

**Product name: Residential Core Product (Retentions)** 

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# Our approach to meeting the Products & Services Outcome and Price & Value Outcome – Information for distributors of the Product

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#### 1. Summary of our assessment

We have assessed that:

- Our 'Core Products retention' product range continues to meet the needs, characteristics, and objectives of customers in the identified target market.
- The intended distribution strategy remains appropriate for the target market.
- The Product provides fair value to customers in the target market (i.e., the total benefits are proportionate to total costs).

## 2. Product characteristics & benefits

The products are designed to meet the needs of the target group existing borrowers of Hinckley & Rugby Building Society whose product is or has come to an end. The product features and criteria are designed to support these needs.

- Variable rates of interest
- Interest is calculated on a daily basis
- Variable rates have a floor
- No arrangement fee
- Can be set up as a joint borrower/sole proprietor ownership arrangement
- Can be set up with a tailored term (split term) where the advance has two different term lengths to support affordability
- Overpayment allowance of 10% of the prevailing balance per annum
- Where a property has increased in value due to improvements made and a valuation is required, a sliding fee scale applies
- Product is portable

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 Available on interest only up to 70% LTV where the repayment vehicle is sale of another property, or 60% LTV if the repayment vehicle is sale of the applicants' provided downsizing is credible in the area.

Full eligibility criteria can be accessed on our intermediary website via this link: Residential Criteria - HRBS - Intermediaries.

#### 3. Target market assessment and distribution strategy

This target market assessment matrix segments the target customers for the Product, recognising their different needs to enable you to tailor the services you provide when you distribute the Product.

Customer Circumstances	Distribution Strategy	Customer Needs & Objectives
Existing Hinckley & Rugby Borrowers	Available through Online retention service, Direct and Intermediary Channels	<ul> <li>Access to LTVs up to 95%</li> <li>Option for repaying the capital over the term or at the end of the term using an accepted repayment vehicle</li> </ul>

The Product is not designed for customers who:

- Do not have already have a mortgage with the Hinckley & Rugby Building Society
- Want to fix their interest rate for payment security
- Do not intend to live in the property
- Want a term of less than 2 years
- Have a balance of less than £10,000

#### 4. Customers with characteristics of vulnerability

The Product is designed for existing borrowers whose product is coming to an end or has ended looking for a straightforward process to remain with Hinckley and Rugby Building Society for their follow-on product. These borrowers also would be looking for a fee free product, this product by nature doesn't attract customers with additional characteristics of vulnerability but all customers may experience vulnerability over time where an unanticipated life event occurs.

We considered the needs, characteristics, and objectives of customers with characteristics of vulnerability at all stages of the design process for this Product to ensure the Product meets their needs

We have also tested the Product to assess whether it will meet the identified needs, characteristics, and objectives of the target market, including customers in the target market who have characteristics of vulnerability.

We have in place a framework to achieve good outcomes for vulnerable customers, which includes:

- Education and training for our staff to ensure they have the appropriate skills and experience to recognise and respond to the needs of vulnerable customers.
- Suitable customer service provision and communications.
- Flexible policies, where appropriate, to support vulnerable members
- Monitoring to ensure we continue to meet and respond to the needs of customers with characteristics of vulnerability.

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Intermediaries should continue to comply with your obligations to ensure that you treat customers in vulnerable circumstances fairly.

Please contact us if you need any further information about how we support the needs of all our customers in relation to the Product.

#### 5. Our assessment of value

We have developed a comprehensive and robust assessment process which evaluates several aspects of our business to determine the value of our mortgage product. This analysis is used to ascertain whether the Product delivers fair value for customers.

The outcomes of the assessment process are presented to the Product, Pricing and Governance Committee, allowing for challenge and further investigation before we sign-off the outcomes and share the summary of our assessment with you.

Our fair value assessment has considered the following:

Benefits	Price	Costs	Limitations
The range of features that the Product provides, the quality of the Product, the individual underwriting and level of customer service that is provided and other features that the Product may offer.	The interest rates, fees and charges customers pay for the Product, comparable, market rates, advice fees paid to intermediaries and non-financial costs associated with operating the Product.	The cost of funding the Product and any other reductions in costs to the customer made possible by economies of scale.	Any limitations on the scope and service we provide or the features of the Product

### Results of our assessment

Our assessment concluded that the Product continues to deliver fair value for customers in the target market for the Product.