

## **Client Agreement for Investments & Insurances**

**This document must be read in conjunction with our Service Proposition & Engagement**

### **Authorisation Statement**

Anne Wray is Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) regulates financial services in the UK and you can check our authorisation and permitted activities on the Financial Services Register by visiting the FCA's website <https://register.fca.org.uk> or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768. Our Financial Services Register number is 629519.

### **Our services**

Anne Wray IFA is able to act on your behalf in advising you on investments and non-investment insurance contracts.

We offer products and services as follows:

- **Investments** - we offer an Independent advice service. We will recommend investments based on a comprehensive and fair analysis of the market. We will place no restrictions on the Investment Markets we will consider before providing investment recommendations, unless you instruct us otherwise. We will however only make a recommendation when we know it is suitable for you.
- **Non-investment protection contracts** - we offer non investment protection products from a range of insurers.
- **General Insurance Contracts** - we offer General Insurance contracts from a range of insurers.

We offer you an initial discussion (without charge) at which we will describe our services more fully and explain the payment options. If you decide to go ahead, we will:

- Gather and analyse personal and financial information about you and your aims and objectives;
- Recommend and discuss any action we think you should take and, with your agreement, arrange relevant solutions for you.

**You should be aware that investments carry varying degrees of risk and, as their underlying value can fall as well as rise, you may not get back the full amount invested.**

### **Your aims and objectives**

Unless we notify you in writing to the contrary, we will be treating you as a 'retail client' for investment business. This means that you are afforded the highest level of protection under the regulatory system and should have the right to take any complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Any advice or recommendation that we offer to you will only be given after we have assessed your needs and considered your financial objectives and attitude to any risks that may be involved. We will also take into account any restrictions that you wish to place on the type of products you would be willing to consider.

With very few exceptions, we will confirm to you in writing the basis of our recommendations along with details of any special risks associated with the products recommended.

Full details of the products we recommend to you including, for example, the minimum duration of the product, information on your right to cancel or whether no right to cancel exists, and any other early termination rights and penalties, will be covered in the relevant product disclosure information you will receive before conclusion of any contract.

We will issue any documentation/recommendations and any other communication to you in English (unless agreed otherwise).

We may also, on occasion, advise on other financial products which are not regulated by the FCA under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The Financial Services Compensation Scheme does not apply to any of these products, but we will confirm this to you in writing.

**Under the terms of this agreement, we may, if appropriate, advise you on investments which are not readily realisable. We would draw your attention to the risks associated with these investments as there is a restricted market for them. In some circumstances it may therefore not be possible to deal in the investment or obtain reliable information about its value.**

#### **Our Ethical Policy**

We are committed to providing the highest standard of financial advice and service possible. The interest of our clients is paramount to us and to achieve this we have designed our systems and procedures to place you at the heart of our business. In doing so, we will:

- be open, honest and transparent in the way we deal with you;
- not place our interests above yours;
- communicate clearly, promptly and without jargon;

#### **Our Investment Services and Costs**

**We provide you with an initial consultation free of charge.** This helps us to understand your financial objectives and will confirm how we can support you in working towards these. We will also discuss the cost, and level of our services both initially and throughout our relationship with you.

We charge for our services by way of a fee.

#### **Financial Review and Recommendation**

This can be a continuation from the initial discussion, where agreed, or a further appointment. This process covers the:

- gathering of information about your existing financial arrangements and full personal circumstances;
- understanding of your investment knowledge and attitude and tolerance towards investment risk;
- recommendation of an asset allocation model that matches your risk profile and the subsequent assessment and suitability of any existing holdings;
- preparation of our recommendations to you;

#### **Initial Fees**

Our charges will become payable on implementation of our recommendations and have to be settled at the point of implementation.

You can pay your advice charge by cheque, bank transfer or by deduction from a financial product that you might invest in. We do not accept payments by cash. Please note that if you choose to pay by deduction from a financial product this could reduce the amount left for investment.

### **Investments and Pensions Business**

You can pay for our advised services by way of a fee. Our charges relating to new work, i.e. new investments, one off reviews, changes to your investments are charged as follows:-

- 3% of any monies invested. For example, if you were to invest £50,000 our charge would be £1,500. A minimum charge of £595 will apply in all cases

### **Vesting Retirement Income Business**

- There will be a fee of 2% of your pension pot (net of pension commencement lump sum\*) for placing conventional annuity transactions.
- There will be a fee of 2.5% of your pension pot (net of pension commencement lump sum\*) for advising on enhanced annuity contracts.
- There will be a fee of 3% of your pension pot (net of pension commencement lump sum\*) for drawdown contracts.

*\*Net of pension commencement lump sum means no fee is taken from your tax free cash taken at retirement, only the amount used to purchase your annuity/product.*

For example, if your pension pot was worth £50,000 and you took £12,500 pension commencement lump sum we would charge you £750 to advise on a conventional annuity, £937.50 for an enhanced annuity and £1,500 for a drawdown contract.

We have a minimum fee of £595 for all annuity cases and a minimum charge of £795 for all drawdown cases. We will confirm the likely\* amount payable to Anne Wray IFA before you proceed.

*\*Fund values can change on a daily basis.*

### **Strategy Reports**

We can prepare a report for you that does not contain any specific financial products. We call these Strategy reports and charge a fixed fee of £595.

Specialist Long Term Care Strategy reports are charged at £695.

This will be in addition to the initial charges detailed below.

### **Our General Insurance and Protection Services and Costs**

As with our investment services above, we will provide you with a personal and financial review prior to making our recommendation(s) to you. Should you accept our recommendation(s) we will arrange the implementation of this/these for you. The reasons for our recommendations will also be provided to you in a written report.

We do not charge a fee for our insurance and protection services as we will normally receive commission from the policy provider. You will not be subject to VAT for this service.

### **Ongoing Reviews and Changes to Existing Investments**

We offer one service level. We can offer you an on-going service to ensure that recommended products remain suitable and relevant to your circumstances. Our charges relating to on-going services are as follows:-

- 0.75% per annum based on the value of your investments. For example, based on assets of £50,000 we will charge £375.

This amount will fluctuate as the fund values change over time and may increase or decrease year on year. This can either be paid by you directly, or by deduction from your investment. If you choose to pay your on-going fees by deduction from an investment, or other contract, providers will typically pay these fees to us monthly after the contract is in force. If you choose to pay your ongoing fees directly, we will invoice you by agreement.

Our on-going services include, but are not limited to, providing you with:

- Assessment of your circumstances and any changes to your plans that are needed;
- Ongoing support with correspondence and administration issues.
- We will provide you with telephone and email support as required
- We will contact you every 12 months to provide a review of your current investments.

Details of our services are contained in our Service Proposition & Engagement. Our charges are 0.75% per annum of the overall value of assets receiving an ongoing service.

Should you decide to cancel our agreement to provide ongoing services you must provide written confirmation of your decision and we will cease payments for these services within 7 business days or after collection of any due proportion of any period charges.

### **Cancellation rights**

In most cases you can exercise a right to cancel by withdrawing from the contract. In general terms you will normally have a 30 day cancellation period for a life, pure protection, payment protection or pension policy and a 14 day cancellation period for all other policies.

For pure protection policies the start of the cancellation period will normally begin when you are informed that the contract has been concluded or, if later, when you have received the contractual terms and conditions. In other cases, the cancellation period will begin on the day the contract is concluded or, if later, the day on which you receive the contractual terms and conditions. Instructions for exercising the right to cancel, if applicable, will be contained in the relevant product disclosure information which will be issued to you.

If you cancel a single premium contract, you may be required to bear any loss you might reasonably incur in cancelling it which is caused by market movements. This means that, in certain circumstances, you might not get back the full amount you invested if you cancel the policy.

### **VAT**

Under current legislation our services are not subject to VAT but should this change in future, and where VAT becomes due, we will notify you before conducting any further work.

### **Client Money**

Anne Wray IFA is not permitted to handle client money and we cannot accept a cheque made out to us, unless it is in respect of an item for which we have sent you an invoice. Nor can we handle cash.

### **Documentation**

We will endeavour to make arrangements for all your investments to be registered in your name unless you first instruct us otherwise in writing. All policy documents will be forwarded to you as soon as practicable after we receive them. If there are a number of documents relating to a series of transactions, we will normally hold each document until the series is complete and then forward them to you.

### **Instructions**

We prefer our clients to give us instructions in writing, to aid clarification and avoid future misunderstandings. We will, however, accept oral instructions provided they are confirmed in writing.

### **Material Interest**

We will act honestly, fairly and professionally known as conducting business in 'Client's best interest' regulations. Occasionally situations may arise where we or one of our other clients have some form of interest in business transacted for you. If this happens or we become aware that our interests or those of one of our other clients conflict with your interest, we will write to you and obtain your consent before we carry out your instructions, and detail the steps we will take to ensure fair treatment.

In accordance with the rules of our regulator, The Financial Conduct Authority, we are prohibited from accepting any payment (commission or other non-monetary benefits) which is likely to conflict with the duty of the firm to its clients."

### **Complaints**

If you wish to register a complaint, please write to Anne Wray, Old Chapel House, 3 Heapey Road, Chorley, PR6 9BD or telephone 01257 233023.

A summary of our internal complaints handling procedures for the reasonable and prompt handling of complaints is available on request and if you cannot settle your complaint with us, you may be entitled to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service at <http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk> or by contacting them on 0800 023 4 567.

### **Compensation Scheme**

If you make a complaint and we are unable to meet our liabilities, you may be entitled to compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Investment business will normally be covered up to a maximum of £85,000.

Further information about these amounts and limits for all other product types are available from the FSCS at <http://www.fscs.org.uk/what-we-cover/products>

### **Data Protection**

The information you have provided is subject to the Data Protection Act 1998 (the "Act"). By signing this document you consent to us or any company associated with us for processing, both manually and by electronic means, your personal data for the purposes of providing advice, administration and management.

"Processing" includes obtaining, recording or holding information or data, transferring it to other companies associated with us, product providers, the FCA or any other statutory, governmental or regulatory body for legitimate purposes including, where relevant, to solicitors and/or other debt collection agencies for debt collection purposes and carrying out operations on the information or data.

In order to provide services to you we may be required to pass your personal information to parties located outside of the European Economic Area (EEA) in countries that do not have Data Protection Laws equivalent to those in the UK. Where this is the case we will take reasonable steps to ensure the privacy of your information.

We may also contact you or pass your details to other companies associated with us to contact you (including by telephone) with details of any other similar products, promotions, or for related marketing purposes in which we think you may be interested.

The information provided may also contain sensitive personal data for the purposes of the Act, being information as to your physical or mental health or condition; the committing or alleged committing of any offence by you; any proceedings for an offence committed or alleged to have been committed by you, including the outcome or sentence in such proceedings; your political opinions; religious or similar beliefs; sexual life; or your membership of a Trade Union.

If at any time you wish us or any company associated with us to cease processing your personal data or sensitive personal data, or contacting you for marketing purposes, please contact The Data Protection Officer on 01257 233023 or in writing at Old Chapel House, 3 Heapey Road, Chorley, PR6 9BD.

You may be assured that we and any company associated with us will treat all personal data and sensitive personal data as confidential and will not process it other than for a legitimate purpose. Steps will be taken to ensure that the information is accurate, kept up to date and not kept for longer than is necessary. Measures will also be taken to safeguard against unauthorised or unlawful processing and accidental loss or destruction or damage to the data.

Subject to certain exceptions, you are entitled to have access to your personal and sensitive personal data held by us. You may be charged a fee (subject to the statutory maximum) for supplying you with such data.

### **Anti-money laundering**

We are required by the anti-money laundering regulations to verify the identity of our clients, to obtain information as to the purpose and nature of the business which we conduct on their behalf, and to ensure that the information we hold is up-to-date. For this purpose we may use electronic identity verification systems and we may conduct these checks from time to time throughout our relationship, not just at the beginning.

### **Law**

This client agreement is governed and shall be construed in accordance with English Law and the parties shall submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

### **Force Majeure**

Anne Wray IFA shall not be in breach of this Agreement and shall not incur any liability to you if there is any failure to perform its duties due to any circumstances reasonably beyond its control.

### **Termination**

The authority to act on your behalf may be terminated at any time without penalty by either party giving seven days' notice in writing to that effect to the other, but without prejudice to the completion of transactions already initiated. Any transactions effected before termination and a due proportion of any period charges for services shall be settled to that date.

**Client Copy**

**DECLARATION**

This is our standard client agreement upon which we intend to rely. For your own benefit and protection you should read these terms carefully before signing them. If you do not understand any point please ask for further information.

Please tick this box if you do not consent to us or any company associated with us processing any such sensitive data.

Please tick this box if you do not wish for us or any company associated with us to contact you for marketing purposes by e-mail, telephone, post or SMS.

I/We are aware of the costs of the Financial Review and Recommendation(s), and where appropriate, the Policy Arrangement and Implementation services and agree to the method and timing of these.

**Facilitation of Payments**

I/We wish for the cost of the ongoing service to be paid by deduction from the policy(ies) I/ we hold

I/We wish for the cost of the ongoing service to be charged directly to me/us on a monthly/yearly basis

*You should note that when paid through the investments it may reduce your personal tax thresholds and/or exemption levels. Where this happens we will discuss it with you and confirm it in your personal recommendation report.*

Client Name .....

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