

## ***heywood* wins contracts with local police and fire authorities**

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*heywood*, the specialist pension administration software provider, has over the last few months won several contracts with local police and fire authorities, including Bedfordshire Police, Durham Constabulary and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Bedfordshire Police will also be using *heywood*'s hosting service.

A spokesperson from one of the police forces commented:

"When we were looking for a system, we wanted a proven and reliable software system from a company with a strong reputation in the market and *heywood* and **AXISe** were the obvious choice. The project was carried out effectively within the timeframe proposed and the project team from *heywood* worked closely with our in-house team to ensure a successful implementation."

Commenting on these wins, Pat Marchbank, Head of Public Sector at *heywood*, said:

"Having partnered with the Public Sector for the provision of pension systems for over 25 years we are the natural choice for police and fire scheme administration. These wins indicate how **AXISe** continues to be the best of breed pension solution for all types of Public Sector organisations in the UK and Ireland."

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## Notes to editors

*heywood* was established in 1975 and has been part of Aquila Group Holdings Limited since 2002. Aquila Group Holdings Limited, comprising *aquila* and *heywood*, is the leading supplier of pension administration software solutions in the UK. The pension schemes for over 6.5 million members in more than 200 major organisations are run using the group's two administration software solutions, *administrator* and **AXISe**. These solutions cover the whole range of available schemes including DB, DC, hybrid, career average, cash balance and stakeholder.

The Group provides solutions to the Financial Services, Third Party Administration, Corporate and Public Sector pension scheme markets in the UK, Ireland and the rest of Europe. Its clients include Prudential, Norwich Union, BBC, Asda, BP, the European Central Bank, Accenture, Aon Consulting and most local authority schemes.

**AXISe** is *heywood's* integrated pensions system which addresses the requirements of all types of Corporate and Public sector pension schemes. **AXISe** also has integrated web, imaging and workflow capabilities, as well as an award winning call centre module.

For those clients who wish to out-source their pensions IT function, both *administrator* and **AXISe** can be offered via a fully hosted or ASP service. To ensure a low risk implementation, the group provides experienced consultancy services for business management comprising project management, process engineering, data migration, management information and system integration.