

***heywood* wins contract with West Midlands Police**

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heywood, the market leading pension administration software provider to the Public Sector, has recently signed a contract with West Midlands Police, the second largest police force in the UK. West Midlands becomes the 42nd police scheme administered using *heywood's* AXISe system.

Stephen Hall, Head of Exchequer Services at West Midlands Police commented:

“We selected *heywood* because of their pensions experience and reputation for delivery and support in the Police, Fire and Local Government market. *heywood's* system AXISe is proven in the marketplace and the implementation project went very smoothly and was achieved on time and within budget.”

Commenting on this win, Pat Marchbank, Head of Public Sector at *heywood*, said:

“We are delighted to have signed a contract with one of the largest police forces in the country continuing the successful partnership we have with police schemes throughout the UK. In an era of change for all police forces, this is a significant time for West Midlands Police and we are pleased to be able to support them in expanding the services they offer. In particular we look forward to helping them with joint initiatives with other forces. “

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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 nearly 7 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.

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