

Product name: Retirement Interest Only (RIO) owner occupier range – includes first time buyers, home movers, residential remortgages and product transfer customers.

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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 RIO residential 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, most notably the need to secure finance on a residential property into retirement for those aged over 55. Borrowing is required on an interest only basis, with no set end date. The product features and criteria are designed to support these needs. Characteristics can include:

- Cashback;
- Fixed and variable rates;
- Mortgage term until a lifechanging event occurs;
- Mortgage repaid on trigger of a life changing event;
- Interest only repayment method;

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- Valuation contribution;
- Assisted legals;
- Up to 10% overpayment facility;
- Early repayment charges;
- Product rate floors; and
- Product fees.

There are products available for purchase and product transfer.

Full eligibility criteria can be accessed on our intermediary website [here](#).

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
Borrowers new to Tipton looking to secure finance on a residential property into retirement for those aged over 55. Borrowing is required on an interest only basis, with no set end date.	Available via intermediaries on an advised basis only.	To purchase a residential property, move their existing mortgage to a new lender, or borrow more against their existing residential mortgage. Customers who require mortgage borrowing into retirement on an interest only basis, with no set end date. Looking to fix their payment for a set period of time, or happy for their payments to vary in line with the Society's Standard Variable Rate.
Existing Tipton RIO customers coming to the end of their existing mortgage product.	Available via intermediaries on an advised or execution only basis (dependant on circumstances).	To secure a new mortgage product once their existing product comes to an end. Looking to fix their payment for a set period of time, or happy for their payments to vary in line with the Society's Standard Variable Rate.
Intermediary Distribution		
Available through networks and their appointed representatives, mortgage clubs and directly authorised intermediaries. All intermediaries must be registered with the Society		

The Product is not designed for customers who:

- Are purchasing a buy to let property;
- Do not meet our lending or property criteria;
- Require a capital and interest repayment method;

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- Require a set mortgage term;
- Are looking to repay their mortgage prior to retirement;
- Are looking to borrow for a second home;
- Are looking for a mortgage with no borrower deposit; or
- Are looking for a self-build mortgage.

4. Customers with characteristics of vulnerability

The Product is designed for home buyers, remortgage customers and existing customers looking at product transfer who are over 55 and require mortgage lending into retirement on an interest only basis, with no set end date which is likely to include some customers with characteristics of vulnerability or who will experience vulnerability over time.

Although RIO borrowers are likely to be experienced borrowers, these products are available to all buyer types, which includes first and second time buyers who meet the Society's criteria. First time buyers are less likely to have a comprehensive understanding of mortgages and the mortgage market, therefore they may require additional advice and support to ensure they understand the information being presented to them and the implications of the arrangement they are entering into to reduce the risk of harm occurring.

Existing homeowners may have a greater understanding of how a mortgage works but may have other vulnerabilities which may impact on their ability to understand the process of a home move and therefore require additional support.

Customers looking to borrow into retirement may be at higher risk of suffering bereavement within the home. We have considered these risks, and where a joint application is submitted the loan must be affordable upon the death of either borrower.

We considered the needs, characteristics and objectives of customers with characteristics of vulnerability at all stages of the design process for this product range to ensure the products meet their needs.

We have an existing framework in place to achieve good outcomes for customers including those with characteristics of vulnerability which includes:

- Staff training to ensure they have appropriate skills and experience to recognise and respond to the needs of vulnerable customers;
- Suitable customer service provision and communications;
- Policies where appropriate to support vulnerable members; and
- Monitoring to ensure we continue to meet and respond to the needs of customers with characteristics of vulnerability.

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 range.

5. Our assessment of value

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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 Board, 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
Benefits are discussed in the above assessment and include the features the product range provides, the level of customer service, and any other relevant features.	The interest rates, fees, and charges customers pay, comparable market rates, procurement fees paid to intermediaries and non-financial costs associated with operating the product.	When offering a product to the market, the following considerations are given: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest rate; • Fees and charges (including ERCs); • Reversion rates (SVR); • Risk associated with LTV; • Product term; • Product floor rates; • Estimated losses; • Return on Capital Invested; • Likely movements in base rate; • SWAP rates; and • Procurement fees. 	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 range.