

Product name: Holiday Let Mortgage Range

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

This summary document is being provided to you to fulfil our responsibilities under PRIN 2A.4.15R and PRIN 2A.3.12 R (2).

It is designed to support you to comply with your responsibilities under PRIN 2A.3.16 R and PRIN 2A.4.16 R. Please note that you are ultimately responsible for meeting your obligations under 'The Consumer Duty'.

This information is intended for intermediary use only and should not be provided to customers.

## 1. Summary of our assessment

We have assessed that:

- Our Holiday Let mortgage 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 and the product features and criteria that support these needs are:

- Free Standard Valuation on re-mortgages
- Fixed or Variable Rate Discount products
- Loan to Value up to 75% available
- Mortgage Term up to 40 years

- Available on new build and second hand properties
- Borrowers allowed to use the property up to 90 days of the year
- Affordability fully assessed using net earned income plus 50% of qualifying letting income
- Individual borrower credit assessment with NO use of 'credit score'
- Ability to review self-employed accounts on an individual basis
- Overpayments up to 10% of mortgage

Full eligibility criteria can be accessed on our intermediary website via link: <a href="https://www.furnessbs.co.uk/intermediaries/lending-criteria">https://www.furnessbs.co.uk/intermediaries/lending-criteria</a>

## 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		
<ul> <li>Customers who are resident in the UK, except Northern Ireland.</li> <li>Both new customers looking to invest through a purchase of a new holiday let property or remortgage a holiday let property to the Society</li> <li>Customers who are either seeking a repayment mortgage to clear the capital by the end of the term or want to repay interest only and sell the property at the end of the term</li> <li>Customers with a good financial management record with ability to repay loan</li> <li>Customers with a minimum income of £30,000</li> </ul>	Available through Direct and Intermediary* channels.	<ul> <li>Be able to enjoy the property for personal use up to 90 days a year</li> <li>Be able to receive rental income as a long term investment return</li> <li>Benefit from any house price increases</li> <li>Choice over certainty over payment terms:         <ul> <li>A fixed rate of interest that offers security in monthly payments for an initial period, regardless of whether interest rates rise or fall or;</li> <li>a variable rate of interest that may be lower than a fixed rate for the product term</li> </ul> </li> <li>Access to range of LTV loans up to 75% to purchase the required property</li> <li>Flexibility to make overpayments</li> <li>Be able to afford mortgage repayments</li> </ul>		

<sup>\*</sup>Intermediary distribution through:

- Networks and their Appointed Representatives.
- Mortgage clubs.
- Directly authorised mortgage intermediaries.

All intermediaries must be registered with us.

The Product is not designed for customers who:

- Want to live in the property full time
- Are Credit impaired borrowers
- May be unable to afford loan payments in a high interest rate environment
- Do not meet our lending or property criteria

## 4. Customers with characteristics of vulnerability

The Product is designed for a wide range of individuals wanting to purchase or remortgage a property, which is likely to include some customers with characteristics of vulnerability or who will experience vulnerability over time.

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.

The Society has a customer support framework to provide support for customers with the following vulnerabilities:

- Health: Physical Disability; Severe or Long Term Illness; Hearing or visual impairment; Mental health condition or disability; Addiction; Low mental capacity or cognitive disability
- Life Events: Retirement; Bereavement; Income Shock; Relationship Breakdown; Domestic Abuse; Caring Responsibilities
- Resilience: Inadequate (outgoings exceed income) or erratic income; Overindebtedness; Low savings; Low emotional resilience; Learning Difficulties; No or low access to help or support
- Capability: Low knowledge or confidence in managing finances; Poor literacy or numeracy skills; Poor English Language skills; Poor or non-existent digital skills

The framework is supported through colleague training; flexible policies designed to accommodate vulnerable customer needs and monitoring of outcomes.

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