

Elite Retirement Account

Schedule of Fees and Services

This document helps you understand the fees for establishing and administering an Elite Retirement Account. It also provides you with a complete guide to all transaction costs, and answers frequently asked questions about our charges.

All fees shown exclude VAT, which is chargeable where applicable.

Detailed schedule of fees

Please see the frequently asked questions, which form part of this schedule of fees.

Fee description	Amount	When is the fee taken?
Plan establishment		
Establishment fee	£295	Upon completion of transaction
Establish an additional arrangement	£100	Upon completion of transaction
Annual fees		
Annual administration fee – single-asset SIPP	£600	In advance
Annual administration fee – multi-asset SIPP	£680	In advance

Benefits and payments

Annual Drawdown fee ¹	£150	In advance
Additional tranche of Capped Drawdown	£75	Upon completion of transaction
Recalculation of HMRC maximum income under Capped Drawdown	£125	Upon completion of transaction
Establishing Flexi-Access Drawdown	£125	Upon completion of transaction
Additional tranche of Flexi-Access Drawdown	£75	Upon completion of transaction
Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum (UFPLS) payment	£150	Upon completion of the transaction
Exhausting the fund	Nil	
Annuity purchase	Nil	
Lump sum death benefit payment	Nil	

¹Payable annually after entering Flexi-Access or Capped Drawdown

Transfers In (including where the transfer is part of a Pension Sharing Order)

Transfer in cash – adviser fulfils the requirements	Nil	
Other transfers in cash – per transfer	£20 (Max £200)	Upon completion of transaction
In specie transfers – per transfer	£50 (max £500)	Upon completion of transaction

Transfers out (including where the transfer is part of a Pension Sharing Order)

Transfer out in cash	Nil	
In specie transfers – per transfer	Nil	

No fees will be refunded, in part or in full, when a transfer out is initiated. This includes, but is not limited to, establishment, annual, borrowing, property and income fees.

Contributions

Single contribution at establishment of SIPP	Nil	
Set up of regular contribution at establishment of SIPP	Nil	
Single or variation of regular contribution after SIPP establishment	£20	Upon completion of transaction
Refund of contributions – where permitted	£20	Upon completion of transaction

Property investment

Annual property administration (per SIPP, not per property)	£405	In advance
Acquisition or In specie transfer fee	£800	Upon completion of transaction
Pension fund borrowing fee	£400	Upon completion of transaction
Environmental screening report ²	From £198	Upon completion of transaction
VAT registration ³ , where applicable	£100	Upon completion of transaction
Quarterly VAT Return ³	£50	Upon completion of transaction
Sale or disposal	£350	Upon completion of transaction
Insurance Review Fee ⁴	£150	Annually in advance

² Depending on the size of the property. The fee quoted is for properties up to 2 hectares/20,000sqm.

³ Talbot and Muir are not VAT experts and may decline to offer these additional services in relation to the handling of VAT in cases we feel are particularly complex. Offering these services is, always, at our discretion.

⁴ Fee associated with conducting due diligence on an alternative insurance policy, where a client elects not to join our block policy provided by Marsh Limited.

Other investments

Investments in UK authorised unit trust/ OEIC or insurance fund investments (per investment)	£20 (max £200 per scheme year)	Upon completion of transaction
Transactions conducted through a nominee account (per investment)	£10 (Max £200 per scheme year)	Upon completion of transaction
Establish an alternative deposit account	£20	Upon completion of transaction

Other costs

Ad hoc valuations	£100	Upon completion of transaction
Work to ensure compliance with change in pension legislation and regulation	Time costed ¹	Upon completion of transaction
Removal of Member as Trustee due to mental incapacity, by way of Deed of Removal	£250	Upon completion of transaction
Annual meetings	£200 plus travel costs	Upon completion of transaction
Time costed ¹	Between £125 and £275 per hour	Upon completion of transaction

¹ Our standard hourly rate for this type of work is between £125 and £275 per hour, depending on the seniority of the member of staff involved. The actual rate charged will be confirmed to you before any time costed work is undertaken.

Example scenarios

All fees shown exclude VAT, which is chargeable where applicable. See glossary for definition of single-asset SIPP.

Getting started

An adviser recommends a SIPP for a client. The client has three pension funds, with other providers, which will all be transferred as cash. In this scenario, the client's adviser is happy to facilitate the transfer, which means that they have requested pension discharge forms from the current providers and, once received, sends them off to the new scheme administrator.

The SIPP administrator establishes the Elite Retirement Account and sets up a bank account. Within a short period of time the other providers transfer their funds to the administrator, who deposits them into the SIPP bank account. The administrator tells the adviser when each fund has been transferred. Once the last one has arrived the adviser implements the investment strategy they have agreed with their client.

What would the costs be for this?

Initial costs	
SIPP establishment	£295
Transfer in – adviser handling the forms	Nil
SIPP annual administration fee – in advance	£600 for single-asset SIPP; or £680 for multi-asset SIPP
Total	£895 for single-asset SIPP; or £975 for multi-asset SIPP
Ongoing costs	
SIPP annual administration fee	£600 for single-asset SIPP; or £680 for multi-asset SIPP
Total per annum	£600 for single-asset SIPP; or £680 for multi-asset SIPP

Taking benefits

After several years, the client decides to start drawing benefits from their SIPP. They decide to take their maximum allowed Pension Commencement Lump Sum along with an income, paid monthly. This is known as withdrawing income via Flexi-access drawdown.

What would the costs be for this?

Initial costs	
Establishing 1 st tranche of Flexi-Access Drawdown	£125
Annual Drawdown charge	£150
Total	£275
Ongoing costs	
SIPP annual administration fee	£600 for single-asset SIPP; or £680 for multi-asset SIPP
Annual drawdown charge	£150
Total per annum	£750 for single-asset SIPP; or £830 for multi-asset SIPP

Moving into property

The client decides to purchase a commercial property, as they feel a regular rental income better suits their investment strategy at this stage of their life now that they are drawing regular benefits. The adviser disinvests the existing investments, and the SIPP fund is used to acquire the client's chosen property. In addition to the SIPP fees, the client also expects to pay for a valuation, as well as solicitor's fees and stamp duty (if applicable). These fees can all be settled from the SIPP fund. The annual property administration fee is per SIPP (not per property) and covers various aspects of property administration, including the invoicing for rental payments where required.

What would the costs be for this?

Initial cost for acquiring property	
Handling the purchase	£800
Pension fund borrowing	£400
Total	£1,200
Ongoing costs	
SIPP annual administration fee	£680
Annual Drawdown charge	£150
Property administration fee	£405
Total per annum	£1,235

Frequently asked questions

Pension administration

What are the establishment fee and annual fee for?

The establishment fee covers the creation of the SIPP, including opening the default SIPP bank account, verification that our application form is fully completed and signed (including correct anti-money laundering identification) and processing any initial contributions including the reclaim of tax where appropriate.

The annual fee includes the preparation of the reconciled annual statement, regular reconciliations during the year and fulfilling all regulatory requirements including all general communications.

Should the member decide not to proceed with the SIPP once it has been established, the establishment fee is still payable.

How do the contribution fees work?

There are no fees for any contributions made at the point the SIPP is established, whether they are single or establishing regular contributions by standing order. Once the SIPP has been established, a separate fee applies to additional single contributions, as well as any changes to existing regular contributions in place.

How do the fees for the transfer in of cash benefits work?

If the adviser presents correctly completed discharge forms, together with the SIPP application and is prepared to chase the old pension scheme up to the point of the transfer being executed, no transfer fee will apply. Alternatively, if we arrange the transfer in, we will charge £20 per transfer. If we are handling multiple schemes transfers, at the same time, this fee will be capped at £200.

How do you charge for the transfer in of partially crystallised funds?

So, we can accept the transfer in of partially crystallised funds, a SIPP with a minimum of one plan and one sub-plan must be established. The plan will receive all uncrystallised transfers and, under legislation, the other sub-plans (which are separate arrangements) will receive the crystallised benefits. The sub-plans will be fully crystallised. Normal full establishment and annual administration fees will apply to the SIPP. Each sub-plan containing crystallised benefits will attract fees for drawdown designation.

What are your charges for going into Capped or Flexi- Access Drawdown for?

The Flexi-access drawdown fee includes valuing the SIPP, calculating any applicable Pension Commencement Lump Sum (PCLS), providing a benefit crystallisation certificate and any reporting requirements, applicable at the time.

The Annual drawdown fee will be payable when you are in Capped or Flexi-access drawdown. This fee covers the work required to reconcile and revalue the SIPP, in accordance with legislation, and then pay benefits. This also covers the administration of PAYE payroll, deduction of tax, if required, and making the appropriate returns to HMRC. Also included is the facility to vary the level and frequency of income payments.

For clients who elect to phase their Capped or Flexi-access drawdown, an additional one off fee will be paid for each separate crystallisation. The additional tranche of Capped drawdown fee also includes a recalculation of the maximum income as standard.

Investment-related fees

Is a single authorised unit trust/OEIC or TIP application for two funds considered one or two transactions?

This will count as one transaction. When we complete an application form for a directly held unit trust, OEIC, or insurance company TIP, we apply a transaction fee for each application, not fund. We will cap our charge at £200.00 (10 transactions) per scheme year.

Do your fees include the stockbroker's, etc., fees?

No, our investment transaction fees relate to the recording and reconciling of investment transactions by us and do not include third parties, such as stockbroker, investment manager or nominee fees and charges.

Property fees

How do you calculate fees for dealing with the purchase of property?

Our fee is fixed and reflects the typical amount of time spent on a property purchase. We acknowledge that more complex cases will typically result in more time being spent on the purchase. In these instances, we will still charge our standard fee.

Borrowing

What are the fees if my SIPP borrows money?

Our fee is fixed and reflects the typical amount of time spent completing loan application forms and providing the lender with the information they require. We acknowledge that more complex cases will typically result in more time being spent dealing with the loan application; in these instances, we will still charge our standard fee.

General

Do your fees increase?

On 1st October each year the SIPP annual administration fee and Property annual administration fee will increase in line with the rise in the Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) index over the previous year. If the AWE ceases to be published, or if the calculation of the AWE is changed, we may substitute a comparable index. We may at any time increase or amend all or some of our fees or charges payable from your SIPP. We aim to ensure our fees remain competitive for the benefits of our clients.

Do you receive any other income in relation to my SIPP?

We may retain some of the interest earned so we can keep our charges low, as well as investing in our technology and propositions, and in providing higher service levels. Our aim is to deliver excellent financial outcomes for our customers, and ultimately help make their retirement more rewarding.

Details on our sharing policy are displayed on our website at <https://www.talbotmuir.co.uk/bank-interest-for-sipps-and-ssass/> along with the actual rates applied to customer accounts, and the level of cash interest rates retained is shown on client illustrations.

Where insurance is arranged for commercial property via our Block Insurance Policy, Talbot and Muir do receive a share of commission payable.

Are there any other fees?

We reserve the right to charge for additional services on a time-cost basis. Our standard hourly rate is between £125 and £275 per hour, depending on the seniority of the member of staff involved. The actual rate charged will be confirmed to you before any time costed work is undertaken.

Is there anything else I should know?

All expenses, charges and outgoings in respect of the investments contained in your SIPP (including the costs of purchase, sale management, maintenance and valuation of freehold and leasehold properties, if any, and other investments) or other expenses, however incurred, will be charged to your SIPP. In the event of a levy being made on us under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, or any levy or taxation being imposed on us or your SIPP, under any statutory provision affecting the business of SIPP providers, operators, administrators or insurance companies. We may recover from your SIPP an amount equal to the proportion of such levy or taxation that we may reasonably determine. This will be on a basis like how the levy, tax, liability, charge or other payment has been calculated.

Our Services

If you experience difficulties accessing any of our services due to personal circumstances, we may be able to make some adjustments to help you. Please contact our Administration Department on 0115 841 5000 or mail us at customer.support@talbotmuir.co.uk to discuss any support adjustments that may be available to you.

Glossary

Administration	The process of looking after the SIPP on an ongoing basis. This includes but is not limited to many things such as providing a reconciled annual statement, setting up any regular contributions or savings and reclaiming tax where appropriate.
Capped Drawdown	After the payment of any PCLS, an income paid with the residual fund. The income is limited to a maximum calculated with reference to the Government Actuaries Department Tables, age and fund value. Income is taxed at the member's marginal rate through the PAYE system.
Corporate action	An event initiated by a public company or collective investment scheme that affects the securities issues by that company and requires a response from the administrator.
Crystallisation	The act of starting to take benefits (PCLS and/or income) from the SIPP. Also known as vesting.
Establishment	The creation of a SIPP plan to the point where it is ready to be used.
Flexi-Access Drawdown	After the payment of any PCLS an income paid with the residual fund. The income is not limited. Income is taxed at the member's marginal rate through the PAYE system.
In specie	Movement of an asset from one place to another without disinvesting into cash first.
Investment firm	A firm appointed by the plan holder to manage the investments within the SIPP on their behalf or act on an execution only basis.
Lifetime annuity	A policy issued by an insurance company which provides a guaranteed income for life in exchange for a lump sum (your accumulated SIPP fund).
Transfer in	Transferring the value of pension benefits from an existing pension scheme to your SIPP either in cash or in specie.
Tax reclaim	In most cases pension contributions receive tax relief and we reclaim 20p from HM Revenue & Customs for each £1 you contribute personally to your pension. This is then added to your fund.
TIP	Trustee investment plan.
OEIC	Open ended investment company also known as a collective investment.
Our	The SIPP Administrator.
Single-asset SIPP	A SIPP where the only investment other than the main SIPP bank account is one non direct property investment holding. For example, this may take the form of either a single Discretionary Fund Manager portfolio, a single platform, a single standalone Unit Trust/OEIC/ TIP or single direct equity holding. As soon as the SIPP owns more than one of these assets or purchases direct commercial property (either singularly or part of a syndicate), it is then treated as a Multi-asset SIPP.
Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum (UFPLS)	A payment made from uncrystallised funds which consists of 25% tax free and 75% taxed income. Income is taxed at the member's marginal rate through the PAYE system.
Us/We	The SIPP Administrator.

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