

## The value of financial advice

Pre-engagement Consultation Introduction and agree how we will work together.

Stage 1 Your goals We establish your life goals, personal circumstances, aspirations and concerns for your family.

#### Stage 6 Regular reviews

We'll meet on an ongoing basis to review your plan and make any necessary changes.

#### Stage 2 Your information

We collect and assess all relevant personal and financial data and establish your perceived risks.

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#### Stage 5 Implementation

We agree what we need to do to help you achieve your objectives over a given period of time.

## Stage 4 Design your plan

Having completed our analysis, we will prepare a personal report and recommendations, then set out a range of different options which can be used to get you where you want to be. Stage 3 Analysis

We thoroughly investigate your current financial position and how you arrived there.

## Our Purpose - Our Expertise

## Your Peace of Mind & Prosperity

**Our purpose** is to improve our clients' financial wellbeing and help them achieve their goals. We provide financial advice and planning to help identify, achieve and protect the long-term future they desire for themselves, their families and, where relevant, the business they own.

**Our expertise** lies in helping people realise what's possible when it comes to setting and achieving their desired financial goals. Such goals are rarely achieved by accident, more usually by a clear design and meaningful plan.

As a client of ours, we want you to achieve the sense of control, confidence and **peace of mind** that comes from making well-informed decisions throughout your financial journey.

### How we work

We help clients to design their financial plans and put them into action, taking care of essential paperwork and dealing with providers of investments, insurance and other professional advisers.

The advice and services we deliver are supported by Openwork Limited, one of the UK's largest networks of financial advisory businesses.

The diagram opposite illustrates the steps followed in our advice process.

Establishing a sound financial plan is a major step towards securing the life you want. As time passes, your plan will need to evolve to keep on helping you achieve your goals. A long-term relationship incorporating regular updates will enable us to review all key factors that affect your plans and make timely adjustments in the light of changing circumstances.

Over the following pages, we outline the range of issues addressed by the advice and ongoing service we offer.

We will help you arrange your finances to ensure they work as effectively as possible towards funding your life goals.



We will help you take steps to ensure your income, assets and family are protected from the impact of long-term illness, disablement or death.



We will advise you on how your investments can benefit from relevant tax reliefs and allowances. We will also advise you on the most effective way of withdrawing income or capital when the need arises, or how best to pass wealth to your intended beneficiaries.





We will be on hand to remind you that the wealth you have accumulated is to be enjoyed when the right time arrives. Wealth only acquires a true value when serving the meaningful purpose for which it was created.



We will be accessible and responsive whenever you need to contact us with queries or requests.



We will help you keep your plans in focus by regularly meeting with you to review and refresh your financial arrangements. This might be a result of changing personal circumstances, legislation, new opportunities and any other relevant factors relevant to your situation. Every client we meet has a unique and varied range of financial-planning needs. Establishing priorities is the first step towards creating a meaningful and relevant plan to cater for them.

The areas described below represent a wide, but not exhaustive, range of issues we consider as part of the initial planning undertaken and on an ongoing basis.

Areas to consider	What this means to you
Life planning	A key aim of the ongoing service we offer is to make you feel financially well-organised. Helping you to understand how your money is looked after and planning your financial security helps to ensure you can fund the lifestyle you want to enjoy.
Investment planning	We will monitor your investment portfolio, review its fund holdings and performance with you and make sure it remains appropriate to your attitude to investment risk and capacity for loss. We will also make sure charges on funds in your portfolio are highly competitive
Tax planning	Ensures your pension, savings and investment arrangements benefit from appropriate tax reliefs on contributions, and tax allowances on capital gains, withdrawals and dividends. Where applicable, use may be made of contributions via salary sacrifice, saving you and your employer National Insurance Contributions.
Protection planning	We will help you take steps to ensure your income, assets and family are protected from the impact of long-term illness, disablement or premature death. Should the worst happen, we will be on hand to support you or your representatives through the claims process.
Debt planning	We will review your mortgage and other loans to identify whether their structure and terms remain fit for your needs and whether reductions in the cost of your repayments are possible.
Estate planning	Identifying how you can pass on wealth and assets in a timely and tax-efficient manner to your intended beneficiaries through a combination of measures such as gifts made during your lifetime, use of appropriate trust arrangements and an up to date will.
Other professionals	We want clients to benefit from a joined-up financial plan. So, we will introduce you to, or liaise with, other professional advisers including accountants, solicitors, auto-enrolment specialists and discretionary fund managers if and when appropriate.
Other services	We will keep you up to date with any changes that may affect your plan and discuss any potential impact with you to decide what alterations, if any, might be appropriate. We will help with your financial administration requirements, such as arranging income from your portfolio or changing your investment holdings or insurance products.
Issues arising	There are occasions when the best laid plans hit unforeseen obstacles, sometimes caused by third party human error or oversight. We pride ourselves on taking a proactive approach to resolving any such issues on your behalf with the minimum of fuss and as quickly as possible.

## The value of financial advice and ongoing service

We can provide expert guidance, support and service across all aspects of your financial planning.

Access To Our Team

Life Planning

Handling Administration

Investment Planning

Information & Communication

Sense of control Peace of mind Value for money Family security

**Retirement Planning** 

Estate Planning

**Tax Planning** 

**Debt Planning** 

Protection Planning

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# The importance of ongoing advice and service

What does ongoing service mean to you?

- Your adviser will be fully in tune with your financial strategy and will monitor the progress of your plans
- You have unlimited access to us via the telephone, email or post
- You can call us whenever you want to discuss any aspect of your financial situation.

We will arrange regular review meetings to provide reassurance that your plans remain on track and enable discussion of, and agreement on, any adjustments required in the light of changing personal, financial or professional circumstances.

They are also an opportunity to anticipate how to manage your money during the next stages of your financial journey.

Our advice and ongoing service; it all adds up to

- Confidential advice to help you make well-informed choices
- The best chance of achieving your goals
- A feeling of being financially well-organised
- Less time worrying about your finances
- More time enjoying the rewarding life your financial plan is designed to deliver

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