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## **Leeds Building Society rated top financial services company to work for**

Leeds Building Society has been named as the best financial services business to work for in the UK.

The Society was in top spot in the latest 'Financial Services Best Companies to work For' league table announced today. It was also ranked in the top 20 of the UK's Best Large Companies to work for category at 17th.

It follows a survey compiled by Best Companies and completed by colleagues at the Society. It has also received the top 3-star accreditation from Best Companies, which demonstrates 'world-class' levels of commitment from colleagues.

Richard Fearon, CEO of Leeds Building Society said: "I'm absolutely thrilled to be leading an organisation that's ranked No 1 in its sector. It really is an honour to be recognised among some of the UK's most respected companies.

"We're always conscious of the important role our people and culture play in making the Society a great place to work. The skill and commitment of our colleagues is very much what drives our business success.

"The pandemic has thrown up many challenges, from working at home to adapting to the pace of digital change, and in the midst of all this we moved to a new, modern head office in the centre of Leeds. The team really has done a phenomenal job through some extremely tricky times.

"As a Society we're determined to do business in the right way and it's wonderful to see colleagues know that we listen and care about them. By being supportive and investing in colleague development we can provide even better service for our members."

Best Companies was founded in 2001 and is a recognised standard for workplace engagement and acknowledges organisations who care about doing things the right way and who are committed to their colleagues.

Jonathan Austin, Best Companies Founder & CEO said: "Congratulations to Leeds Building Society. Earning a place on our league tables as one of the UK's Best Companies to Work For is an accolade like no other.

"It recognises your commitment to your employees and demonstrates that you see workplace engagement as a vital part of your organisation's success - well done indeed."

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## **Notes to Editors**

The Society operates throughout the UK and had assets of £21.1bn at 30 June 2021 (£20.5bn at 30 June 2020). The UK's fifth-largest mutual has its head office in the centre of Leeds, where it was founded in 1875.

The Society won the title of Best Shared Ownership Mortgage Lender in the 2021 What Mortgage Awards, its sixth consecutive year of success in this category. It also received a Gold Ribbon from Fairer Finance for savings accounts for the fourth year running, based on customer happiness and trust, along with the ability to explain things clearly.