

## **RETIREMENT PLANNING: THE SIX ESSENTIAL STAGES**

Many of us look forward to retirement, when we can spend our days doing whatever we wish. To organise the financial aspects of your retirement, these six areas to focus on are key:-

### **1. Establish What Your Expenditure Will Be**

A retirement budget planner can be used to aid this process which will factor in the impact of other variables such as inflation.

### **2. Establish What You Have**

Estimate how much potential income you may have at retirement.

### **3. Bridge The Gap**

For our clients, for example, our cashflow planner will illustrate any shortfall or surplus between what income you may need and your current savings. We can then advise on what changes you would be able to make in order to achieve your required goals.

### **4. Discuss Your Pension Income Options**

Once you actually reach retirement, you may either opt to secure pension income through purchasing an annuity and/or select a more flexible pension income option, such as drawdown.

### **5. Consider Non-Pension Savings**

You should also take advice on how other investments held, such as ISAs and share portfolios, can be used to supplement your income needs in retirement.

### **6. Inheritance Tax and Estate Planning**

Consider how to structure your affairs to potentially mitigate inheritance tax through considering a variety of solutions which will prioritise your own financial needs whilst seeking to protect your assets for the next generation.

At Investment Solutions, we will regularly appraise your investments, your pension income options, current legislation and any changes to your lifestyle.