

# Geoghegans Insight PENSION SCHEMES



The increasing demands of this highly regulated sector coupled with the challenging climate of uncertainty require exactly the kind of specialist knowledge and focused approach that Geoghegans have developed in over 15 years of specialising in this sector. Our specialist Pensions Unit delivers the latest compliance and technical advice providing added assurance to scheme trustees within this complex arena.

**Receiving expert and independent advice from a team which has extensive knowledge and experience of the issues facing pension schemes is invaluable.**

Geoghegans is already firmly established as one of the UK's leading advisory firms in this sector. Our reputation is built upon a consistently high level of service delivery on an efficient and cost effective basis. We provide a totally independent service characterised by practical help and advice for pension trustees and advisors who value the importance of working with their auditors more effectively.

Our experience covers a wide range of pension schemes in terms of size and benefit structures, as well as closed schemes and those in wind-up. While based in Edinburgh we work with schemes throughout the UK and are used to liaising with a large number of the major pension scheme administrators and scheme actuaries.

With a partner led approach we put trustees first by providing a more personalised service in a proactive manner with agreed fees and timely delivery of accounts. Whether it is the provision of audit or accounting services, risk management and internal control reviews; trustees working with Geoghegans benefit from the knowledge and expertise of our specialist team in helping them deal with issues they face in a complex market where regulations are forever changing and information is highly technical.

Our services in the sector include:

- Audit and other assurance services
- Accounts preparation - the full range of pension accounts
- SORP and Pensions Act 1995 compliance
- Assisting with TPR enquiries
- Risk and internal control reviews
- Advisory work
- Pension taxation advice
- Employer covenant reviews

## Accounting Services

## Audit & Assurance

## Corporation & Business Tax

## Outsourcing

## Corporate Recovery & Insolvency

## Corporate Finance

## Personal Tax

"We work with Mike Crerar and a partner led approach helps a lot. You don't get a tick box auditor approach as you have access to a much broader level of judgement and experience into the process".  
Mark Young, Director of Corporate Pension Trustee



## Mike Crerar

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Inside Geoghegans: Mike joined Geoghegans in 1980 and has a cv in this sector spanning over 15 years.

Outside Geoghegans: Mike is heavily involved in the Scottish club rugby scene

Specialisms: Sectors - Charities, Pension Schemes  
Services - Accounting Services, Audit & Assurance

Geoghegans partners also involved in this sector:

David Walker

## thebrickbusiness pension scheme

Having started from a factory in Vienna in 1819, the Weinerberger Group has grown into the world's largest producer of bricks and now operates in 24 countries. The UK based company is Weinerberger Ltd and thebrickbusiness pension scheme provides both final salary and money purchase pension benefits to employees of the company.

Since Geoghegans were appointed auditors to the Scheme, all audits have been completed in a timely and efficient fashion. With their specialist knowledge gained through years of experience and an appreciation of the complexities of the sector, Geoghegans consistently demonstrated their ability to co-ordinate and liaise with all parties. Their approach helped to ensure minimum disruption and inconvenience during the audit process while guaranteeing that all work is completed to the highest standards.

Continuity of service with Mike Crerar and his team has been important as it has avoided being passed from one person to another with little knowledge of the Scheme which has sometimes been the case in the past.

Under the partner guidance of Mike Crerar, the Geoghegans' Pension Unit supplies the Scheme with a professional but user friendly service which currently includes:

- Audit
- Financial reporting assistance
- Other advisory work including trustee training



### Karen Warke, Chairman of Trustees of thebrickbusiness pension scheme

**"Since appointing Geoghegans as the Scheme's auditors the relationship has been extremely good to the point where I now only need to concentrate on any key issues. Geoghegans just get on with it. They are very professional yet approachable and co-ordinate well with our accounts and payroll department in addition to the Scheme's administrators. Questions are few and far between – they do the research so they are not asking unnecessary questions wasting anyone's time. Results are timely and focused".**