your personal contributions will be paid net of basic rate tax. We will reclaim this, where appropriate, from HM Revenue & Customs. You can claim any higher rate tax relief due to you through your tax return.

4. Contributions frequency

You or your employer can make single contributions to your plan by cheque or by such other method as Aegon agrees with you.

Contributions paid by you, or on your behalf, will be applied to your plan, as directed by you. The value of the insured policy or policies and any self-invested assets held under your plan, after taking into account any charges and deductions, is available to provide benefits under the Scheme.

Investment options

Contributions relating to the insured part of your arrangement may be invested in a wide range of insured funds. These funds cover a variety of different investments, offering varying degrees of security. You should discuss the fund features and selection with your financial adviser.

For contributions paid into the self-invested part of your arrangement, you can invest in a number of different types of investment vehicles. Our client literature gives full details of acceptable investment options and they are also available on our website. Investments will be registered in the name of a nominee company. We may have certain requirements of nominees in order to deliver timely administration services. For further details please speak to your financial adviser.

Aegon reserves the right to decline any investment if it is not clear whether or not the intended investment is allowed by the Scheme.

The investment options above apply equally to transfer payments to your plan.

Benefits

1. Benefits and tax relief

Unless you are relying on enhanced protection, as defined in schedule 36 of the Finance Act 2004, there is a limit on the total amount of tax-privileged pension savings you are allowed in registered pension schemes.

This limit is called the **standard lifetime allowance**. For the tax year 2013/14, it is £1.5 million unless you have fixed protection 2012 – in which case it is £1.8 million. For the tax year 2014/15 onwards the **standard lifetime allowance** is:

- £1.8 million if you have Fixed Protection 2012;
- £1.5 million if you have Fixed Protection 2014;
- A protected amount which will be greater than £1.25 million but no more than £1.5 million if you have individual protection 2014; and
- £1.25 million in any other case.

The limit applies to benefits built up both before and after 6 April 2006. In certain circumstances, you may be entitled to a higher personal **lifetime allowance**.

With certain exceptions, your benefits will normally be tested against your **lifetime allowance** when they come into payment, whether as an annuity, lump sum, or **drawdown pension**, on reaching age 75 or on death (see 2 and 3 below). A tax charge of 25% will be applied to any excess above this limit that is to be paid as pension. This increases to 55% if you take the excess as a lump sum. Legislation sets out the rules which determine the amount or value of your benefits to be tested and these ensure benefits are not tested more than once.

When you take your benefits, you will have to tell us the percentage of the **standard lifetime allowance** that you have used previously under any other pension arrangements.

2. Taking benefits

The minimum age for taking benefits is 55.

An exception to this is if you are in ill-health. If this applies, then subject to the appropriate medical evidence, you may be able to take your benefits earlier.

Another exception is if a transfer payment is made to the Scheme representing rights held for you in another registered pension scheme in respect of which you had a 'protected pension age'. In that case, you may be able to take benefits before age 55 under the Scheme if certain conditions are met.

It may be possible for you to take benefits from your funds on a staggered basis, instead of taking them all at the same time. For further information about this, please consult the rules of the Scheme or speak to your financial adviser.

The information below is based on taking benefits from all your funds at the same time.

a Taking benefits from minimum age

If you take your benefits from the minimum age then, subject to any lump sum which you take and unless you opt to buy an annuity the built-up funds will be used to provide you with a **drawdown pension**. Your funds can then remain invested while you draw an income from them each year (if you want to). If you first crystallised your fund before 6 April 2015, you will have capped drawdown or flexible drawdown, if you first crystallised your fund on or after 6 April 2015, you will have flexi-access drawdown. In addition, you can ask for your capped drawdown to be altered to flexi-access drawdown at any time.

If you have capped drawdown, a maximum limit applies to the amount of **capped drawdown pension** that may be taken by you in any pension year (there is currently no minimum limit): broadly, this is based on the level of annuity you could have if the relevant funds had instead been used to secure for you an annuity for life. The maximum limit will be reviewed on certain events occurring and at least every three years. Please see the rules of the Scheme for details.

If you have a flexi-access drawdown pension, there is no maximum limit on the amount that may be taken by you in any pension year from this pension. Any amount that you take is taxed at your marginal rate. As

soon as you take any income from your flexi-access drawdown pension, and if not already triggered (for example by taking income from a flexi-access drawdown pension elsewhere or taking an uncrystallised funds pension lump sum), you will trigger the money purchase annual allowance.

Any flexible drawdown pension that you have prior to 6 April 2015 is automatically converted by legislation to a flexi-access drawdown pension on 6 April 2015.

If you opt to buy an annuity instead, then this can be just for you, or you can choose to have an annuity for your surviving spouse, civil partner or other **dependant(s)** as well, payable on your death. Annuities may increase each year by, or vary in line with, reference to prescribed factors or indices. They may be paid for a set minimum period of up to 10 years (irrespective of when you die).

Whether you opt for an annuity or **drawdown pension**, you can normally choose at that time to take a tax-free lump sum of up to 25% of your funds. The amount may be restricted because there is a maximum limit for the amount of tax-free cash anyone can take from all their registered pension schemes: this limit is 25% of your **lifetime allowance**, up to the **standard lifetime allowance**. In some circumstances, you may be entitled to take more than the above limit as a tax-free cash lump sum, or where your benefits exceed your **lifetime allowance**, you may be able to take the excess as a lump sum instead of as a pension.

If you opt for **drawdown pension**, you can choose at any later date to use the underlying funds to buy an annuity for you (see above). No further tax-free cash can be taken by you from these funds at that time.

When an annuity is bought with your **drawdown pension** funds, a further test against your **lifetime allowance** will be made, but with a reduction to avoid double

counting of the amount of funds tested previously when you opted for **drawdown pension**.

From age 55, or earlier if you have a low protected pension age or if you meet the ill-health requirements of the scheme, you can take an UFPLS if you meet the relevant legislative requirements. An UFPLS is a lump sum paid to you from part or all of your uncrystallised pension, with 25% of the amount normally being tax-free and the remainder taxed at your marginal rate.

If you are age 55 or over, or if you have a low protected pension age, from that age you may be able to take your funds as a lump sum if they are small enough to qualify as being 'trivial'. Please see the rules of the Scheme for details.

Taking benefits before the minimum age

You can take benefits, as described above, early due to ill-health.

You may be able to take all benefits early in lump sum form if you are suffering from serious ill-health (in other words, your life expectancy is less than one year). There is no minimum age. This option is not available in respect of **drawdown pension** funds.

Taking benefits from age 75

Depending on the terms of your plan, you can choose at any time to use the underlying funds to buy an annuity for you.

b No instructions by age 75

If we have not received instructions from you by your 75th birthday as to how you would like your funds applied, these will remain uncrystallised until such time as you take a **drawdown pension** or buy an annuity or take an uncrystallised funds pension lump sum.

3. What is paid if you die before taking benefits

The pension fund you build up will usually be paid as a lump sum to:

- the trustees of a trust, if you have set one up for this plan, or

- if a trust does not apply, your beneficiaries, chosen at the Scheme Administrator's discretion, as set out in the rules of the Scheme.

Where you have not set up a trust, then you should notify the Scheme Administrator for guidance of your choice of beneficiaries for the lump sum death benefits (or that part of them not covered by the trust).

If you die before age 75, uncrystallised lump sum death benefits will be tested against the **lifetime allowance**, and the recipients will have to pay a tax charge of 55% on any excess.

If you die on or after your 75th birthday, a tax charge of 45% will apply to any uncrystallised lump sum death benefits.

You can opt to have your pension fund death benefits paid in the form of a pension to your spouse, civil partner or other **dependants** with certain exceptions. If paid as a pension, it would not be tested against the **lifetime allowance** and there would be no such tax charge. Please see the Scheme rules for details.

4. What is paid if you die while taking drawdown pension

If you opt to take **drawdown pension** you can choose (or the scheme administrator can choose if you do not) that on your death, your remaining **drawdown pension** funds will be applied for the benefit of one or more of your **dependants**. On your death any surviving **dependant** selected by you could choose whether to have the funds paid as a lump sum, used to buy an annuity for them, or used to pay them **drawdown pension**. If you (or the scheme administrator) do not make such a choice, then your remaining funds will be used to pay a lump sum.

Further provisions govern what happens if a **dependant** dies while taking **drawdown pension**. Please see the Scheme rules or your financial adviser for details.

5. Transfers

On your written request, the Scheme Administrator may (subject to certain conditions being met):

- accept a cash transfer to your plan from another

registered pension scheme or recognised overseas pension scheme

- transfer your benefits to any other registered pension scheme or a **QROPS**

Transfers to or from your plan will not be tested against your **annual** or **lifetime allowance** at the time that the transfer is made, unless the transfer is to a qualifying recognised overseas pension scheme.

Different conditions may apply where funds representing pension credit rights from a pension sharing order or provision are being transferred.

For further information on transfers, you should consult the rules of the Scheme.

The Pensions Ombudsman

The Pensions Ombudsman may investigate and determine any complaint, or dispute of fact or law, in relation to any pension scheme made or referred to them. You can contact the Pensions Ombudsman at:

Office of the Pensions Ombudsman
11 Belgrave Road
London SW1V 1RB

The Pensions Advisory Service

The Pensions Advisory Service is available to help members and beneficiaries of schemes with difficulties which they cannot resolve with the Scheme Administrator or administrator. Before contacting the Pensions Ombudsman, please refer any complaint or dispute to the Pensions Advisory Service at:

11 Belgrave Road
London SW1V 1RB

Value-added tax (VAT)

VAT applies to the buying of a number of goods and services. This includes where those goods and services are bought in connection with your personal pension arrangements. Where this applies, your arrangements must pay the extra cost of that VAT.

At present, money paid to a financial adviser for their services in connection with insurance policies is not normally subject to VAT. However, any other payments paid from your arrangements to your financial adviser may be subject to VAT.

Miscellaneous

Divorce

If you are divorced, a court order may apply to your plan and this may affect your rights and/or benefits held or payable under your plan. Please tell us of any such order and of any changes made to it.

Bankruptcy

If you become bankrupt, please tell us immediately, as this may affect benefits in payment.

Terms highlighted in **bold** are either defined in the Scheme Rules or described more fully elsewhere in this part.

The provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 apply to the plan.

This information is based on Aegon's understanding of current taxation law and HM Revenue & Customs practice, which may change. The value of tax relief depends on the financial circumstances of the investor. Benefits are not guaranteed.



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