

<u>Investment Platforms – Collective Investment funds</u>

Empowered Pensions does not provide advice in relation to either Platforms that Member Trustees should use for collective investments nor the underlying investments funds. Should Member Trustees need advice in this area then they should seek Independent Financial Advice from an FCA regulated adviser.

Not all Platform providers have set their business up to work with SSAS pension schemes. In addition some Platforms do not have business processes that recognise the role of the Scheme Administrator and how they are responsible for the compliance of the Scheme with HMRC rules. Empowered Pensions therefore complete regular research with Platforms to ensure that their operational procedures allow us to complete our role securely.

Our Scheme Members often use the following Platforms and we can confirm that they in turn conform to our operational requirements:

AJ Bell
Aviva
Best Invest
Charles Stanley
Interactive Investors
James Brearley & Sons
SEI
Standard Life
Stocktrade
Transact

Should Schemes request other Platform provider accounts be established a period of research may be required before the account can be considered