

## DPS Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Order Schedules)

### Order Form

ORDER REFERENCE: project\_8664

THE BUYER: The Department for Education

BUYER ADDRESS Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BT

THE SUPPLIER: Ipsos (Market Research) Limited

SUPPLIER ADDRESS: 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW

REGISTRATION NUMBER: 948470

DUNS NUMBER: 227257185

DPS SUPPLIER REGISTRATION SERVICE ID: SQ-ABE7ZEU

#### APPLICABLE DPS CONTRACT

This Order Form is for the provision of the Deliverables and dated 23/05/2024. It's issued under the DPS Contract with the reference number **RM6126 CCS Research & Insights Marketplace DPS** for the provision of Technical Education Learner Survey (2024 – 2027).

#### DPS FILTER CATEGORY(IES):

- Education, Training and Employment: 'Further Education'
- Data collection: 'Quantitative' 'Online' 'Telephone'
- Sample design/source: 'Random/stratified random sample'

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## ORDER INCORPORATED TERMS

The following documents are incorporated into this Order Contract. Where numbers are missing we are not using those schedules. If the documents conflict, the following order of precedence applies:

1. This Order Form including the Order Special Terms and Order Special Schedules.
2. Joint Schedule 1(Definitions and Interpretation) **RM6126 CCS Research & Insights Marketplace DPS**
3. DPS Special Terms
4. The following Schedules in equal order of precedence:

- Joint Schedules for **RM6126 CCS Research & Insights Marketplace DPS**
  - Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions)
  - Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)
  - Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)
  - Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)
  - Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility)
  - Joint Schedule 6 (Key Subcontractors)
  - Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties)
  - Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee)
  - Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)
  - Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data)
  - Joint Schedule 12 (Supply Chain Visibility)
- Order Schedules for **RM6126 CCS Research & Insights Marketplace DPS**
  - Order Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)
  - Order Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer)
  - Order Schedule 3 (Continuous Improvement)
  - Order Schedule 4 (Order Tender)
  - Order Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)
  - Order Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)
  - Order Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)
  - Order Schedule 9 (Security)
  - Order Schedule 10 (Exit Management)
  - Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels)
  - Order Schedule 15 (Order Contract Management)
  - Order Schedule 18 (Background Checks)
  - Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification)

5. CCS Core Terms (DPS version) v1.0.3
6. Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility)

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7. Order Schedule 4 (Order Tender) as long as any parts of the Order Tender that offer a better commercial position for the Buyer (as decided by the Buyer) take precedence over the documents above.

No other Supplier terms are part of the Order Contract. That includes any terms written on the back of, added to this Order Form, or presented at the time of delivery.

### ORDER SPECIAL TERMS

The following Special Terms are incorporated into this Order Contract:

Special Term 1. Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Special Term 2. Project outputs

Special Term 3. Departmental Security Standards for Business Services and ICT Contracts

ORDER START DATE: **23/05/2024**

ORDER EXPIRY DATE: **01/10/2027**

ORDER INITIAL PERIOD: **1 Year, 4 Months**

### DELIVERABLES

See details in Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification)

### MAXIMUM LIABILITY

The limitation of liability for this Order Contract is stated in Clause 11.2 of the Core Terms.

The Estimated Year 1 Charges used to calculate liability in the first Contract Year is

**[REDACTED]**

### ORDER CHARGES

**Total contract expenditure shall not exceed £1,091,485.00 exclusive of VAT.**

See details in Order Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)

All changes to the Charges must use procedures that are equivalent to those in Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 (if used) in DPS Schedule 3 (DPS Pricing)

The Charges will not be impacted by any change to the DPS Pricing. The Charges can only be changed by agreement in writing between the Buyer and the Supplier because of:

- Indexation
- Specific Change in Law

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**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES**

None

**PAYMENT METHOD**

Via Purchase Order, which is to be set up once Order Form is signed

**BUYER'S INVOICE ADDRESS:**Department for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street,  
London SW1P 3BTInvoices must be submitted in pdf format, state the Purchase Order number  
(provided separately to this form), and sent via email to [REDACTED]**BUYER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE**

[REDACTED] Principle Research Officer

[REDACTED] 3 Glass Wharf

Avon Street

Bristol

BS2 0EL

**BUYER'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**Department for Education Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, updated 20  
December 2023, available online at:<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainability-and-climate-change-strategy>**BUYER'S SECURITY POLICY**

Department for Education Personal Information Charter, available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter#contents>**SUPPLIER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE**

[REDACTED] Research Director

[REDACTED] 3 Thomas More Square

London

E1W 1YW

**SUPPLIER'S CONTRACT MANAGER**

[REDACTED] Senior Research Executive

[REDACTED] 3 Thomas More Square

London

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**PROGRESS REPORT FREQUENCY**

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The supplier must provide written updates on a weekly basis during fieldwork.  
Frequency of other written updated will be agreed by the parties where necessary.

**PROGRESS MEETING FREQUENCY**

Weekly, dates to be agreed by the parties. Frequency may reduce during less work intensive periods. Written minutes to be provided by the supplier.

**KEY STAFF**

██████████ Senior Research Executive

██████████ 3 Thomas More Square

London

E1W 1YW

**KEY SUBCONTRACTOR(S)**

Park Retail Limited Ltd (Love2shop)

Cisco Systems Limited UK (Textlocal)

**E-AUCTIONS**

Not applicable

**COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

See Joint Schedule 4

**SERVICE CREDITS**

Service Credits will accrue in accordance with Order Schedule 14 (Service Levels).

**ADDITIONAL INSURANCES**

Not applicable

**GUARANTEE**

The Supplier must have a Guarantor to guarantee their performance using the form in Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee)









**SOCIAL VALUE COMMITMENT**

The Supplier agrees, in providing the Deliverables and performing its obligations under the Order Contract, that it will comply with the social value commitments in Order Schedule 4 (Order Tender)

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For and on behalf of the Supplier:		For and on behalf of the Buyer:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Name:		Name:	
Role:		Role:	
Date:		Date:	

## Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions)

- 1.1 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions shall have the meanings set out in this Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions) or the relevant Schedule in which that capitalised expression appears.
- 1.2 If a capitalised expression does not have an interpretation in this Schedule or any other Schedule, it shall, in the first instance, be interpreted in accordance with the common interpretation within the relevant market sector/industry where appropriate. Otherwise, it shall be interpreted in accordance with the dictionary meaning.
- 1.3 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1.3.1 the singular includes the plural and vice versa; 1.3.2 reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter; 1.3.3 references to a person include an individual, company, body corporate, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, partnership or other legal entity or Crown Body;
  - 1.3.4 a reference to any Law includes a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time;
  - 1.3.5 the words "**including**", "**other**", "**in particular**", "**for example**" and similar words shall not limit the generality of the preceding words and shall be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words "**without limitation**";
  - 1.3.6 references to "**writing**" include typing, printing, lithography, photography, display on a screen, electronic and facsimile transmission and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, and expressions referring to writing shall be construed accordingly;
  - 1.3.7 references to "**representations**" shall be construed as references to present facts, to "**warranties**" as references to present and future facts and to "**undertakings**" as references to obligations under the Contract;
  - 1.3.8 references to "**Clauses**" and "**Schedules**" are, unless otherwise provided, references to the clauses and schedules of the Core Terms and references in any Schedule to parts, paragraphs, annexes and tables are, unless otherwise provided, references to the parts, paragraphs, annexes and tables of the Schedule in which these references appear;

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1.3.9 references to **"Paragraphs"** are, unless otherwise provided, references to the paragraph of the appropriate Schedules unless otherwise provided;

1.3.10 references to a series of Clauses or Paragraphs shall be inclusive of the clause numbers specified;

1.3.11 the headings in each Contract are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of a Contract; and 1.3.12 where the Buyer is a Crown Body the Supplier shall be treated as contracting with the Crown as a whole.

1.4 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings:

<b>"Achieve"</b>	in respect of a Test, to successfully pass such Test without any Test Issues and in respect of a Milestone, the issue of a Satisfaction Certificate in respect of that Milestone and <b>"Achieved"</b> , <b>"Achieving"</b> and <b>"Achievement"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Additional Insurances"</b>	insurance requirements relating to an Order Contract specified in the Order Form additional to those outlined in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements);
<b>"Admin Fee"</b>	means the costs incurred by CCS in dealing with MI Failures calculated in accordance with the tariff of administration charges published by the CCS on: <a href="http://CCS.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-amsupplier/management-information/admin-fees">http://CCS.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-amsupplier/management-information/admin-fees</a> ;
<b>"Affected Party"</b>	the party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event;
<b>"Affiliates"</b>	in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control of that body corporate from time to time;
<b>"Annex"</b>	extra information which supports a Schedule;
<b>"Approval"</b>	the prior written consent of the Buyer and <b>"Approve"</b> and <b>"Approved"</b> shall be construed accordingly;



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<b>"Audit"</b>	<p>the Relevant Authority's right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) verify the accuracy of the Charges and any other amounts payable by a Buyer under an Order Contract (including proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with the Contract);</li><li>b) verify the costs of the Supplier (including the costs of all Subcontractors and any third party suppliers) in connection with the provision of the Services;</li><li>c) verify the Open Book Data;</li><li>d) verify the Supplier's and each Subcontractor's compliance with the applicable Law;</li><li>e) identify or investigate actual or suspected breach of Clauses 27 to 33 and/or Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility), impropriety or accounting mistakes or any breach or threatened breach of security and in these circumstances the Relevant Authority shall have no obligation to inform the Supplier of the purpose or objective of its investigations;</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>f) identify or investigate any circumstances which may impact upon the financial stability of the Supplier, any Guarantor, and/or any Subcontractors or their ability to provide the Deliverables;</li><li>g) obtain such information as is necessary to fulfil the Relevant Authority's obligations to supply information for parliamentary, ministerial, judicial or administrative purposes including the supply of information to the Comptroller and Auditor General;</li><li>h) review any books of account and the internal contract management accounts kept by the Supplier in connection with each Contract;</li><li>i) carry out the Relevant Authority's internal and statutory audits and to prepare, examine and/or certify the Relevant Authority's annual and interim reports and accounts;</li><li>j) enable the National Audit Office to carry out an examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Relevant Authority has used its resources;</li><li>k) verify the accuracy and completeness of any Management Information delivered or required by the DPS Contract;</li></ul>

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<b>"Auditor"</b>	a) the Buyer's internal and external auditors; b) the Buyer's statutory or regulatory auditors; c) the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and/or any appointed representatives of the National Audit Office; d) HM Treasury or the Cabinet Office; e) any party formally appointed by the Buyer to carry out audit or similar review functions; and f) successors or assigns of any of the above;
<b>"Authority"</b>	CCS and each Buyer;
<b>"Authority Cause"</b>	any breach of the obligations of the Relevant Authority or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement of the Relevant Authority, of its employees, servants, agents in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which the Relevant Authority is liable to the Supplier;
<b>"BACS"</b>	the Bankers' Automated Clearing Services, which is a scheme for the electronic processing of financial transactions within the United Kingdom;
<b>"Beneficiary"</b>	a Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of an indemnity under this Contract;
<b>"Buyer"</b>	the relevant public sector purchaser identified as such in the Order Form;

<b>"Buyer Assets"</b>	the Buyer's infrastructure, data, software, materials, assets, equipment or other property owned by and/or licensed or leased to the Buyer and which is or may be used in connection with the provision of the Deliverables which remain the property of the Buyer throughout the term of the Contract;
<b>"Buyer Authorised Representative"</b>	the representative appointed by the Buyer from time to time in relation to the Order Contract initially identified in the Order Form;
<b>"Buyer Premises"</b>	premises owned, controlled or occupied by the Buyer which are made available for use by the Supplier or its Subcontractors for the provision of the Deliverables (or any of them);
<b>"CCS"</b>	the Minister for the Cabinet Office as represented by Crown Commercial Service, which is an executive agency and operates as a trading fund of the Cabinet Office, whose offices are located at 9th Floor, The Capital, Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9PP;

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<b>"CCS Authorised Representative"</b>	the representative appointed by CCS from time to time in relation to the DPS Contract initially identified in the DPS Appointment Form and subsequently on the Platform;
<b>"Central Government Body"</b>	a body listed in one of the following sub-categories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics:  a) Government Department;  b) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal);  c) Non-Ministerial Department; or  d) Executive Agency;
<b>"Change in Law"</b>	any change in Law which impacts on the supply of the Deliverables and performance of the Contract which comes into force after the Start Date;
<b>"Change of Control"</b>	a change of control within the meaning of Section 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;
<b>"Charges"</b>	the prices (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Supplier by the Buyer under the Order Contract, as set out in the Order Form, for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Order Contract less any Deductions;
<b>"Claim"</b>	any claim which it appears that a Beneficiary is, or may become, entitled to indemnification under this Contract;
<b>"Commercially Sensitive Information"</b>	the Confidential Information listed in the DPS Appointment Form or Order Form (if any) comprising of commercially sensitive information relating to the Supplier, its IPR or its business or which the Supplier has indicated to the Authority that, if disclosed by the Authority,  would cause the Supplier significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss;
<b>"Comparable Supply"</b>	the supply of Deliverables to another Buyer of the Supplier that are the same or similar to the Deliverables;
<b>"Compliance Officer"</b>	the person(s) appointed by the Supplier who is responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with its legal obligations;

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<b>"Confidential Information"</b>	means any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, Know-How, personnel and suppliers of CCS, the Buyer or the Supplier, including IPRs, together with information derived from the above, and any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as <b>"confidential"</b> ) or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential;
<b>"Conflict of Interest"</b>	a conflict between the financial or personal duties of the Supplier or the Supplier Staff and the duties owed to CCS or any Buyer under a Contract, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer or CCS;
<b>"Contract"</b>	either the DPS Contract or the Order Contract, as the context requires;
<b>"Contracts Finder"</b>	the Government's publishing portal for public sector procurement opportunities;
<b>"Contract Period"</b>	the term of either a DPS Contract or Order Contract from the earlier of the: a) applicable Start Date; or b) the Effective Date until the applicable End Date;
<b>"Contract Value"</b>	the higher of the actual or expected total Charges paid or payable under a Contract where all obligations are met by the Supplier;
<b>"Contract Year"</b>	a consecutive period of twelve (12) Months commencing on the Start Date or each anniversary thereof;
<b>"Control"</b>	control in either of the senses defined in sections 450 and 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and <b>"Controlled"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Controller"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
<b>"Core Terms"</b>	CCS' standard terms and conditions for common goods and services which govern how Supplier must interact with CCS and Buyers under DPS Contracts and Order Contracts;
<b>"Costs"</b>	the following costs (without double recovery) to the extent that they are reasonably and properly incurred by the Supplier in providing the Deliverables:  a) the cost to the Supplier or the Key Subcontractor (as the context requires), calculated per Man Day, of engaging the Supplier Staff, including:

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	<p>i) base salary paid to the Supplier Staff; ii) employer's National Insurance contributions; iii) pension contributions; iv) car allowances;</p> <p>v) any other contractual employment benefits;</p> <p>vi) staff training; vii) work place accommodation; viii) work place IT equipment and tools reasonably necessary to provide the Deliverables (but not including items included within limb (b) below); and</p> <p>ix) reasonable recruitment costs, as agreed with the Buyer;</p> <p>b) costs incurred in respect of Supplier Assets which would be treated as capital costs according to generally accepted accounting principles within the UK, which shall include the cost to be charged in respect of Supplier Assets by the Supplier to the Buyer or (to the extent that risk and title in any Supplier Asset is not held by the Supplier) any cost actually incurred by the Supplier in respect of those Supplier Assets;</p> <p>c) operational costs which are not included within (a) or (b) above, to the extent that such costs are necessary and properly incurred by the Supplier in the provision of the Deliverables;</p> <p>d) Reimbursable Expenses to the extent these have been specified as allowable in the Order Form and are incurred in delivering any Deliverables; but</p> <p>excluding:</p> <p>a) Overhead;</p> <p>b) financing or similar costs;</p> <p>c) maintenance and support costs to the extent that these relate to maintenance and/or support Deliverables provided beyond the Order Contract Period whether in relation to Supplier Assets or otherwise;</p> <p>d) taxation;</p> <p>e) fines and penalties;</p> <p>f) amounts payable under Order Schedule 16 (Benchmarking) where such Schedule is used; and</p> <p>g) non-cash items (including depreciation, amortisation, impairments and movements in provisions);</p>
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<b>"Crown Body"</b>	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers and government departments
	and particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
<b>"CRTPA"</b>	the Contract Rights of Third Parties Act 1999;
<b>"Data Protection Impact Assessment"</b>	an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged Processing on the protection of Personal Data;
<b>"Data Protection Legislation"</b>	(i) the GDPR, the LED and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time (ii) the DPA 2018 to the extent that it relates to Processing of personal data and privacy; (iii) all applicable Law about the Processing of personal data and privacy;
<b>"Data Protection Officer"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
<b>"Data Subject"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
<b>"Data Subject Access Request"</b>	a request made by, or on behalf of, a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation to access their Personal Data;
<b>"Deductions"</b>	all Service Credits, Delay Payments (if applicable), or any other deduction which the Buyer is paid or is payable to the Buyer under an Order Contract;
<b>"Default"</b>	any breach of the obligations of the Supplier (including abandonment of a Contract in breach of its terms) or any other default (including material default), act, omission, negligence or statement of the Supplier, of its Subcontractors or any Supplier Staff howsoever arising in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of a Contract and in respect of which the Supplier is liable to the Relevant Authority;
<b>"Default Management Levy"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.1.1 of DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information);
<b>"Delay Payments"</b>	the amounts (if any) payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of a delay in respect of a Milestone as specified in the Mobilisation Plan;
<b>"Deliverables"</b>	Goods and/or Services that may be ordered under the Contract including the Documentation;

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<b>"Delivery"</b>	delivery of the relevant Deliverable or Milestone in accordance with the terms of an Order Contract as confirmed and accepted by the Buyer by either (a) confirmation in writing to the Supplier; or (b) where Order Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) is used, issue by the Buyer of a Satisfaction Certificate. <b>"Deliver"</b> and <b>"Delivered"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Disaster"</b>	the occurrence of one or more events which, either separately or cumulatively, mean that the Deliverables, or a material part thereof

	will be unavailable (or could reasonably be anticipated to be unavailable) for the period specified in the Order Form (for the purposes of this definition the <b>"Disaster Period"</b> );
<b>"Disclosing Party"</b>	the Party directly or indirectly providing Confidential Information to the other Party in accordance with Clause 15 (What you must keep confidential);
<b>"Dispute"</b>	any claim, dispute or difference arises out of or in connection with the Contract or in connection with the negotiation, existence, legal validity, enforceability or termination of the Contract, whether the alleged liability shall arise under English law or under the law of some other country and regardless of whether a particular cause of action may successfully be brought in the English courts;
<b>"Dispute Resolution Procedure"</b>	the dispute resolution procedure set out in Clause 34 (Resolving disputes);
<b>"Documentation"</b>	<p>descriptions of the Services and Service Levels, technical specifications, user manuals, training manuals, operating manuals, process definitions and procedures, system environment descriptions and all such other documentation (whether in hardcopy or electronic form) is required to be supplied by the Supplier to the Buyer under a Contract as:</p> <p>a) would reasonably be required by a competent third party capable of Good Industry Practice contracted by the Buyer to develop, configure, build, deploy, run, maintain, upgrade and test the individual systems that provide the Deliverables;</p> <p>b) is required by the Supplier in order to provide the Deliverables; and/or</p> <p>has been or shall be generated for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;</p>

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<b>"DOTAS"</b>	the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HMRC of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and as extended to National Insurance Contributions;
<b>"DPA 2018"</b>	a) the Data Protection Act 2018;
<b>"DPS"</b>	the dynamic purchasing system operated by CCS in accordance with Regulation 34 that this DPS Contract governs access to;
<b>"DPS Application"</b>	the application submitted by the Supplier to CCS and annexed to or referred to in DPS Schedule 2 (DPS Application);
<b>"DPS Appointment Form"</b>	the document outlining the DPS Incorporated Terms and crucial information required for the DPS Contract, to be executed by the Supplier and CCS and subsequently held on the Platform;
<b>"DPS Contract"</b>	the dynamic purchasing system access agreement established between CCS and the Supplier in accordance with Regulation 34 by the DPS Appointment Form for the provision of the Deliverables to Buyers by the Supplier pursuant to the OJEU Notice;
<b>"DPS Contract Period"</b>	the period from the DPS Start Date until the End Date or earlier termination of the DPS Contract;
<b>"DPS Expiry Date"</b>	the date of the end of the DPS Contract as stated in the DPS Appointment Form;
<b>"DPS Incorporated Terms"</b>	the contractual terms applicable to the DPS Contract specified in the DPS Appointment Form;
<b>"DPS Initial Period"</b>	the initial term of the DPS Contract as specified in the DPS Appointment Form;
<b>"DPS Optional Extension Period"</b>	such period or periods beyond which the DPS Initial Period may be extended up to a maximum of the number of years in total specified in the DPS Appointment Form;
<b>"DPS Pricing"</b>	the maximum price(s) applicable to the provision of the Deliverables set out in DPS Schedule 3 (DPS Pricing);
<b>"DPS Registration"</b>	the registration process a Supplier undertakes when submitting its details onto the Platform;
<b>"DPS SQ Submission"</b>	the Supplier's selection questionnaire response;



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<b>"DPS Special Terms"</b>	any additional terms and conditions specified in the DPS Appointment Form incorporated into the DPS Contract;
<b>"DPS Start Date"</b>	the date of start of the DPS Contract as stated in the DPS Appointment Form;
<b>"Due Diligence Information"</b>	any information supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority prior to the Start Date;
<b>"Effective Date"</b>	the date on which the final Party has signed the Contract;
<b>"EIR"</b>	the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
<b>"Employment Regulations"</b>	the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/246) as amended or replaced or any other Regulations implementing the European Council Directive 77/187/EEC;
<b>"End Date"</b>	the earlier of:  a) the Expiry Date (as extended by any Extension Period exercised by the Authority under Clause 10.2); or  if a Contract is terminated before the date specified in (a) above, the date of termination of the Contract;
<b>"Environmental Policy"</b>	to conserve energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, reduce waste and phase out the use of ozone depleting substances and

	minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the environment, including any written environmental policy of the Buyer;
<b>"Estimated Year 1 Contract Charges"</b>	the anticipated total charges payable by the Supplier in the first Contract Year specified in the Order Form; a)
<b>"Estimated Yearly Charges"</b>	means for the purposes of calculating each Party's annual liability under clause 11.2 :  i) in the first Contract Year, the Estimated Year 1 Contract Charges; or  ii) in any subsequent Contract Years, the Charges paid or payable in the previous Contract Year; or  iii) after the end of the Contract, the Charges paid or payable in the last Contract Year during the Contract Period;

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<b>"Equality and Human Rights Commission"</b>	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
<b>"Existing IPR"</b>	any and all IPR that are owned by or licensed to either Party and which are or have been developed independently of the Contract (whether prior to the Start Date or otherwise);
<b>"Expiry Date"</b>	the DPS Expiry Date or the Order Expiry Date (as the context dictates);
<b>"Extension Period"</b>	the DPS Optional Extension Period or the Order Optional Extension Period as the context dictates;
<b>"Filter Categories"</b>	the number of categories specified in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification), if applicable;
<b>"FOIA"</b>	the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant Government department in relation to such legislation;
<b>"Force Majeure Event"</b>	<p>any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause affecting the performance by either the Relevant Authority or the Supplier of its obligations arising from:</p> <p>a) acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party which prevent or materially delay the Affected Party from performing its obligations under a Contract;</p> <p>b) riots, civil commotion, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, nuclear, biological or chemical warfare;</p>
	<p>c) acts of a Crown Body, local government or regulatory bodies;</p> <p>d) fire, flood or any disaster; or</p> <p>e) an industrial dispute affecting a third party for which a substitute third party is not reasonably available but excluding:</p> <p>i) any industrial dispute relating to the Supplier, the Supplier Staff (including any subsets of them) or any other failure in the Supplier or the Subcontractor's supply chain; ii) any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause which is attributable to the wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions against it by the Party concerned; and</p> <p>any failure of delay caused by a lack of funds;</p>

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<b>"Force Majeure Notice"</b>	a written notice served by the Affected Party on the other Party stating that the Affected Party believes that there is a Force Majeure Event;
<b>"GDPR"</b>	i) the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679);
<b>"General Anti-Abuse Rule"</b>	b) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid National Insurance contributions;
<b>"General Change in Law"</b>	a Change in Law where the change is of a general legislative nature (including taxation or duties of any sort affecting the Supplier) or which affects or relates to a Comparable Supply;
<b>"Goods"</b>	a) goods made available by the Supplier as specified in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to an Order Contract as specified in the Order Form;
<b>"Good Industry Practice"</b>	standards, practices, methods and procedures conforming to the Law and the exercise of the degree of skill and care, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person or body engaged within the relevant industry or business sector;
<b>"Government"</b>	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the National Assembly for Wales), including government ministers and government departments and other bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
<b>"Government Data"</b>	the data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any database made up of any of these) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, including any of the Authority's Confidential Information, and which:  i) are supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority; or
	the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to a Contract;
<b>"Government Procurement Card"</b>	the Government's preferred method of purchasing and payment for low value goods or services <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governmentprocurement-card--2">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governmentprocurement-card--2</a> ;
<b>"Guarantor"</b>	i) the person (if any) who has entered into a guarantee in the form set out in Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee) in relation to this Contract;

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<b>"Halifax Abuse Principle"</b>	the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;
<b>"HMRC"</b>	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;
<b>"ICT Policy"</b>	the Buyer's policy in respect of information and communications technology, referred to in the Order Form, which is in force as at the Order Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time in accordance with the Variation Procedure;
<b>"Impact Assessment"</b>	<p>an assessment of the impact of a Variation request by the Relevant Authority completed in good faith, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) details of the impact of the proposed Variation on the Deliverables and the Supplier's ability to meet its other obligations under the Contract;</li><li>b) details of the cost of implementing the proposed Variation;</li><li>c) details of the ongoing costs required by the proposed Variation when implemented, including any increase or decrease in the DPS Pricing/Charges (as applicable), any alteration in the resources and/or expenditure required by either Party and any alteration to the working practices of either Party;</li><li>d) a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the Variation; and</li></ul> <p>such other information as the Relevant Authority may reasonably request in (or in response to) the Variation request;</p>
<b>"Implementation Plan"</b>	the plan for provision of the Deliverables set out in Order Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) where that Schedule is used or otherwise as agreed between the Supplier and the Buyer;
<b>"Indemnifier"</b>	a) a Party from whom an indemnity is sought under this Contract;
<b>"Independent Control"</b>	where a Controller has provided Personal Data to another Party which is not a Processor or a Joint Controller because the recipient itself determines the purposes and means of Processing but does so separately from the Controller providing it with Personal Data and <b>"Independent Controller"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Indexation"</b>	the adjustment of an amount or sum in accordance with DPS Schedule 3 (DPS Pricing) and the relevant Order Form;

<b>"Information"</b>	has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
<b>"Information Commissioner"</b>	the UK's independent authority which deals with ensuring information relating to rights in the public interest and data privacy for individuals is met, whilst promoting openness by public bodies;

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<b>"Initial Period"</b>	the initial term of a Contract specified on the Platform or the Order Form, as the context requires;
<b>"Insolvency Event"</b>	<p>a) in respect of a person:</p> <p>b) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or of any other composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors; or c) a shareholders' meeting is convened for the purpose of considering a resolution that it be wound up or a resolution for its winding-up is passed (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation); or</p> <p>d) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within fourteen (14) Working Days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator or a creditors' meeting is convened pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or</p> <p>e) a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets; or</p> <p>f) an application is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given; or</p> <p>g) it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or</p> <p>h) being a "small company" within the meaning of section 382(3) of the Companies Act 2006, a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or</p> <p>i) where the person is an individual or partnership, any event analogous to those listed in limbs (a) to (g) (inclusive) occurs in relation to that individual or partnership; or</p> <p>any event analogous to those listed in limbs (a) to (h) (inclusive) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction;</p>
<b>"Installation Works"</b>	all works which the Supplier is to carry out at the beginning of the Order Contract Period to install the Goods in accordance with the Order Contract;
<b>"Intellectual Property Rights" or "IPR"</b>	a) copyright, rights related to or affording protection similar to copyright, rights in databases, patents and rights in inventions, semi-conductor topography rights, trade marks, rights in internet domain names and website addresses and other rights in trade or

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	<p>business names, goodwill, designs, Know-How, trade secrets and other rights in Confidential Information;</p> <p>b) applications for registration, and the right to apply for registration, for any of the rights listed at (a) that are capable of being registered in any country or jurisdiction; and</p> <p>c) all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction;</p>
<b>"Invoicing Address"</b>	the address to which the Supplier shall Invoice the Buyer as specified in the Order Form;
<b>"IPR Claim"</b>	a) any claim of infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such infringement or alleged infringement) of any IPR, used to provide the Deliverables or otherwise provided and/or licensed by the Supplier (or to which the Supplier has provided access) to the Relevant Authority in the fulfilment of its obligations under a Contract;
<b>"IR35"</b>	the off-payroll rules requiring individuals who work through their company pay the same tax and National Insurance contributions as an employee which can be found online at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ir35-find-out-if-it-applies">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ir35-find-out-if-it-applies</a> ;
<b>"Joint Controller Agreement"</b>	the agreement (if any) entered into between the Relevant Authority and the Supplier substantially in the form set out in Annex 2 of Joint Schedule 11 ( <i>Processing Data</i> );
<b>"Joint Controllers"</b>	where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of Processing;
<b>"Key Personnel"</b>	the individuals (if any) identified as such in the Order Form;
<b>"Key Sub-Contract"</b>	each Sub-Contract with a Key Subcontractor;
<b>"Key Subcontractor"</b>	<p>any Subcontractor:</p> <p>a) which is relied upon to deliver any work package within the Deliverables in their entirety; and/or</p> <p>b) which, in the opinion of CCS or the Buyer performs (or would perform if appointed) a critical role in the provision of all or any part of the Deliverables; and/or</p> <p>c) with a Sub-Contract with a contract value which at the time of appointment exceeds (or would exceed if appointed) 10% of the aggregate Charges forecast to be payable under the Order Contract, and the Supplier shall list all such Key Subcontractors on the Platform and in the Key Subcontractor Section in the Order Form;</p>

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<b>"Know-How"</b>	all ideas, concepts, schemes, information, knowledge, techniques, methodology, and anything else in the nature of know-how relating to the Deliverables but excluding know-how already in the other Party's possession before the applicable Start Date;
<b>"Law"</b>	any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, enforceable right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements with which the relevant Party is bound to comply;
<b>"LED"</b>	Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680);
<b>"Losses"</b>	all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), disbursements, costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgment, interest and penalties whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or otherwise and <b>"Loss"</b> shall be interpreted accordingly;
<b>"Man Day"</b>	7.5 Man Hours, whether or not such hours are worked consecutively and whether or not they are worked on the same day;
<b>"Man Hours"</b>	the hours spent by the Supplier Staff properly working on the provision of the Deliverables including time spent travelling (other than to and from the Supplier's offices, or to and from the Sites) but excluding lunch breaks;
<b>"Management Information"</b>	the management information specified in DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information);
<b>"Management Levy"</b>	the sum specified on the Platform payable by the Supplier to CCS in accordance with DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information);
<b>"Marketing Contact"</b>	shall be the person identified in the DPS Appointment Form;
<b>"MI Default"</b>	means when two (2) MI Reports are not provided in any rolling six (6) month period;
<b>"MI Failure"</b>	means when an MI report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) contains any material errors or material omissions or a missing mandatory field; or</li><li>b) is submitted using an incorrect MI reporting Template; or</li></ul> is not submitted by the reporting date (including where a declaration of no business should have been filed);

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<b>"MI Report"</b>	means a report containing Management Information submitted to the Authority in accordance with DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information);
<b>"MI Reporting Template"</b>	a) means the form of report set out in the Annex to DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information) setting out the information the Supplier is required to supply to the Authority;
<b>"Milestone"</b>	an event or task described in the Mobilisation Plan;
<b>"Milestone Date"</b>	the target date set out against the relevant Milestone in the Mobilisation Plan by which the Milestone must be Achieved;

<b>"Month"</b>	a calendar month and <b>"Monthly"</b> shall be interpreted accordingly;
<b>"National Insurance"</b>	contributions required by the National Insurance Contributions Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1868) made under section 132A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992;
<b>"New IPR"</b>	<p>a) IPR in items created by the Supplier (or by a third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of a Contract and updates and amendments of these items including (but not limited to) database schema; and/or</p> <p>b) IPR in or arising as a result of the performance of the Supplier's obligations under a Contract and all updates and amendments to the same; but shall not include the Supplier's Existing IPR;</p>
<b>"Occasion of Tax Non – Compliance"</b>	<p>where:</p> <p>a) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of:</p> <p>i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Supplier under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation in any jurisdiction that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle; ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Supplier was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to a Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime in any jurisdiction; and/or</p> <p>any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which gives rise, on or after 1 April 2013, to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Start Date or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion;</p>



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<b>"Open Book Data"</b>	<p>complete and accurate financial and non-financial information which is sufficient to enable the Buyer to verify the Charges already paid or payable and Charges forecast to be paid during the remainder of the Order Contract, including details and all assumptions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the Supplier's Costs broken down against each Good and/or Service and/or Deliverable, including actual capital expenditure (including capital replacement costs) and the unit cost and total actual costs of all Deliverables;</li><li>b) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Deliverables including an analysis showing:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) the unit costs and quantity of Goods and any other consumables and bought-in Deliverables;</li><li>ii) manpower resources broken down into the number and grade/role of all Supplier Staff (free of any contingency)</li></ul></li></ul>
	<p>together with a list of agreed rates against each manpower grade;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>iii) a list of Costs underpinning those rates for each manpower grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier Profit Margin; and</li><li>iv) Reimbursable Expenses, if allowed under the Order Form; c) Overheads;</li><li>d) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Deliverables;</li><li>e) the Supplier Profit achieved over the DPS Contract Period and on an annual basis;</li><li>f) confirmation that all methods of Cost apportionment and Overhead allocation are consistent with and not more onerous than such methods applied generally by the Supplier;</li><li>g) an explanation of the type and value of risk and contingencies associated with the provision of the Deliverables, including the amount of money attributed to each risk and/or contingency; and</li></ul> <p>the actual Costs profile for each Service Period;</p>
<b>"Order"</b>	<p>a) means an order for the provision of the Deliverables placed by a Buyer with the Supplier under a Contract;</p>
<b>"Order Contract"</b>	<p>b) the contract between the Buyer and the Supplier (entered into pursuant to the provisions of the DPS Contract), which consists of the terms set out and referred to in the Order Form;</p>

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<b>"Order Contract Period"</b>	the Contract Period in respect of the Order Contract;
<b>"Order Expiry Date"</b>	the date of the end of an Order Contract as stated in the Order Form;
<b>"Order Form"</b>	a completed Order Form Template (or equivalent information issued by the Buyer) used to create an Order Contract;
<b>"Order Form Template"</b>	the template in DPS Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Order Schedules);
<b>"Order Incorporated Terms"</b>	the contractual terms applicable to the Order Contract specified under the relevant heading in the Order Form;
<b>"Order Initial Period"</b>	the Initial Period of an Order Contract specified in the Order Form;
<b>"Order Optional Extension Period"</b>	such period or periods beyond which the Order Initial Period may be extended up to a maximum of the number of years in total specified in the Order Form;
<b>"Order Procedure"</b>	the process for awarding an Order Contract pursuant to Clause 2 (How the contract works) and DPS Schedule 7 (Order Procedure);

<b>"Order Special Terms"</b>	any additional terms and conditions specified in the Order Form incorporated into the applicable Order Contract;
<b>"Order Start Date"</b>	the date of start of an Order Contract as stated in the Order Form;
<b>"Order Tender"</b>	the tender submitted by the Supplier in response to the Buyer's Statement of Requirements following an Order Procedure and set out at Order Schedule 4 (Order Tender);
<b>"Other Contracting Authority"</b>	any actual or potential Buyer under the DPS Contract;
<b>"Overhead"</b>	those amounts which are intended to recover a proportion of the Supplier's or the Key Subcontractor's (as the context requires) indirect corporate costs (including financing, marketing, advertising, research and development and insurance costs and any fines or penalties) but excluding allowable indirect costs apportioned to facilities and administration in the provision of Supplier Staff and accordingly included within limb (a) of the definition of "Costs";
<b>"Parliament"</b>	takes its natural meaning as interpreted by Law;

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<b>"Party"</b>	in the context of the DPS Contract, CCS or the Supplier, and in the in the context of an Order Contract the Buyer or the Supplier. <b>"Parties"</b> shall mean both of them where the context permits;
<b>"Performance Indicators" or "PIs"</b>	the performance measurements and targets in respect of the Supplier's performance of the DPS Contract set out in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management);
<b>"Personal Data"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
<b>"Personal Data Breach"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
<b>"Personnel"</b>	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of a Party and/or of any Subcontractor and/or Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under a Contract;
<b>"Platform"</b>	the online application operated on behalf of CCS to facilitate the technical operation of the DPS;
<b>"Prescribed Person"</b>	a legal adviser, an MP or an appropriate body which a whistle-blower may make a disclosure to as detailed in 'Whistleblowing: list of prescribed people and bodies', 24 November 2016, available online at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies--2/whistleblowing-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies--2/whistleblowing-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies</a> ;
<b>"Processing"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
<b>"Processor"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;

<b>"Processor Personnel"</b>	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of the Processor and/or of any Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under a Contract;
<b>"Progress Meeting"</b>	a meeting between the Buyer Authorised Representative and the Supplier Authorised Representative;
<b>"Progress Meeting Frequency"</b>	the frequency at which the Supplier shall conduct a Progress Meeting in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;
<b>"Progress Report"</b>	a report provided by the Supplier indicating the steps taken to achieve Milestones or delivery dates;
<b>"Progress Report Frequency"</b>	the frequency at which the Supplier shall deliver Progress Reports in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;

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<b>"Prohibited Acts"</b>	<p>a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by a Buyer or any other public body a financial or other advantage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or</li><li>ii) reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity;</li></ul> <p>b) to directly or indirectly request, agree to receive or accept any financial or other advantage as an inducement or a reward for improper performance of a relevant function or activity in connection with each Contract; or</p> <p>c) committing any offence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act); or</li><li>ii) under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts; or</li><li>iii) defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud a Buyer or other public body; or any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute one of the offences listed under (c) above if such activity, practice or conduct had been carried out in the UK;</li></ul>
<b>"Protective Measures"</b>	<p>appropriate technical and organisational measures which may include pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the such measures adopted by it including those outlined in DPS Schedule 9 (Cyber Essentials), if applicable, in the case of the DPS Contract or Order</p> <p>Schedule 9 (Security), if applicable, in the case of an Order Contract;</p>
<b>"Recall"</b>	<p>a) a request by the Supplier to return Goods to the Supplier or the manufacturer after the discovery of safety issues or defects (including defects in the right IPR rights) that might endanger health or hinder performance;</p>
<b>"Recipient Party"</b>	<p>the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information;</p>

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<b>"Rectification Plan"</b>	the Supplier's plan (or revised plan) to rectify its breach using the template in Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan Template) which shall include:  a) full details of the Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis;  b) the actual or anticipated effect of the Default; and  the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify the Default (if applicable) and to prevent such Default from recurring, including timescales for such steps and for the rectification of the Default (where applicable);
<b>"Rectification Plan Process"</b>	the process set out in Clause 10.4.3 to 10.4.5 (Rectification Plan Process);
<b>"Regulations"</b>	a) the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and/or the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (as the context requires);
<b>"Reimbursable Expenses"</b>	the reasonable out of pocket travel and subsistence (for example, hotel and food) expenses, properly and necessarily incurred in the performance of the Services, calculated at the rates and in accordance with the Buyer's expenses policy current from time to time, but not including:  a) travel expenses incurred as a result of Supplier Staff travelling to and from their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed, unless the Buyer otherwise agrees in advance in writing; and subsistence expenses incurred by Supplier Staff whilst performing  the Services at their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed;
<b>"Relevant Authority"</b>	the Authority which is party to the Contract to which a right or obligation is owed, as the context requires;
<b>"Relevant Authority's Confidential Information"</b>	a) all Personal Data and any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, property rights, trade secrets, Know-How and IPR of the Relevant Authority (including all Relevant Authority Existing IPR and New IPR);  b) any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked "confidential") or which ought reasonably be considered confidential which comes (or has come) to the Relevant Authority's attention or into the Relevant Authority's possession in connection with a Contract; and
	c) information derived from any of the above;

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<b>"Relevant Requirements"</b>	all applicable Law relating to bribery, corruption and fraud, including the Bribery Act 2010 and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 9 of the Bribery Act 2010;
<b>"Relevant Tax Authority"</b>	HMRC, or, if applicable, the tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established;
<b>"Reminder Notice"</b>	a notice sent in accordance with Clause 10.6 given by the Supplier to the Buyer providing notification that payment has not been received on time;
<b>"Replacement Deliverables"</b>	any deliverables which are substantially similar to any of the Deliverables and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Deliverables following the Order Expiry Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
<b>"Replacement Subcontractor"</b>	a Subcontractor of the Replacement Supplier to whom Transferring Supplier Employees will transfer on a Service Transfer Date (or any Subcontractor of any such Subcontractor);
<b>"Replacement Supplier"</b>	any third party provider of Replacement Deliverables appointed by or at the direction of the Buyer from time to time or where the Buyer is providing Replacement Deliverables for its own account, shall also include the Buyer;
<b>"Request For Information"</b>	a request for information or an apparent request relating to a Contract for the provision of the Deliverables or an apparent request for such information under the FOIA or the EIRs;
<b>"Required Insurances"</b>	the insurances required by Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) or any additional insurances specified in the Order Form;
<b>"Satisfaction Certificate"</b>	the certificate (materially in the form of the document contained in Part B of Order Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) or as agreed by the Parties where Order Schedule 13 is not used in this Contract) granted by the Buyer when the Supplier has met all of the requirements of an Order, Achieved a Milestone or a Test;
<b>"Schedules"</b>	any attachment to a DPS or Order Contract which contains important information specific to each aspect of buying and selling;
<b>"Security Management Plan"</b>	the Supplier's security management plan prepared pursuant to Order Schedule 9 (Security) (if applicable);
<b>"Security Policy"</b>	the Buyer's security policy, referred to in the Order Form, in force as at the Order Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time and notified to the Supplier;
<b>"Self Audit Certificate"</b>	means the certificate in the form as set out in DPS Schedule 8 (Self Audit Certificate);

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<b>"Serious Fraud Office"</b>	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
<b>"Service Levels"</b>	any service levels applicable to the provision of the Deliverables under the Order Contract (which, where Order Schedule 14 (Service Credits) is used in this Contract, are specified in the Annex to Part A of such Schedule);
<b>"Service Period"</b>	has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;
<b>"Services"</b>	services made available by the Supplier as specified in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to an Order Contract as specified in the Order Form;
<b>"Service Transfer"</b>	any transfer of the Deliverables (or any part of the Deliverables), for whatever reason, from the Supplier or any Subcontractor to a Replacement Supplier or a Replacement Subcontractor;
<b>"Service Transfer Date"</b>	the date of a Service Transfer;
<b>"Sites"</b>	any premises (including the Buyer Premises, the Supplier's premises or third party premises) from, to or at which:  a) the Deliverables are (or are to be) provided; or  the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Deliverables;
<b>"SME"</b>	an enterprise falling within the category of micro, small and medium sized enterprises defined by the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises;
<b>"Special Terms"</b>	a) any additional Clauses set out in the DPS Appointment Form or Order Form which shall form part of the respective Contract;
<b>"Specific Change in Law"</b>	a Change in Law that relates specifically to the business of the Buyer and which would not affect a Comparable Supply where the effect of that Specific Change in Law on the Deliverables is not reasonably foreseeable at the Start Date;
<b>"Specification"</b>	the specification set out in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification), as may, in relation to an Order Contract, be supplemented by the Order Form;

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<b>"Standards"</b>	<p>any:</p> <p>a) standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardisation or other reputable or equivalent bodies (and their successor bodies) that a skilled and experienced operator in the same type of industry or business sector as the Supplier would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with;</p> <p>b) standards detailed in the specification in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification);</p>
	<p>c) standards detailed by the Buyer in the Order Form or agreed between the Parties from time to time;</p> <p>relevant Government codes of practice and guidance applicable from time to time;</p>
<b>"Start Date"</b>	<p>in the case of the DPS Contract, the date specified on the DPS Appointment Form, and in the case of an Order Contract, the date specified in the Order Form;</p>
<b>"Statement of Requirements"</b>	<p>a) a statement issued by the Buyer detailing its requirements in respect of Deliverables issued in accordance with the Order Procedure;</p>
<b>"Storage Media"</b>	<p>the part of any device that is capable of storing and retrieving data;</p>
<b>"Sub-Contract"</b>	<p>any contract or agreement (or proposed contract or agreement), other than an Order Contract or the DPS Contract, pursuant to which a third party:</p> <p>a) provides the Deliverables (or any part of them);</p> <p>b) provides facilities or services necessary for the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them); and/or is responsible for the management, direction or control of the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them);</p>
<b>"Subcontractor"</b>	<p>any person other than the Supplier, who is a party to a Sub-Contract and the servants or agents of that person;</p>
<b>"Subprocessor"</b>	<p>a) any third party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of that Processor related to a Contract;</p>
<b>"Supplier"</b>	<p>the person, firm or company identified in the DPS Appointment Form;</p>
<b>"Supplier Assets"</b>	<p>all assets and rights used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables in accordance with the Order Contract but excluding the Buyer Assets;</p>



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<b>"Supplier Authorised Representative"</b>	the representative appointed by the Supplier named in the DPS Appointment Form, or later defined in an Order Contract;
<b>"Supplier's Confidential Information"</b>	<p>a) any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, IPR of the Supplier (including the Supplier Existing IPR) trade secrets, Know-How, and/or personnel of the Supplier;</p> <p>b) any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential and which comes (or has come) to the Supplier's attention or into the Supplier's possession in connection with a Contract;</p> <p>Information derived from any of (a) and (b) above;</p>
<b>"Supplier's Contract Manager"</b>	the person identified in the Order Form appointed by the Supplier to oversee the operation of the Order Contract and any alternative person whom the Supplier intends to appoint to the role, provided that the Supplier informs the Buyer prior to the appointment;
<b>"Supplier Equipment"</b>	a) the Supplier's hardware, computer and telecoms devices, equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Supplier (but not hired, leased or loaned from the Buyer) in the performance of its obligations under this Order Contract;
<b>"Supplier Non-Performance"</b>	<p>where the Supplier has failed to:</p> <p>a) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date;</p> <p>b) provide the Goods and/or Services in accordance with the Service Levels ; and/or comply with an obligation under a Contract;</p>
<b>"Supplier Profit"</b>	in relation to a period, the difference between the total Charges (in nominal cash flow terms but excluding any Deductions and total Costs (in nominal cash flow terms) in respect of an Order Contract for the relevant period;
<b>"Supplier Profit Margin"</b>	a) in relation to a period or a Milestone (as the context requires), the Supplier Profit for the relevant period or in relation to the relevant Milestone divided by the total Charges over the same period or in relation to the relevant Milestone and expressed as a percentage;
<b>"Supplier Staff"</b>	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Supplier and/or of any Subcontractor engaged in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under a Contract;

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<b>"Supply Chain Information Report Template"</b>	the document at Annex 1 of Joint Schedule 12 (Supply Chain Visibility);
<b>"Supporting Documentation"</b>	sufficient information in writing to enable the Buyer to reasonably assess whether the Charges, Reimbursable Expenses and other sums due from the Buyer under the Order Contract detailed in the information are properly payable;
<b>"Termination Notice"</b>	a written notice of termination given by one Party to the other, notifying the Party receiving the notice of the intention of the Party giving the notice to terminate a Contract on a specified date and setting out the grounds for termination;
<b>"Test Issue"</b>	any variance or non-conformity of the Deliverables or Deliverables from their requirements as set out in an Order Contract;
<b>"Test Plan"</b>	a plan: a) for the Testing of the Deliverables; and setting out other agreed criteria related to the achievement of Milestones;
<b>"Tests and Testing"</b>	any tests required to be carried out pursuant to an Order Contract as set out in the Test Plan or elsewhere in an Order Contract and <b>"Tested"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"Third Party IPR"</b>	a) Intellectual Property Rights owned by a third party which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;
<b>"Transferring Supplier Employees"</b>	those employees of the Supplier and/or the Supplier's Subcontractors to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Service Transfer Date;
<b>"Transparency Information"</b>	the Transparency Reports and the content of a Contract, including any changes to this Contract agreed from time to time, except for – (i) any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, which shall be determined by the Relevant Authority; and (ii) Commercially Sensitive Information;
<b>"Transparency Reports"</b>	the information relating to the Deliverables and performance of the Contracts which the Supplier is required to provide to the Buyer in accordance with the reporting requirements in Order Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports);
<b>"Variation"</b>	has the meaning given to it in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);
<b>"Variation Form"</b>	the form set out in Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form);

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<b>"Variation Procedure"</b>	the procedure set out in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);
<b>"VAT"</b>	value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;
<b>"VCSE"</b>	a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives;
<b>"Worker"</b>	any one of the Supplier Staff which the Buyer, in its reasonable opinion, considers is an individual to which Procurement Policy Note 08/15 (Tax Arrangements of Public Appointees) ( <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0815-tax-arrangements-of-appointees">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0815-tax-arrangements-of-appointees</a> ) applies in respect of the Deliverables; and
<b>"Working Day"</b>	any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales unless specified otherwise by the Parties in the Order Form.

## Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)

This form is to be used in order to change a contract in accordance with Clause 24 (Changing the Contract)

Contract Details		
This variation is between:	<b>[delete]</b> as applicable: CCS / Buyer] (" <b>CCS</b> " " <b>the Buyer</b> ") And <b>[insert]</b> name of Supplier] (" <b>the Supplier</b> ")	
Contract name:	<b>[insert]</b> name of contract to be changed] (" <b>the Contract</b> ")	
Contract reference number:	<b>[insert]</b> contract reference number]	
Details of Proposed Variation		
Variation initiated by:	<b>[delete]</b> as applicable: CCS/Buyer/Supplier]	
Variation number:	<b>[insert]</b> variation number]	
Date variation is raised:	<b>[insert]</b> date]	
Proposed variation		
Reason for the variation:	<b>[insert]</b> reason]	
An Impact Assessment shall be provided within:	<b>[insert]</b> number] days	
Impact of Variation		
Likely impact of the proposed variation:	<b>[Supplier to insert]</b> assessment of impact]	
Outcome of Variation		
Contract variation:	This Contract detailed above is varied as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>[CCS/Buyer to insert]</b> original Clauses or Paragraphs to be varied and the changed clause]</li> </ul>	
Financial variation:	Original Contract Value:	£ <b>[insert]</b> amount]
	Additional cost due to variation:	£ <b>[insert]</b> amount]
	New Contract value:	£ <b>[insert]</b> amount]

1. This Variation must be agreed and signed by both Parties to the Contract and shall only be effective from the date it is signed by **[delete]** as applicable: CCS / Buyer]
2. Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.
3. The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

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Signed by an authorised signatory for and on behalf of the **[delete]** as applicable: CCS / Buyer]

Signature

Date

Name (in Capitals)

Address

Signed by an authorised signatory to sign for and on behalf of the Supplier

Signature

Date

Name (in Capitals)

Address

## Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)

### The insurance you need to have

1.1 The Supplier shall take out and maintain, or procure the taking out and maintenance of the insurances as set out in the Annex to this Schedule, any additional insurances required under an Order Contract (specified in the applicable Order Form) ("**Additional Insurances**") and any other insurances as may be required by applicable Law (together the "**Insurances**"). The Supplier shall ensure that each of the Insurances is effective no later than:

1.1.1 the DPS Start Date in respect of those Insurances set out in the Annex to this Schedule and those required by applicable Law; and

1.1.2 the Order Contract Effective Date in respect of the Additional Insurances.

1.2 The Insurances shall be:

1.2.1 maintained in accordance with Good Industry Practice;

1.2.2 (so far as is reasonably practicable) on terms no less favourable than those generally available to a prudent contractor in respect of risks insured in the international insurance market from time to time;

1.2.3 taken out and maintained with insurers of good financial standing and good repute in the international insurance market; and

1.2.4 maintained for at least six (6) years after the End Date.

1.3 The Supplier shall ensure that the public and products liability policy contain an indemnity to principals clause under which the Relevant Authority shall be indemnified in respect of claims made against the Relevant Authority in respect of death or bodily injury or third party property damage arising out of or in connection with the Deliverables and for which the Supplier is legally liable.

### How to manage the insurance

2.1 Without limiting the other provisions of this Contract, the Supplier shall:

2.1.1 take or procure the taking of all reasonable risk management and risk control measures in relation to Deliverables as it would be reasonable to expect of a prudent contractor acting in accordance with Good Industry Practice, including the investigation and reports of relevant claims to insurers;

2.1.2 promptly notify the insurers in writing of any relevant material fact under any Insurances of which the Supplier is or becomes aware; and

- 2.1.3 hold all policies in respect of the Insurances and cause any insurance broker effecting the Insurances to hold any insurance slips and other evidence of placing cover representing any of the Insurances to which it is a party.

## **What happens if you aren't insured**

3.1 The Supplier shall not take any action or fail to take any action or (insofar as is reasonably within its power) permit anything to occur in relation to it which would entitle any insurer to refuse to pay any claim under any of the Insurances.

3.2 Where the Supplier has failed to purchase or maintain any of the Insurances in full force and effect, the Relevant Authority may elect (but shall not be obliged) following written notice to the Supplier to purchase the relevant Insurances and recover the reasonable premium and other reasonable costs incurred in connection therewith as a debt due from the Supplier.

## **Evidence of insurance you must provide**

4.1 The Supplier shall upon the Start Date and within 15 Working Days after the renewal of each of the Insurances, provide evidence, in a form satisfactory to the Relevant Authority, that the Insurances are in force and effect and meet in full the requirements of this Schedule.

## **Making sure you are insured to the required amount**

5.1 The Supplier shall ensure that any Insurances which are stated to have a minimum limit "in the aggregate" are maintained at all times for the minimum limit of indemnity specified in this Contract and if any claims are made which do not relate to this Contract then the Supplier shall notify the Relevant Authority and provide details of its proposed solution for maintaining the minimum limit of indemnity.

## **Cancelled Insurance**

6.1 The Supplier shall notify the Relevant Authority in writing at least five (5) Working Days prior to the cancellation, suspension, termination or nonrenewal of any of the Insurances.

6.2 The Supplier shall ensure that nothing is done which would entitle the relevant insurer to cancel, rescind or suspend any insurance or cover, or to treat any insurance, cover or claim as voided in whole or part. The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to notify the Relevant Authority (subject to third party confidentiality obligations) as soon as

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practicable when it becomes aware of any relevant fact, circumstance or matter which has caused, or is reasonably likely to provide grounds to, the relevant insurer to give notice to cancel, rescind, suspend or void any insurance, or any cover or claim under any insurance in whole or in part.

# **Insurance claims**

7.1 The Supplier shall promptly notify to insurers any matter arising from, or in relation to, the Deliverables, or each Contract for which it may be entitled to claim under any of the Insurances. In the event that the Relevant Authority receives a claim relating to or arising out of a Contract or the Deliverables, the Supplier shall co-operate with the Relevant Authority and assist it in dealing with such claims including without limitation providing information and documentation in a timely manner.

7.2 Except where the Relevant Authority is the claimant party, the Supplier shall give the Relevant Authority notice within twenty (20) Working Days after any insurance claim in excess of 10% of the sum required to be insured pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 relating to or arising out of the provision of the Deliverables or this Contract on any of the Insurances or which, but for the application of the applicable policy excess, would be made on any of the Insurances and (if required by the Relevant Authority) full details of the incident giving rise to the claim.

7.3 Where any Insurance requires payment of a premium, the Supplier shall be liable for and shall promptly pay such premium.

7.4 Where any Insurance is subject to an excess or deductible below which the indemnity from insurers is excluded, the Supplier shall be liable for such excess or deductible. The Supplier shall not be entitled to recover from the Relevant Authority any sum paid by way of excess or deductible under the Insurances whether under the terms of this Contract or otherwise.



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- 1.** The Supplier shall hold the following [standard] insurance cover from the DPS Start Date in accordance with this Schedule:
  - 1.1** professional indemnity insurance [with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than] one million pounds (£1,000,000);
  - 1.2** public liability insurance [with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate)] of not less than one million pounds (£1,000,000); and
  - 1.3** employers' liability insurance [with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than] five million pounds (£5,000,000).

## Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)

### What is the Commercially Sensitive Information?

In this Schedule the Parties have sought to identify the Supplier's Confidential Information that is genuinely commercially sensitive and the disclosure of which would be the subject of an exemption under the FOIA and the EIRs.

Where possible, the Parties have sought to identify when any relevant Information will cease to fall into the category of Information to which this Schedule applies in the table below and in the Order Form (which shall be deemed incorporated into the table below).

Without prejudice to the Relevant Authority's obligation to disclose Information in accordance with FOIA or Clause 16 (When you can share information), the Relevant Authority will, in its sole discretion, acting reasonably, seek to apply the relevant exemption set out in the FOIA to the following Information:

No.	Date	Item(s)	Duration of Confidentiality
1	12/04/2024	Ipsos day rates and detailed price breakdown included in proposal submission	Unlimited

## Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility)

### What we expect from our Suppliers

- 1.1 In September 2017, HM Government published a Supplier Code of Conduct setting out the standards and behaviours expected of suppliers who work with government.  
([https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/646497/2017-09-13\\_Official\\_Sensitive\\_Supplier\\_Code\\_of\\_Conduct\\_September\\_2017.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/646497/2017-09-13_Official_Sensitive_Supplier_Code_of_Conduct_September_2017.pdf))
- 1.2 CCS expects its suppliers and subcontractors to meet the standards set out in that Code. In addition, CCS expects its suppliers and subcontractors to comply with the standards set out in this Schedule.
- 1.3 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer may have additional requirements in relation to corporate social responsibility. The Buyer expects that the Supplier and its Subcontractors will comply with such corporate social responsibility requirements as the Buyer may notify to the Supplier from time to time.

### Equality and Accessibility

- 2.1 In addition to legal obligations, the Supplier shall support CCS and the Buyer in fulfilling its Public Sector Equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 by ensuring that it fulfils its obligations under each Contract in a way that seeks to:
  - 2.1.1 eliminate discrimination, harassment or victimisation of any kind; and
  - 2.1.2 advance equality of opportunity and good relations between those with a protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, and marriage and civil partnership) and those who do not share it.

### Modern Slavery, Child Labour and Inhumane Treatment

**"Modern Slavery Helpline"** means the mechanism for reporting suspicion, seeking help or advice and information on the subject of modern slavery available online at <https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report> or by telephone on 08000 121 700.

#### 3.1 The Supplier:

- 3.1.1 shall not use, nor allow its Subcontractors to use forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour;

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- 3.1.2 shall not require any Supplier Staff or Subcontractor Staff to lodge deposits or identify papers with the Employer and shall be free to leave their employer after reasonable notice;
- 3.1.3 warrants and represents that it has not been convicted of any slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world.
- 3.1.4 warrants that to the best of its knowledge it is not currently under investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings in relation to any allegation of slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world.
- 3.1.5 shall make reasonable enquires to ensure that its officers, employees and Subcontractors have not been convicted of slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world.
- 3.1.6 shall have and maintain throughout the term of each Contract its own policies and procedures to ensure its compliance with the Modern Slavery Act and include in its contracts with its Subcontractors anti-slavery and human trafficking provisions;
- 3.1.7 shall implement due diligence procedures to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in any part of its supply chain performing obligations under a Contract;
- 3.1.8 shall prepare and deliver to CCS, an annual slavery and human trafficking report setting out the steps it has taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any of its supply chains or in any part of its business with its annual certification of compliance with Paragraph 3;
- 3.1.9 shall not use, nor allow its employees or Subcontractors to use physical abuse or discipline, the threat of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse or other forms of intimidation of its employees or Subcontractors;
- 3.1.10 shall not use or allow child or slave labour to be used by its Subcontractors;
- 3.1.11 shall report the discovery or suspicion of any slavery or trafficking by it or its Subcontractors to CCS, the Buyer and Modern Slavery Helpline.

## Income Security

### 4.1 The Supplier shall:

- 4.1.1 ensure that all wages and benefits paid for a standard working week meet, at a minimum, national legal standards in the country of employment;

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4.1.2 ensure that all Supplier Staff are provided with written and understandable Information about their employment conditions in respect of wages before they enter;

4.1.3 ensure that all workers are provided with written and understandable Information about their employment conditions in respect of wages before they enter employment and about the particulars of their wages for the pay period concerned each time that they are paid;

4.1.4 not make deductions from wages:

- (a) as a disciplinary measure
- (b) except where permitted by law; or
- (c) without expressed permission of the worker concerned;

4.1.5 record all disciplinary measures taken against Supplier Staff; and

4.1.6 ensure that Supplier Staff are engaged under a recognised employment relationship established through national law and practice.

## Working Hours

5.1 The Supplier shall:

5.1.1 ensure that the working hours of Supplier Staff comply with national laws, and any collective agreements;

5.1.2 ensure that the working hours of Supplier Staff, excluding overtime, shall be defined by contract, and shall not exceed 48 hours per week unless the individual has agreed in writing;

5.1.3 ensure that use of overtime is used responsibly, taking into account:

- (a) the extent;
- (b) frequency; and
- (c) hours worked;

by individuals and by the Supplier Staff as a whole;

5.2 The total hours worked in any seven day period shall not exceed 60 hours, except where covered by Paragraph 5.3 below.

5.3 Working hours may exceed 60 hours in any seven day period only in exceptional circumstances where all of the following are met:

5.3.1 this is allowed by national law;

5.3.2 this is allowed by a collective agreement freely negotiated with a workers' organisation representing a significant portion of the workforce;

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- 5.3.3 appropriate safeguards are taken to protect the workers' health and safety; and
  - 5.3.4 the employer can demonstrate that exceptional circumstances apply such as unexpected production peaks, accidents or emergencies.
- 5.4 All Supplier Staff shall be provided with at least one (1) day off in every seven (7) day period or, where allowed by national law, two (2) days off in every fourteen (14) day period.

## Sustainability

- 6.1 The supplier shall meet the applicable Government Buying Standards applicable to Deliverables which can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sustainable-procurement-thegovernment-buying-standards-gbs>

## Joint Schedule 6 (Key Subcontractors)

### 1. Restrictions on certain subcontractors

- 1.1 The Supplier is entitled to sub-contract its obligations under the DPS Contract to the Key Subcontractors identified on the Platform.
- 1.2 The Supplier is entitled to sub-contract its obligations under an Order Contract to Key Subcontractors listed on the Platform who are specifically nominated in the Order Form.
- 1.3 Where during the Contract Period the Supplier wishes to enter into a new Key Sub-contract or replace a Key Subcontractor, it must obtain the prior written consent of CCS and the Buyer and the Supplier shall, at the time of requesting such consent, provide CCS and the Buyer with the information detailed in Paragraph 1.4. The decision of CCS and the Buyer to consent or not will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Where CCS consents to the appointment of a new Key Subcontractor then they will be added to the Platform. Where the Buyer consents to the appointment of a new Key Subcontractor then they will be added to the Key Subcontractor section of the Order Form. CCS and the Buyer may reasonably withhold their consent to the appointment of a Key Subcontractor if it considers that:
  - 1.3.1 the appointment of a proposed Key Subcontractor may prejudice the provision of the Deliverables or may be contrary to its interests;
  - 1.3.2 the proposed Key Subcontractor is unreliable and/or has not provided reliable goods and or reasonable services to its other customers; and/or
  - 1.3.3 the proposed Key Subcontractor employs unfit persons.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall provide CCS and the Buyer with the following information in respect of the proposed Key Subcontractor:
  - 1.4.1 the proposed Key Subcontractor's name, registered office and company registration number;
  - 1.4.2 the scope/description of any Deliverables to be provided by the proposed Key Subcontractor;
  - 1.4.3 where the proposed Key Subcontractor is an Affiliate of the Supplier, evidence that demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the CCS and the Buyer that the proposed Key Sub-Contract has been agreed on "arm's-length" terms;
  - 1.4.4 for CCS, the Key Sub-Contract price expressed as a percentage of the total projected DPS Price over the DPS Contract Period;
  - 1.4.5 for the Buyer, the Key Sub-Contract price expressed as a percentage of the total projected Charges over the Order Contract Period; and
  - 1.4.6 (where applicable) Credit Rating Threshold (as defined in Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Distress)) of the Key Subcontractor.

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- 1.5 If requested by CCS and/or the Buyer, within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of the information provided by the Supplier pursuant to Paragraph 1.4, the Supplier shall also provide:
  - 1.5.1 a copy of the proposed Key Sub-Contract; and
  - 1.5.2 any further information reasonably requested by CCS and/or the Buyer.
- 1.6 The Supplier shall ensure that each new or replacement Key Sub-Contract shall include:
  - 1.6.1 provisions which will enable the Supplier to discharge its obligations under the Contracts;
  - 1.6.2 a right under CRTPA for CCS and the Buyer to enforce any provisions under the Key Sub-Contract which confer a benefit upon CCS and the Buyer respectively;
  - 1.6.3 a provision enabling CCS and the Buyer to enforce the Key Sub-Contract as if it were the Supplier;
  - 1.6.4 a provision enabling the Supplier to assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights and/or obligations under the Key Sub-Contract to CCS and/or the Buyer;
  - 1.6.5 obligations no less onerous on the Key Subcontractor than those imposed on the Supplier under the DPS Contract in respect of:
    - (a) the data protection requirements set out in Clause 14 (Data protection);
    - (b) the FOIA and other access request requirements set out in Clause 16 (When you can share information);
    - (c) the obligation not to embarrass CCS or the Buyer or otherwise bring CCS or the Buyer into disrepute;
    - (d) the keeping of records in respect of the goods and/or services being provided under the Key Sub-Contract, including the maintenance of Open Book Data; and
    - (e) the conduct of audits set out in Clause 6 (Record keeping and reporting);
  - 1.6.6 provisions enabling the Supplier to terminate the Key Sub-Contract on notice on terms no more onerous on the Supplier than those imposed on CCS and the Buyer under Clauses 10.4 (When CCS or the Buyer can end this contract) and 10.5 (What happens if the contract ends) of this Contract; and
  - 1.6.7 a provision restricting the ability of the Key Subcontractor to sub-contract all or any part of the provision of the Deliverables provided to the Supplier under the Key Sub-Contract without first seeking the written consent of CCS and the Buyer.



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## Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties)

### Definitions

In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

<b>"Credit Rating Threshold"</b>	1 the minimum credit rating level for the Monitored Company as set out in Annex 2;
<b>"Financial Distress Event"</b>	2 the occurrence of one or more of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the credit rating of the Monitored Company dropping below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold;</li><li>b) the Monitored Company issuing a profits warning to a stock exchange or making any other public announcement about a material deterioration in its financial position or prospects;</li><li>c) there being a public investigation into improper financial accounting and reporting, suspected fraud or any other impropriety of the Monitored Company;</li><li>d) Monitored Company committing a material breach of covenant to its lenders;</li><li>e) a Key Subcontractor (where applicable) notifying CCS that the Supplier has not satisfied any sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute; or</li><li>f) any of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) commencement of any litigation against the Monitored Company with respect to financial indebtedness or obligations under a contract;</li><li>ii) non-payment by the Monitored Company of any financial indebtedness;</li><li>iii) any financial indebtedness of the Monitored Company becoming due as a result of an event of default; or</li></ul></li></ul>

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	iv) the cancellation or suspension of any financial indebtedness in respect of the Monitored Company
	3 in each case which CCS reasonably believes (or would be likely reasonably to believe) could directly impact on the continued performance of any Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with any Order Contract;
<b>"Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan"</b>	4 a plan setting out how the Supplier will ensure the continued performance and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with [each Order] Contract in the event that a Financial Distress Event occurs;
<b>"Monitored Company"</b>	5 Supplier or any Key Subcontractor
<b>"Rating Agencies"</b>	6 the rating agencies listed in Annex 1.

### When this Schedule applies

The Parties shall comply with the provisions of this Schedule in relation to the assessment of the financial standing of the Monitored Companies and the consequences of a change to that financial standing.

The terms of this Schedule shall survive termination or expiry of this Contract:

under the DPS Contract until the later of (a) the termination or expiry of the DPS Contract or (b) the latest date of termination or expiry of any Order Contract entered into under the DPS Contract (which might be after the date of termination or expiry of the DPS Contract); and

under the Order Contract until the termination or expiry of the Order Contract.

### What happens when your credit rating changes

The Supplier warrants and represents to CCS that as at the Start Date the long term credit ratings issued for the Monitored Companies by each of the Rating Agencies are as set out in Annex 2.

The Supplier shall promptly (and in any event within five (5) Working Days) notify CCS in writing if there is any downgrade in the credit rating issued by any Rating Agency for a Monitored Company.

If there is any downgrade credit rating issued by any Rating Agency for the Monitored Company the Supplier shall ensure that the Monitored Company's auditors thereafter provide CCS within 10 Working Days of the end of each Contract Year and within 10 Working Days of written request by CCS (such

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requests not to exceed 4 in any Contract Year) with written calculations of the quick ratio for the Monitored Company as at the end of each Contract Year or such other date as may be requested by CCS. For these purposes the "quick ratio" on any date means:

$$\frac{A + B + C}{D}$$

where:

- A is the value at the relevant date of all cash in hand and at the bank of the Monitored Company];
- B is the value of all marketable securities held by the Supplier the Monitored Company determined using closing prices on the Working Day preceding the relevant date;
- C is the value at the relevant date of all account receivables of the Monitored Company]; and
- D is the value at the relevant date of the current liabilities of the Monitored Company].

The Supplier shall:

regularly monitor the credit ratings of each Monitored Company with the Rating Agencies; and

promptly notify (or shall procure that its auditors promptly notify) CCS in writing following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event or any fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event and in any event, ensure that such notification is made within 10 Working Days of the date on which the Supplier first becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event or the fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event.

For the purposes of determining whether a Financial Distress Event has occurred the credit rating of the Monitored Company shall be deemed to have dropped below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold if any of the Rating Agencies have rated the Monitored Company at or below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold.

### What happens if there is a financial distress event

In the event of a Financial Distress Event then, immediately upon notification of the Financial Distress Event (or if CCS becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event without notification and brings the event to the attention of the Supplier), the Supplier shall have the obligations and CCS shall have the rights and remedies as set out in Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6.

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In the event that a Financial Distress Event arises due to a Key Subcontractor notifying CCS that the Supplier has not satisfied any sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute then, CCS shall not exercise any of its rights or remedies under Paragraph 4.3 without first giving the Supplier ten (10) Working Days to:

rectify such late or non-payment; or

demonstrate to CCS's reasonable satisfaction that there is a valid reason for late or non-payment.

The Supplier shall and shall procure that the other Monitored Companies shall:

at the request of CCS meet CCS as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within three (3) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event) to review the effect of the Financial Distress Event on the continued performance of each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance each Order Contract; and

where CCS reasonably believes (taking into account the discussions and any representations made under Paragraph 4.3.1) that the Financial Distress Event could impact on the continued performance of each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with each Order Contract:

submit to CCS for its Approval, a draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event, within ten (10) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event); and

provide such financial information relating to the Monitored Company as CCS may reasonably require.

If CCS does not (acting reasonably) approve the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, it shall inform the Supplier of its reasons and the Supplier shall take those reasons into account in the preparation of a further draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, which shall be resubmitted to CCS within five (5) Working Days of the rejection of the first or subsequent (as the case may be) drafts. This process shall be repeated until the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is Approved by CCS or referred to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

If CCS considers that the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is insufficiently detailed to be properly evaluated, will take too long to complete or will not remedy the relevant Financial Distress Event, then it may either agree a further time period for the development and agreement of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan or escalate any issues with the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan using the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

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Following Approval of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan by CCS, the Supplier shall:

- on a regular basis (which shall not be less than Monthly), review the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan and assess whether it remains adequate and up to date to ensure the continued performance of each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with each Order Contract;

- where the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is not adequate or up to date in accordance with Paragraph 4.6.1, submit an updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan to CCS for its Approval, and the provisions of Paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 shall apply to the review and Approval process for the updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan; and

- comply with the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (including any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan).

Where the Supplier reasonably believes that the relevant Financial Distress Event (or the circumstance or matter which has caused or otherwise led to it) no longer exists, it shall notify CCS and subject to the agreement of the Parties, the Supplier may be relieved of its obligations under Paragraph 4.6.

CCS shall be able to share any information it receives from the Buyer in accordance with this Paragraph with any Buyer who has entered into an Order Contract with the Supplier.

### **When CCS or the Buyer can terminate for financial distress**

CCS shall be entitled to terminate this Contract and Buyers shall be entitled to terminate their Order Contracts for material Default if:

- the Supplier fails to notify CCS of a Financial Distress Event in accordance with Paragraph 3.4;

- CCS and the Supplier fail to agree a Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.5; and/or

- the Supplier fails to comply with the terms of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraph 4.6.3.

### **What happens If your credit rating is still good**

Without prejudice to the Supplier's obligations and CCS' and the Buyer's rights and remedies under Paragraph 5, if, following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event, the Rating Agencies review and report subsequently that the credit ratings do not drop below the relevant Credit Rating Threshold, then:

- the Supplier shall be relieved automatically of its obligations under Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6; and

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CCS shall not be entitled to require the Supplier to provide financial information in accordance with Paragraph 4.3.2(b).

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# ANNEX 1: RATING AGENCIES



IPSOS MORI UK  
LIMITED-DUNS22735



CISCO SYSTEMS  
LIMITED-DUNS76414



PARK RETAIL  
LIMITED-DUNS21721

[Rating Agency 2]



## ANNEX 2: CREDIT RATINGS & CREDIT RATING THRESHOLDS

### Part 1: Current Rating

Entity	Credit rating (long term)
Supplier	[D&B Threshold]
[DPS Guarantor/ [and Order Guarantor]	45
Cisco Systems Limited	45
Park Retail Limited	45

## Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee)

### Definitions

In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"DPS Guarantor"	any person acceptable to CCS to give a DPS Guarantee;
"DPS Guarantee"	a deed of guarantee in favour of CCS and all Buyers in the form set out in the Annex to this Schedule;
"Order Guarantee"	a deed of guarantee in favour of a Buyer in the form set out in the Annex to this Schedule; and
"Order Guarantor"	the person acceptable to a Buyer to give an Order Guarantee;

### DPS Guarantee

Where CCS has notified the Supplier that [the award of the DPS Contract is conditional upon receipt of] [prior to the execution of the first Order Contract the Supplier shall provide] a valid DPS Guarantee, then on or prior to the execution of the [DPS Contract] [first Order Contract], as a condition for the award of the [DPS Contract] [first Order Contract], the Supplier must have delivered to CCS:

an executed DPS Guarantee from a DPS Guarantor; and

a certified copy extract of the board minutes and/or resolution of the DPS Guarantor approving the execution of the DPS Guarantee.

If the Supplier fails to deliver the documents as required by Paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 above within 30 days of request then CCS shall be entitled to terminate this DPS Contract without liability and the Buyer shall be entitled to terminate the Order Contract without liability.

Where the CCS has procured a DPS Guarantee from the Supplier pursuant to Paragraph 2.1 CCS may terminate this DPS Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier where:

the DPS Guarantor withdraws the DPS Guarantee for any reason whatsoever;

the DPS Guarantor is in breach or anticipatory breach of the DPS Guarantee;

an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the DPS Guarantor;

the DPS Guarantee becomes invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever; or

the Supplier fails to provide the documentation required by Paragraph 2.1 by the date so specified by the CCS;

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and in each case the DPS Guarantee (as applicable) is not replaced by an alternative guarantee agreement acceptable to CCS.

Notwithstanding Clause 19 (Other people's rights in this contract), this Schedule (Guarantee) is intended to confer benefits on Buyers and is intended to be enforceable by Buyers by virtue of the CRTPA.]

### 2. [Order Guarantee

2.1 Where a Buyer has notified the Supplier that the award of the Order Contract by the Buyer shall be conditional upon receipt of a valid Order Guarantee, then, on or prior to the execution of the Order Contract, as a condition for the award of that Order Contract, the Supplier shall deliver to the Buyer:

2.1.1 an executed Order Guarantee from an Order Guarantor; and

2.1.2 a certified copy extract of the board minutes and/or resolution of the Order Guarantor approving the execution of the Order Guarantee.

2.2 Where a Buyer has procured an Order Guarantee from the Supplier under Paragraph 2.4 above, the Buyer may terminate the Order Contract for Material Default where:

2.2.1 the Order Guarantor withdraws the Order Guarantee for any reason whatsoever;

2.2.2 the Order Guarantor is in breach or anticipatory breach of the Order Guarantee;

2.2.3 an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Order Guarantor;

2.2.4 the Order Guarantee becomes invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever; or

2.2.5 the Supplier fails to provide the documentation required by Paragraph 2.1 by the date so specified by the Buyer;

2.2.6 and in each case the Order Guarantee (as applicable) is not replaced by an alternative guarantee agreement acceptable to the Buyer.]

## Annex 1 – Form of Guarantee

**[Guidance Note:** this is a draft form of guarantee which can be used to procure either a DPS Guarantee or an Order Guarantee, and so it will need to be amended to reflect the Beneficiary's requirements.]

**[INSERT** NAME OF THE GUARANTOR]

- AND -

**[INSERT** NAME OF THE BENEFICIARY]

### DEED OF GUARANTEE

## DEED OF GUARANTEE

THIS DEED OF GUARANTEE is made the                      day of                      20[ ]

### PROVIDED BY:

[Insert the name of the Guarantor] [a company incorporated in England and Wales] with number [insert company no.] whose registered office is at [insert details of the Guarantor's registered office here] [OR] [a company incorporated under the laws of [insert country], registered in [insert country] with number [insert number] at [insert place of registration], whose principal office is at [insert office details] ("Guarantor")

### WHEREAS:

- (A) The Guarantor has agreed, in consideration of the Beneficiary entering into the Guaranteed Agreement with the Supplier, to guarantee all of the Supplier's obligations under the Guaranteed Agreement.
- (B) It is the intention of the Parties that this document be executed and take effect as a deed.

Now in consideration of the Beneficiary entering into the Guaranteed Agreement, the Guarantor hereby agrees for the benefit of the Beneficiary as follows:

## 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In this Deed of Guarantee:

1.1 unless defined elsewhere in this Deed of Guarantee or the context requires otherwise, defined terms shall have the same meaning as they have for the purposes of the Guaranteed Agreement;

1.2 the words and phrases below shall have the following meanings:

**[Guidance Note:** Insert and/or settle Definitions, including from the following list, as appropriate to either DPS Guarantee or Order Guarantee]

<b>["CCS"</b>	1 has the meaning given to it in the DPS Contract;]
<b>["Beneficiary(s)"</b>	2 means [CCS and all Buyers under all Order Contracts] [ <i>insert name of the Buyer with whom the Supplier enters into an Order Contract</i> ] and "Beneficiaries" shall be construed accordingly;]
<b>["Order Contract"</b>	3 has the meaning given to it in the DPS Contract;]
<b>["DPS Contract"</b>	4 means the DPS Contract with DPS Reference RM [ <b>Insert RM number</b> ] for the Goods and/or Services dated on or about the date hereof made between CCS and the Supplier;]
<b>["Goods"</b>	5 has the meaning given to it in the DPS Contract;]

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- ["Guaranteed Agreement(s)"]** 6 means [the DPS Contract and all Order Contracts] [the Order Contract] made between the Beneficiary and the Supplier [from time to time] [**on insert date**];]
- "Guaranteed Obligations"** 7 means all obligations and liabilities of the Supplier to the Beneficiary under the Guaranteed Agreement together with all obligations owed by the Supplier to the Beneficiary that are supplemental to, incurred under, ancillary to or calculated by reference to the Guaranteed Agreement;
- ["Services"]** 8 has the meaning given to it in the DPS Contract;]
- "Supplier"** means [**Insert** the name, address and registration number of the Supplier as each appears in the DPS Appointment Form].
- 1.3 references to this Deed of Guarantee and any provisions of this Deed of Guarantee or to any other document or agreement (including to the Guaranteed Agreement) are to be construed as references to this Deed of Guarantee, those provisions or that document or agreement in force for the time being and as amended, varied, restated, supplemented, substituted or novated from time to time;
- 1.4 unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular are to include the plural and vice versa;
- 1.5 references to a person are to be construed to include that person's assignees or transferees or successors in title, whether direct or indirect;
- 1.6 the words "other" and "otherwise" are not to be construed as confining the meaning of any following words to the class of thing previously stated where a wider construction is possible;
- 1.7 unless the context otherwise requires, reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter;
- 1.8 unless the context otherwise requires, references to an Act of Parliament, statutory provision or statutory instrument include a reference to that Act of Parliament, statutory provision or statutory instrument as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time and to any regulations made under it;
- 1.9 unless the context otherwise requires, any phrase introduced by the words "including", "includes", "in particular", "for example" or similar, shall be construed as illustrative and without limitation to the generality of the related general words;
- 1.10 references to Clauses and Schedules are, unless otherwise provided, references to Clauses of and Schedules to this Deed of Guarantee; and
- 1.11 references to liability are to include any liability whether actual, contingent, present or future.

## **2. GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY**

2.1 The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees and undertakes to the Beneficiary to procure that the Supplier duly and punctually performs all of the Guaranteed Obligations now or hereafter due, owing or incurred by the Supplier to the Beneficiary.

2.2 The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes upon demand to pay to the Beneficiary all monies and liabilities which are now or at any time hereafter shall have become payable by the Supplier to the Beneficiary under or in connection with the Guaranteed Agreement or in respect of the Guaranteed Obligations as if it were a primary obligor.

If at any time the Supplier shall fail to perform any of the Guaranteed Obligations, the Guarantor, as primary obligor, irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to the Beneficiary that, upon first demand by the Beneficiary it shall, at the cost and expense of the Guarantor:

2.2.1 fully, punctually and specifically perform such Guaranteed Obligations as if it were itself a direct and primary obligor to the Beneficiary in respect of the Guaranteed Obligations and liable as if the Guaranteed Agreement had been entered into directly by the Guarantor and the Beneficiary; and

2.2.2 as a separate and independent obligation and liability, indemnify and keep the Beneficiary indemnified against all losses, damages, costs and expenses (including VAT thereon, and including, without limitation, all court costs and all legal fees on a solicitor and own client basis, together with any disbursements,) of whatever nature which may result or which such Beneficiary may suffer, incur or sustain arising in any way whatsoever out of a failure by the Supplier to perform the Guaranteed Obligations save that, subject to the other provisions of this Deed of Guarantee, this shall not be construed as imposing greater obligations or liabilities on the Guarantor than are purported to be imposed on the Supplier under the Guaranteed Agreement.

2.3 As a separate and independent obligation and liability from its obligations and liabilities under Clauses 2.1 to 2.3 above, the Guarantor as a primary obligor irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to indemnify and keep the Beneficiary indemnified on demand against all losses, damages, costs and expenses (including VAT thereon, and including, without limitation, all legal costs and expenses), of whatever nature, whether arising under statute, contract or at common law, which such Beneficiary may suffer or incur if any obligation guaranteed by the Guarantor is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal as if the obligation guaranteed had not become unenforceable, invalid or illegal provided that the Guarantor's liability shall be no greater than the Supplier's liability would have been if the obligation guaranteed had not become unenforceable, invalid or illegal.

### **3. OBLIGATION TO ENTER INTO A NEW CONTRACT**

If the Guaranteed Agreement is terminated for any reason, whether by the Beneficiary or the Supplier, or if the Guaranteed Agreement is disclaimed by a liquidator of the Supplier or the obligations of the Supplier are declared to be void or voidable for any reason, then the Guarantor will, at the request of the Beneficiary enter into a contract with the Beneficiary in terms mutatis mutandis the same as the Guaranteed Agreement and the obligations of the Guarantor under such substitute agreement shall be the same as if the Guarantor had been original obligor under the Guaranteed Agreement or under an agreement entered into on the same terms and at the same time as the Guaranteed Agreement with the Beneficiary.

### **4. DEMANDS AND NOTICES**

- 4.1 Any demand or notice served by the Beneficiary on the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee shall be in writing, addressed to:

**[Insert]** Address of the Guarantor in England and Wales]

**[Insert]** Facsimile Number]

For the Attention of **[Insert]** details]

or such other address in England and Wales or facsimile number as the Guarantor has from time to time notified to the Beneficiary in writing in accordance with the terms of this Deed of Guarantee as being an address or facsimile number for the receipt of such demands or notices.

- 4.2 Any notice or demand served on the Guarantor or the Beneficiary under this Deed of Guarantee shall be deemed to have been served:

- 4.2.1 if delivered by hand, at the time of delivery; or
- 4.2.2 if posted, at 10.00 a.m. on the second Working Day after it was put into the post; or
- 4.2.3 if sent by facsimile, at the time of despatch, if despatched before 5.00 p.m. on any Working Day, and in any other case at 10.00 a.m. on the next Working Day.

- 4.3 In proving service of a notice or demand on the Guarantor or the Beneficiary it shall be sufficient to prove that delivery was made, or that the envelope containing the notice or demand was properly addressed and posted as a prepaid first class recorded delivery letter, or that the facsimile message was properly addressed and despatched, as the case may be.

- 4.4 Any notice purported to be served on the Beneficiary under this Deed of Guarantee shall only be valid when received in writing by the Beneficiary.

### **5. BENEFICIARY'S PROTECTIONS**

- 5.1 The Guarantor shall not be discharged or released from this Deed of Guarantee by any arrangement made between the Supplier and the Beneficiary (whether or not such arrangement is made with or without the assent of the Guarantor) or by any amendment to or termination of



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the Guaranteed Agreement or by any forbearance or indulgence whether as to payment, time, performance or otherwise granted by the Beneficiary in relation thereto (whether or not such amendment, termination, forbearance or indulgence is made with or without the assent of the Guarantor) or by the Beneficiary doing (or omitting to do) any other matter or thing which but for this provision might exonerate the Guarantor.

5.2 This Deed of Guarantee shall be a continuing security for the Guaranteed Obligations and accordingly:

5.2.1 it shall not be discharged, reduced or otherwise affected by any partial performance (except to the extent of such partial performance) by the Supplier of the Guaranteed Obligations or by any omission or delay on the part of the Beneficiary in exercising its rights under this Deed of Guarantee;

5.2.2 it shall not be affected by any dissolution, amalgamation, reconstruction, reorganisation, change in status, function, control or ownership, insolvency, liquidation, administration, appointment of a receiver, voluntary arrangement, any legal limitation or other incapacity, of the Supplier, the Beneficiary, the Guarantor or any other person;

5.2.3 if, for any reason, any of the Guaranteed Obligations shall prove to have been or shall become void or unenforceable against the Supplier for any reason whatsoever, the Guarantor shall nevertheless be liable in respect of that purported obligation or liability as if the same were fully valid and enforceable and the Guarantor were principal debtor in respect thereof; and

5.2.4 the rights of the Beneficiary against the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee are in addition to, shall not be affected by and shall not prejudice, any other security, guarantee, indemnity or other rights or remedies available to the Beneficiary.

5.3 The Beneficiary shall be entitled to exercise its rights and to make demands on the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee as often as it wishes and the making of a demand (whether effective, partial or defective) in respect of the breach or non performance by the Supplier of any Guaranteed Obligation shall not preclude the Beneficiary from making a further demand in respect of the same or some other default in respect of the same Guaranteed Obligation.

5.4 The Beneficiary shall not be obliged before taking steps to enforce this Deed of Guarantee against the Guarantor to obtain judgment against the Supplier or the Guarantor or any third party in any court, or to make or file any claim in a bankruptcy or liquidation of the Supplier or any third party, or to take any action whatsoever against the Supplier or the Guarantor or any third party or to resort to any other security or guarantee or other means of payment. No action (or inaction) by the

Beneficiary in respect of any such security, guarantee or other means of payment shall prejudice or affect the liability of the Guarantor hereunder.

- 5.5 The Beneficiary's rights under this Deed of Guarantee are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights provided by law and may be exercised from time to time and as often as the Beneficiary deems expedient.
- 5.6 Any waiver by the Beneficiary of any terms of this Deed of Guarantee, or of any Guaranteed Obligations shall only be effective if given in writing and then only for the purpose and upon the terms and conditions, if any, on which it is given.
- 5.7 Any release, discharge or settlement between the Guarantor and the Beneficiary shall be conditional upon no security, disposition or payment to the Beneficiary by the Guarantor or any other person being void, set aside or ordered to be refunded pursuant to any enactment or law relating to liquidation, administration or insolvency or for any other reason whatsoever and if such condition shall not be fulfilled the Beneficiary shall be entitled to enforce this Deed of Guarantee subsequently as if such release, discharge or settlement had not occurred and any such payment had not been made. The Beneficiary shall be entitled to retain this security after as well as before the payment, discharge or satisfaction of all monies, obligations and liabilities that are or may become due owing or incurred to the Beneficiary from the Guarantor for such period as the Beneficiary may determine.
- 5.8 The Guarantor shall afford any auditor of the Beneficiary appointed under the Guaranteed Agreement access to such records and accounts at the Guarantor's premises and/or provide such records and accounts or copies of the same, as may be required and agreed with any of the Beneficiary's auditors from time to time, in order that the Auditor may identify or investigate any circumstances which may impact upon the financial stability of the Guarantor.

## **6. GUARANTOR INTENT**

Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 5 (Beneficiary's protections), the Guarantor expressly confirms that it intends that this Deed of Guarantee shall extend from time to time to any (however fundamental) variation, increase, extension or addition of or to the Guaranteed Agreement and any associated fees, costs and/or expenses.

## **7. RIGHTS OF SUBROGATION**

- 7.1 The Guarantor shall, at any time when there is any default in the performance of any of the Guaranteed Obligations by the Supplier and/or any default by the Guarantor in the performance of any of its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee, exercise any rights it may have:
  - 7.1.1 of subrogation and indemnity;
  - 7.1.2 to take the benefit of, share in or enforce any security or other guarantee or indemnity for the Supplier's obligations; and

- 7.1.3 to prove in the liquidation or insolvency of the Supplier, only in accordance with the Beneficiary's written instructions and shall hold any amount recovered as a result of the exercise of such rights on trust for the Beneficiary and pay the same to the Beneficiary on first demand. The Guarantor hereby acknowledges that it has not taken any security from the Supplier and agrees not to do so until Beneficiary receives all moneys payable hereunder and will hold any security taken in breach of this Clause on trust for the Beneficiary.

## **8. DEFERRAL OF RIGHTS**

- 8.1 Until all amounts which may be or become payable by the Supplier under or in connection with the Guaranteed Agreement have been irrevocably paid in full, the Guarantor agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Beneficiary, it will not:
- 8.1.1 exercise any rights it may have to be indemnified by the Supplier;
  - 8.1.2 claim any contribution from any other guarantor of the Supplier's obligations under the Guaranteed Agreement;
  - 8.1.3 take the benefit (in whole or in part and whether by way of subrogation or otherwise) of any rights of the Beneficiary under the Guaranteed Agreement or of any other guarantee or security taken pursuant to, or in connection with, the Guaranteed Agreement;
  - 8.1.4 demand or accept repayment in whole or in part of any indebtedness now or hereafter due from the Supplier; or
  - 8.1.5 claim any set-off or counterclaim against the Supplier;
- 8.2 If the Guarantor receives any payment or other benefit or exercises any set off or counterclaim or otherwise acts in breach of this Clause 8, anything so received and any benefit derived directly or indirectly by the Guarantor therefrom shall be held on trust for the Beneficiary and applied in or towards discharge of its obligations to the Beneficiary under this Deed of Guarantee.

## **9. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

- 9.1 The Guarantor hereby represents and warrants to the Beneficiary that:
- 9.1.1 the Guarantor is duly incorporated and is a validly existing company under the laws of its place of incorporation, has the capacity to sue or be sued in its own name and has power to carry on its business as now being conducted and to own its property and other assets;
  - 9.1.2 the Guarantor has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee and no limitation on the powers of the Guarantor will be exceeded as a result of the Guarantor entering into this Deed of Guarantee;
  - 9.1.3 the execution and delivery by the Guarantor of this Deed of Guarantee and the performance by the Guarantor of its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee including, without limitation entry into

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and performance of a contract pursuant to Clause 3) have been duly authorised by all necessary corporate action and do not contravene or conflict with:

the Guarantor's memorandum and articles of association or other equivalent constitutional documents;

any existing law, statute, rule or regulation or any judgment, decree or permit to which the Guarantor is subject; or

the terms of any agreement or other document to which the Guarantor is a Party or which is binding upon it or any of its assets;

all governmental and other authorisations, approvals, licences and consents, required or desirable, to enable it lawfully to enter into, exercise its rights and comply with its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee, and to make this Deed of Guarantee admissible in evidence in its jurisdiction of incorporation, have been obtained or effected and are in full force and effect; and

this Deed of Guarantee is the legal valid and binding obligation of the Guarantor and is enforceable against the Guarantor in accordance with its terms.

### **PAYMENTS AND SET-OFF**

All sums payable by the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee shall be paid without any set-off, lien or counterclaim, deduction or withholding, howsoever arising, except for those required by law, and if any deduction or withholding must be made by law, the Guarantor will pay that additional amount which is necessary to ensure that the Beneficiary receives a net amount equal to the full amount which it would have received if the payment had been made without the deduction or withholding.

The Guarantor shall pay interest on any amount due under this Deed of Guarantee at the applicable rate under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, accruing on a daily basis from the due date up to the date of actual payment, whether before or after judgment.

The Guarantor will reimburse the Beneficiary for all legal and other costs (including VAT) incurred by the Beneficiary in connection with the enforcement of this Deed of Guarantee.

### **GUARANTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Guarantor warrants, acknowledges and confirms to the Beneficiary that it has not entered into this Deed of Guarantee in reliance upon, nor has it been induced to enter into this Deed of Guarantee by any representation, warranty or undertaking made by or on behalf of the Beneficiary (whether express or implied and whether pursuant to statute or otherwise) which is not set out in this Deed of Guarantee.

## **ASSIGNMENT**

The Beneficiary shall be entitled to assign or transfer the benefit of this Deed of Guarantee at any time to any person without the consent of the Guarantor being required and any such assignment or transfer shall not release the Guarantor from its liability under this Guarantee.

The Guarantor may not assign or transfer any of its rights and/or obligations under this Deed of Guarantee.

## **SEVERANCE**

If any provision of this Deed of Guarantee is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be severed and the remainder of the provisions hereof shall continue in full force and effect as if this Deed of Guarantee had been executed with the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision eliminated.

## **THIRD PARTY RIGHTS**

Other than the Beneficiary, a person who is not a Party to this Deed of Guarantee shall have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Deed of Guarantee. This Clause does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to that Act.

## **SURVIVAL**

This Deed of Guarantee shall survive termination or expiry of the Guaranteed Agreement.

## **GOVERNING LAW**

This Deed of Guarantee and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with English law.

The Guarantor irrevocably agrees for the benefit of the Beneficiary that the courts of England shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any suit, action or proceedings and to settle any dispute which may arise out of or in connection with this Deed of Guarantee and for such purposes hereby irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of such courts.

Nothing contained in this Clause shall limit the rights of the Beneficiary to take proceedings against the Guarantor in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of any such proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not (unless precluded by applicable law).

The Guarantor irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or in the future to the courts of England being nominated for the purpose of this Clause on the ground of venue or otherwise and agrees not to claim that any such court is not a convenient or appropriate forum.

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**[Guidance Note:** Include the above provision when dealing with the appointment of English process agent by a non English incorporated Guarantor]

[The Guarantor hereby irrevocably designates, appoints and empowers [the Supplier] [a suitable alternative to be agreed if the Supplier's registered office is not in England or Wales] either at its registered office or on facsimile number [insert fax no.] from time to time to act as its authorised agent to receive notices, demands, service of process and any other legal summons in England and Wales for the purposes of any legal action or proceeding brought or to be brought by the Beneficiary in respect of this Deed of Guarantee. The Guarantor hereby irrevocably consents to the service of notices and demands, service of process or any other legal summons served in such way.]

IN WITNESS whereof the Guarantor has caused this instrument to be executed and delivered as a Deed the day and year first before written.

EXECUTED as a DEED by

**[Insert name of the Guarantor]** acting by **[Insert/print names]**

Director

Director/Secretary

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Request for [Revised] Rectification Plan			
Details of the Default:	[Guidance: Explain the Default, with clear schedule and clause references as appropriate]		
Deadline for receiving the [Revised] Rectification Plan:	[add date (minimum 10 days from request)]		
Signed by [CCS/Buyer] :		Date:	
Supplier [Revised] Rectification Plan			
Cause of the Default	[add cause]		
Anticipated impact assessment:	[add impact]		
Actual effect of Default:	[add effect]		
Steps to be taken to rectification:	<b>Steps</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	
	1.	[date]	
	2.	[date]	
	3.	[date]	
	4.	[date]	
	[...]	[date]	
Timescale for complete Rectification of Default	[X] Working Days		
Steps taken to prevent recurrence of Default	<b>Steps</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	
	1.	[date]	
	2.	[date]	
	3.	[date]	
	4.	[date]	
	[...]	[date]	

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Signed by the Supplier:		Date:	
<b>Review of Rectification Plan [CCS/Buyer]</b>			
Outcome of review	[Plan Accepted] [Plan Rejected] [Revised Plan Requested]		
Reasons for Rejection (if applicable)	[add reasons]		
Signed by [CCS/Buyer]		Date:	



## Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data)

### Definitions

1. In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

**“Processor Personnel”** all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of the Processor and/or of any Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under a Contract;

### Status of the Controller

2. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the nature of the activity carried out by each of them in relation to their respective obligations under a Contract dictates the status of each party under the DPA 2018. A Party may act as:

- (a) “Controller” in respect of the other Party who is “Processor”;
- (b) “Processor” in respect of the other Party who is “Controller”;
- (c) “Joint Controller” with the other Party;
- (d) “Independent Controller” of the Personal Data where the other Party is also “Controller”,

in respect of certain Personal Data under a Contract and shall specify in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*) which scenario they think shall apply in each situation.

### Where one Party is Controller and the other Party its Processor

3. Where a Party is a Processor, the only Processing that it is authorised to do is listed in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*) by the Controller.
4. The Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if it considers that any of the Controller’s instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.
5. The Processor shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Controller in the preparation of any Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to commencing any Processing. Such assistance may, at the discretion of the Controller, include:
  - (a) a systematic description of the envisaged Processing and the purpose of the Processing;

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- (b) an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the Processing in relation to the Deliverables;
  - (c) an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
  - (d) the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data.
6. The Processor shall, in relation to any Personal Data Processed in connection with its obligations under the Contract:
- (a) Process that Personal Data only in accordance with Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*), unless the Processor is required to do otherwise by Law. If it is so required the Processor shall notify the Controller before Processing the Personal Data unless prohibited by Law;
  - (b) ensure that it has in place Protective Measures, including in the case of the Supplier the measures set out in Clause 14.3 of the Core Terms, which the Controller may reasonably reject (but failure to reject shall not amount to approval by the Controller of the adequacy of the Protective Measures) having taken account of the:
    - (i) nature of the data to be protected;
    - (ii) harm that might result from a Personal Data Breach;
    - (iii) state of technological development; and
    - (iv) cost of implementing any measures;
  - (c) ensure that :
    - (i) the Processor Personnel do not Process Personal Data except in accordance with the Contract (and in particular Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*));
    - (ii) it takes all reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and integrity of any Processor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and ensure that they:
      - (A) are aware of and comply with the Processor's duties under this Joint Schedule 11, Clauses 14 (*Data protection*), 15 (*What you must keep confidential*) and 16 (*When you can share information*);
      - (B) are subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings with the Processor or any Subprocessor;
      - (C) are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party unless directed in writing to do so by the Controller or as otherwise permitted by the Contract; and
      - (D) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of Personal Data;

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- (d) not transfer Personal Data outside of the UK or EU unless the prior written consent of the Controller has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:
    - (i) the Controller or the Processor has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer (whether in accordance with UK GDPR Article 46 or LED Article 37) as determined by the Controller;
    - (ii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
    - (iii) the Processor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred (or, if it is not so bound, uses its best endeavours to assist the Controller in meeting its obligations); and
    - (iv) the Processor complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Controller with respect to the Processing of the Personal Data; and
  - (e) at the written direction of the Controller, delete or return Personal Data (and any copies of it) to the Controller on termination of the Contract unless the Processor is required by Law to retain the Personal Data.
7. Subject to paragraph 7 of this Joint Schedule 11, the Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if in relation to it Processing Personal Data under or in connection with the Contract it:
- (a) receives a Data Subject Access Request (or purported Data Subject Access Request);
  - (b) receives a request to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data;
  - (c) receives any other request, complaint or communication relating to either Party's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
  - (d) receives any communication from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data Processed under the Contract;
  - (e) receives a request from any third Party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by Law; or
  - (f) becomes aware of a Personal Data Breach.
8. The Processor's obligation to notify under paragraph 6 of this Joint Schedule 11 shall include the provision of further information to the Controller, as details become available.
9. Taking into account the nature of the Processing, the Processor shall provide the Controller with assistance in relation to either Party's obligations under Data

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Protection Legislation and any complaint, communication or request made under paragraph 6 of this Joint Schedule 11 (and insofar as possible within the timescales reasonably required by the Controller) including by immediately providing:

- (a) the Controller with full details and copies of the complaint, communication or request;
  - (b) such assistance as is reasonably requested by the Controller to enable it to comply with a Data Subject Access Request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation;
  - (c) the Controller, at its request, with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject;
  - (d) assistance as requested by the Controller following any Personal Data Breach; and/or
  - (e) assistance as requested by the Controller with respect to any request from the Information Commissioner's Office, or any consultation by the Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office.
10. The Processor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this Joint Schedule 11. This requirement does not apply where the Processor employs fewer than 250 staff, unless:
- (a) the Controller determines that the Processing is not occasional;
  - (b) the Controller determines the Processing includes special categories of data as referred to in Article 9(1) of the UK GDPR or Personal Data relating to criminal convictions and offences referred to in Article 10 of the UK GDPR; or
  - (c) the Controller determines that the Processing is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects.
11. The Processor shall allow for audits of its Data Processing activity by the Controller or the Controller's designated auditor.
12. The Parties shall designate a Data Protection Officer if required by the Data Protection Legislation.
13. Before allowing any Subprocessor to Process any Personal Data related to the Contract, the Processor must:
- (a) notify the Controller in writing of the intended Subprocessor and Processing;
  - (b) obtain the written consent of the Controller;
  - (c) enter into a written agreement with the Subprocessor which give effect to the terms set out in this Joint Schedule 11 such that they apply to the Subprocessor; and
  - (d) provide the Controller with such information regarding the Subprocessor as the Controller may reasonably require.

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14. The Processor shall remain fully liable for all acts or omissions of any of its Subprocessors.
15. The Relevant Authority may, at any time on not less than thirty (30) Working Days' notice, revise this Joint Schedule 11 by replacing it with any applicable controller to processor standard clauses or similar terms forming part of an applicable certification scheme (which shall apply when incorporated by attachment to the Contract).
16. The Parties agree to take account of any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. The Relevant Authority may on not less than thirty (30) Working Days' notice to the Supplier amend the Contract to ensure that it complies with any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office.

#### **Where the Parties are Joint Controllers of Personal Data**

17. In the event that the Parties are Joint Controllers in respect of Personal Data under the Contract, the Parties shall implement paragraphs that are necessary to comply with UK GDPR Article 26 based on the terms set out in Annex 2 to this Joint Schedule 11.

#### **Independent Controllers of Personal Data**

18. With respect to Personal Data provided by one Party to another Party for which each Party acts as Controller but which is not under the Joint Control of the Parties, each Party undertakes to comply with the applicable Data Protection Legislation in respect of their Processing of such Personal Data as Controller.
19. Each Party shall Process the Personal Data in compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation and not do anything to cause the other Party to be in breach of it.
20. Where a Party has provided Personal Data to the other Party in accordance with paragraph 8 of this Joint Schedule 11 above, the recipient of the Personal Data will provide all such relevant documents and information relating to its data protection policies and procedures as the other Party may reasonably require.
21. The Parties shall be responsible for their own compliance with Articles 13 and 14 UK GDPR in respect of the Processing of Personal Data for the purposes of the Contract.
22. The Parties shall only provide Personal Data to each other:
  - (a) to the extent necessary to perform their respective obligations under the Contract;
  - (b) in compliance with the Data Protection Legislation (including by ensuring all required data privacy information has been given to affected Data Subjects to meet the requirements of Articles 13 and 14 of the UK GDPR); and

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- (c) where it has recorded it in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*).
23. Taking into account the state of the art, the costs of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of Processing as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons, each Party shall, with respect to its Processing of Personal Data as Independent Controller, implement and maintain appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to that risk, including, as appropriate, the measures referred to in Article 32(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the UK GDPR, and the measures shall, at a minimum, comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Legislation, including Article 32 of the UK GDPR.
24. A Party Processing Personal Data for the purposes of the Contract shall maintain a record of its Processing activities in accordance with Article 30 UK GDPR and shall make the record available to the other Party upon reasonable request.
25. Where a Party receives a request by any Data Subject to exercise any of their rights under the Data Protection Legislation in relation to the Personal Data provided to it by the other Party pursuant to the Contract (**“Request Recipient”**):
- (a) the other Party shall provide any information and/or assistance as reasonably requested by the Request Recipient to help it respond to the request or correspondence, at the cost of the Request Recipient; or
  - (b) where the request or correspondence is directed to the other Party and/or relates to that other Party's Processing of the Personal Data, the Request Recipient will:
    - (i) promptly, and in any event within five (5) Working Days of receipt of the request or correspondence, inform the other Party that it has received the same and shall forward such request or correspondence to the other Party; and
    - (ii) provide any information and/or assistance as reasonably requested by the other Party to help it respond to the request or correspondence in the timeframes specified by Data Protection Legislation.
26. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party upon it becoming aware of any Personal Data Breach relating to Personal Data provided by the other Party pursuant to the Contract and shall:
- (a) do all such things as reasonably necessary to assist the other Party in mitigating the effects of the Personal Data Breach;

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- (b) implement any measures necessary to restore the security of any compromised Personal Data;
  - (c) work with the other Party to make any required notifications to the Information Commissioner's Office and affected Data Subjects in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation (including the timeframes set out therein); and
  - (d) not do anything which may damage the reputation of the other Party or that Party's relationship with the relevant Data Subjects, save as required by Law.
27. Personal Data provided by one Party to the other Party may be used exclusively to exercise rights and obligations under the Contract as specified in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*).
28. Personal Data shall not be retained or processed for longer than is necessary to perform each Party's respective obligations under the Contract which is specified in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*).
29. Notwithstanding the general application of paragraphs 2 to 16 of this Joint Schedule 11 to Personal Data, where the Supplier is required to exercise its regulatory and/or legal obligations in respect of Personal Data, it shall act as an Independent Controller of Personal Data in accordance with paragraphs 18 to 27 of this Joint Schedule 11.

## Annex 1 - Processing Personal Data

This Annex shall be completed by the Controller, who may take account of the view of the Processors, however the final decision as to the content of this Annex shall be with the Relevant Authority at its absolute discretion.

- 1.1 The contact details of the Relevant Authority's Data Protection Officer are: [REDACTED], Departmental Data Protection Officer, [REDACTED]
- 1.2 The contact details of the Supplier's Data Protection Officer are: [REDACTED] Head of Compliance, [REDACTED]
- 1.3 The Processor shall comply with any further written instructions with respect to Processing by the Controller.
- 1.4 Any such further instructions shall be incorporated into this Annex.

Description	Details
Identity of Controller for each Category of Personal Data	<p><b>The Relevant Authority is Controller and the Supplier is Processor</b></p> <p>The Parties acknowledge that in accordance with paragraph 2 to paragraph 15 and for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Relevant Authority is the Controller and the Supplier is the Processor of the following Personal Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Collecting primary data from T Level, TLFY and Level 4/5 learner groups through online and CATI survey approaches identified from two sample sources (School Census and ILR). Sample data will include name, address, postcode, contact telephone number (mobile and/ or landline), email (where available) as well as other personal data used to inform the survey design including: age, gender, ethnicity, disability, Special Educational Needs, Free School Meal Status, subject of study, provider type and where available other learning variables including level, course and course completion status. The survey will capture further socio-demographic data from participants identified during the questionnaire development stage.</i></li></ul>



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Duration of the Processing	<i>Processing will take place throughout the duration of the contract between May 2024 and September 2027 (subject to Break Clause assessments at January 2025 and January 2026).</i>
Nature and purposes of the Processing	<p>The supplier will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Receive, by secure means, personal data from the relevant authority about learners from the School Census and the ILR for the purposes of sampling for surveys and enable contact with individuals as part of survey fieldwork</li><li>- Store these personal data securely for the duration of the project</li><li>- Contact relevant target groups for research activities via letter, email and text message</li><li>- Administer incentive payments for survey participants</li><li>- Seek informed consent for linkage to other administrative data</li><li>- Use pseudonymised ILR and School Census data at the individual and aggregate level for analysis</li><li>- Produce pseudonymised datasets for analytical purposes for the Relevant Authority and for the purposes of archiving for the wider research community</li></ul> <p>The purpose for collecting and processing personal data shall be 'public task'. All research will be consented to, and participants will be able to opt out.</p>
Type of Personal Data	<p><i>Personal data will only be collected where necessary, either to administer fieldwork or to aid data analysis to help address study aims. We anticipate collecting the following personal data:</i></p> <p><b>Personal identifiers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Name</i></li><li>• <i>Unique sample reference number</i></li><li>• <i>Age (date of birth)</i></li><li>• <i>Gender</i></li><li>• <i>Student level</i></li><li>• <i>Course subject and course completion status</i></li><li>• <i>Course provider type</i></li><li>• <i>Survey responses</i></li><li>• <i>Cookie and IP address (online survey administration only)</i></li></ul>

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	<p><b><i>Special category data:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ethnicity</i></li><li>• <i>Disability</i></li><li>• <i>Special Educational Needs</i></li><li>• <i>Free School Meal status</i></li></ul> <p><b><i>Contact details:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Contact postal address</i></li><li>• <i>Full postcode</i></li><li>• <i>Landline/ Mobile telephone number (where available)</i></li><li>• <i>Email address (where available)</i></li></ul>
Categories of Data Subject	<p><i>Students covering the following learner groups:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>T Level</i></li><li>• <i>TLFY and</i></li><li>• <i>Level 4/5 learner groups</i></li></ul>
<p>Plan for return and destruction of the data once the Processing is complete</p> <p>UNLESS requirement under Union or Member State law to preserve that type of data</p>	<p><i>Anonymised survey data will be returned to DfE upon completion of each survey wave. Personal data used to administer the survey and/ or collected from the survey including recontact data will be securely retained and destroyed using Blanco Eraser Software within 3 months following contract end. We will supply Certificates of Destruction to DfE following destruction for audit purposes.</i></p>

## Joint Schedule 12 (Supply Chain Visibility)

### 1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

<b>"Contracts Finder"</b>	the Government's publishing portal for public sector procurement opportunities;
<b>"SME"</b>	an enterprise falling within the category of micro, small and medium sized enterprises defined by the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium sized enterprises;
<b>"Supply Information Template"</b>	the document at Annex 1 of this Schedule 12; and
<b>"Chain Report"</b>	
<b>"VCSE"</b>	a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives.

### 2. Visibility of Sub-Contract Opportunities in the Supply Chain

2.1 The Supplier shall:

- 2.1.1 subject to Paragraph 2.3, advertise on Contracts Finder all Sub-Contract opportunities arising from or in connection with the provision of the Deliverables above a minimum threshold of £25,000 that arise during the Contract Period;
- 2.1.2 within 90 days of awarding a Sub-Contract to a Subcontractor, update the notice on Contract Finder with details of the successful Subcontractor;
- 2.1.3 monitor the number, type and value of the Sub-Contract opportunities placed on Contracts Finder advertised and awarded in its supply chain during the Contract Period;

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- 2.1.4 provide reports on the information at Paragraph 2.1.3 to the Relevant Authority in the format and frequency as reasonably specified by the Relevant Authority; and
  - 2.1.5 promote Contracts Finder to its suppliers and encourage those organisations to register on Contracts Finder.
- 2.2 Each advert referred to at Paragraph 2.1.1 of this Schedule 12 shall provide a full and detailed description of the Sub-Contract opportunity with each of the mandatory fields being completed on Contracts Finder by the Supplier.
- 2.3 The obligation on the Supplier set out at Paragraph 2.1 shall only apply in respect of Sub-Contract opportunities arising after the Effective Date.
- 2.4 Notwithstanding Paragraph 2.1, the Authority may by giving its prior Approval, agree that a Sub-Contract opportunity is not required to be advertised by the Supplier on Contracts Finder.

### **3. Visibility of Supply Chain Spend**

- 3.1 In addition to any other management information requirements set out in the Contract, the Supplier agrees and acknowledges that it shall, at no charge, provide timely, full, accurate and complete SME management information reports (the “SME Management Information Reports”) to the Relevant Authority which incorporates the data described in the Supply Chain Information Report Template which is:
- (a) the total contract revenue received directly on the Contract;
  - (b) the total value of sub-contracted revenues under the Contract (including revenues for non-SMEs/non-VCSEs); and
  - (c) the total value of sub-contracted revenues to SMEs and VCSEs.
- 3.2 The SME Management Information Reports shall be provided by the Supplier in the correct format as required by the Supply Chain Information Report Template and any guidance issued by the Relevant Authority from time to time. The Supplier agrees that it shall use the Supply Chain Information Report Template to provide the information detailed at Paragraph 3.1(a) –(c) and acknowledges that the template may be changed from time to time (including the data required and/or format) by the Relevant Authority issuing a replacement version. The Relevant

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Authority agrees to give at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing of any such change and shall specify the date from which it must be used.

- 3.3 The Supplier further agrees and acknowledges that it may not make any amendment to the Supply Chain Information Report Template without the prior Approval of the Authority.

**Annex 1****Supply Chain Information Report template**

Supply Chain Information  
Report templat

## **Order Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)**

- 1.1 The Supplier recognises that the Buyer is subject to PPN 01/17 (Updates to transparency principles v1.1 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0117-update-to-transparency-principles>)). The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of this Schedule in order to assist the Buyer with its compliance with its obligations under that PPN.
- 1.2 Without prejudice to the Supplier's reporting requirements set out in the DPS Contract, within three (3) Months of the Start Date the Supplier shall submit to the Buyer for Approval (such Approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) draft Transparency Reports consistent with the content requirements and format set out in the Annex of this Schedule.
- 1.3 If the Buyer rejects any proposed Transparency Report submitted by the Supplier, the Supplier shall submit a revised version of the relevant report for further Approval within five (5) days of receipt of any notice of rejection, taking account of any recommendations for revision and improvement to the report provided by the Buyer. If the Parties fail to agree on a draft Transparency Report the Buyer shall determine what should be included. Any other disagreement in connection with Transparency Reports shall be treated as a Dispute.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall provide accurate and up-to-date versions of each Transparency Report to the Buyer at the frequency referred to in the Annex of this Schedule.

## **Annex A: List of Transparency Reports**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Security Management Plan	The supplier will prepare a security management plan within 20 days of contract signature	Microsoft Word or PDF	Within 20 days of contract signature
Project Initiation Document	The supplier will prepare a project initiation document within 20 days of contract signature	Microsoft Word or PDF	Within 20 days of contract signature
Performance management	The supplier will prepare interim reports every six months across the lifecycle of the project	Microsoft Word or PDF	Every six months
Order Contract Charges	The supplier must provide a note on any anticipated changes to the order contract charges at	Microsoft Word or PDF	As required

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	the earliest opportunity		
Key Subcontractors	Any changes to key contractors must be reported to the Buyer at the earliest opportunity. A note outlining the reason(s) for the change should be delivered. The changes must be approved by the Buyer.	Microsoft Word or PDF	As required
Technical	Analytical reports outlining methodology and any relevant outcome measures. Weekly fieldwork reports when in field	Microsoft Word or PDF	As required



## Order Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer)

### 1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

<b>"Acquired Rights Directive"</b>	<p>1 the European Council Directive 77/187/EEC on the approximation of laws of European member states relating to the safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings, businesses or parts of undertakings or businesses, as amended or re-enacted from time to time;</p> <p>2</p>
<b>"Employee Liability"</b>	<p>3 all claims, actions, proceedings, orders, demands, complaints, investigations (save for any claims for personal injury which are covered by insurance) and any award, compensation, damages, tribunal awards, fine, loss, order, penalty, disbursement, payment made by way of settlement and costs, expenses and legal costs reasonably incurred in connection with a claim or investigation including in relation to the following:</p> <p>a) redundancy payments including contractual or enhanced redundancy costs, termination costs and notice payments;</p>
	<p>b) unfair, wrongful or constructive dismissal compensation;</p>
	<p>c) compensation for discrimination on grounds of sex, race, disability, age, religion or belief, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation or claims for equal pay;</p>
	<p>d) compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed term employees;</p>
	<p>e) outstanding employment debts and unlawful deduction of wages including any PAYE and National Insurance Contributions;</p>

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	f) employment claims whether in tort, contract or statute or otherwise;
	g) any investigation relating to employment matters by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or other enforcement, regulatory or supervisory body and of implementing any requirements which may arise from such investigation;
<b>"Former Supplier"</b>	a supplier supplying services to the Buyer before the Relevant Transfer Date that are the same as or substantially similar to the Services (or any part of the Services) and shall include any Subcontractor of such supplier (or any Subcontractor of any such Subcontractor);
<b>"New Fair Deal"</b>	<p>the revised Fair Deal position set out in the HM Treasury guidance: <i>"Fair Deal for Staff Pensions: Staff Transfer from Central Government"</i> issued in October 2013 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) any amendments to that document immediately prior to the Relevant Transfer Date; and</li><li>(ii) any similar pension protection in accordance with the Annexes D1-D3 inclusive to Part D of this Schedule as notified to the Supplier by the Buyer;</li></ul>
<b>"Old Fair Deal"</b>	HM Treasury Guidance <i>"Staff Transfers from Central Government: A Fair Deal for Staff Pensions"</i> issued in June 1999 including the supplementary guidance <i>"Fair Deal for Staff pensions: Procurement of Bulk Transfer Agreements and Related Issues"</i> issued in June 2004;
<b>"Partial Termination"</b>	the partial termination of the relevant Contract to the extent that it relates to the provision of any part of the Services as further provided for in Clause 10.4 (When CCS or the Buyer can end this contract) or 10.6 (When the Supplier can end the contract);
<b>"Relevant Transfer"</b>	a transfer of employment to which the Employment Regulations applies;

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<b>"Relevant Transfer Date"</b>	in relation to a Relevant Transfer, the date upon which the Relevant Transfer takes place. For the purposes of Part D: Pensions and its Annexes, where the Supplier or a Subcontractor was the Former Supplier and there is no Relevant Transfer of the Fair Deal Employees because they remain continuously employed by the Supplier (or Subcontractor), references to the Relevant Transfer Date shall become references to the Start Date;
<b>"Staffing Information"</b>	<p>in relation to all persons identified on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List or Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, as the case may be, such information as the Buyer may reasonably request (subject to all applicable provisions of the Data Protection Legislation), but including in an anonymised format:</p> <p>(a) their ages, dates of commencement of employment or engagement, gender and place of work;</p>
	<p>(b) details of whether they are employed, self-employed contractors or consultants, agency workers or otherwise;</p>
	<p>(c) the identity of the employer or relevant contracting Party;</p>
	<p>(d) their relevant contractual notice periods and any other terms relating to termination of employment, including redundancy procedures, and redundancy payments;</p>
	<p>(e) their wages, salaries, bonuses and profit sharing arrangements as applicable;</p>
	<p>(f) details of other employment-related benefits, including (without limitation) medical insurance, life assurance, pension or other retirement benefit schemes, share option schemes and company car schedules applicable to them;</p>

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	(g) any outstanding or potential contractual, statutory or other liabilities in respect of such individuals (including in respect of personal injury claims);
	(h) details of any such individuals on long term sickness absence, parental leave, maternity leave or other authorised long term absence;
	(i) copies of all relevant documents and materials relating to such information, including copies of relevant contracts of employment (or relevant standard contracts if applied generally in respect of such employees); and
	(j) any other "employee liability information" as such term is defined in regulation 11 of the Employment Regulations;
<b>"Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List"</b>	a list provided by the Supplier of all Supplier Staff whose will transfer under the Employment Regulations on the Service Transfer Date;
<b>"Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List"</b>	a list prepared and updated by the Supplier of all Supplier Staff who are at the date of the list wholly or mainly engaged in or assigned to the provision of the Services or any relevant part of the Services which it is envisaged as at the date of such list will no longer be provided by the Supplier;
<b>"Term"</b>	the period commencing on the Start Date and ending on the expiry of the Initial Period or any Extension Period or on earlier termination of the relevant Contract;
<b>"Transferring Buyer Employees"</b>	those employees of the Buyer to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date;
<b>"Transferring Former Supplier Employees"</b>	in relation to a Former Supplier, those employees of the Former Supplier to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date.

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### **2. INTERPRETATION**

- 2.1 Where a provision in this Schedule imposes any obligation on the Supplier including (without limit) to comply with a requirement or provide an indemnity, undertaking or warranty, the Supplier shall procure that each of its Subcontractors shall comply with such obligation and provide such indemnity, undertaking or warranty to CCS, the Buyer, Former Supplier, Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor, as the case may be and where the Subcontractor fails to satisfy any claims under such indemnities the Supplier will be liable for satisfying any such claim as if it had provided the indemnity itself.
- 2.2 The provisions of Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.6 of Part A, Paragraph 3.1 of Part B, Paragraphs 1.5, 1.7 and 1.9 of Part C, Part D and Paragraphs 1.4, 2.3 and 2.8 of Part E of this Schedule (together “Third Party Provisions”) confer benefits on third parties (each such person a “Third Party Beneficiary”) and are intended to be enforceable by Third Party Beneficiaries by virtue of the CRTPA.
- 2.3 Subject to Paragraph 2.2 above, a person who is not a Party to this Order Contract has no right under the CRTPA to enforce any term of this Order Contract but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to that Act.
- 2.4 No Third Party Beneficiary may enforce, or take any step to enforce, any Third Party Provision without the prior written consent of the Buyer, which may, if given, be given on and subject to such terms as the Buyer may determine.
- 2.5 Any amendments or modifications to this Order Contract may be made, and any rights created under Paragraph 2.2 above may be altered or extinguished, by the Parties without the consent of any Third Party Beneficiary.

### **3. Which parts of this Schedule apply**

Only the following parts of this Schedule shall apply to this Call Off Contract:

Part C (No Staff Transfer on the Start Date)

Part E (Staff Transfer on Exit)

## Part C: No Staff Transfer on the Start Date

### 1. What happens if there is a staff transfer

- 1.1 The Buyer and the Supplier agree that the commencement of the provision of the Services or of any part of the Services will not be a Relevant Transfer in relation to any employees of the Buyer and/or any Former Supplier.
- 1.2 If any employee of the Buyer and/or a Former Supplier claims, or it is determined in relation to any employee of the Buyer and/or a Former Supplier, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier to the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations or the Acquired Rights Directive then:
  - 1.2.1 the Supplier shall, and shall procure that the relevant Subcontractor shall, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Buyer in writing and, where required by the Buyer, notify the Former Supplier in writing; and
  - 1.2.2 the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier may offer (or may procure that a third party may offer) employment to such person within 15 Working Days of the notification from the Supplier or the Subcontractor (as appropriate) or take such other reasonable steps as the Buyer or Former Supplier (as the case may be) it considers appropriate to deal with the matter provided always that such steps are in compliance with applicable Law.
- 1.3 If an offer referred to in Paragraph 1.2.2 is accepted (or if the situation has otherwise been resolved by the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier),, the Supplier shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall, immediately release the person from his/her employment or alleged employment.
- 1.4 If by the end of the 15 Working Day period referred to in Paragraph 1.2.2:
  - 1.4.1 no such offer of employment has been made;
  - 1.4.2 such offer has been made but not accepted; or
  - 1.4.3 the situation has not otherwise been resolved;the Supplier may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment or alleged employment of such person.
- 1.5 Subject to the Supplier and/or the relevant Subcontractor acting in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 1.2 to 1.4 and in accordance with all applicable employment procedures set out in applicable Law and subject also to Paragraph 1.8 the Buyer shall:
  - 1.5.1 indemnify the Supplier and/or the relevant Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Buyer's employees referred to in Paragraph 1.2 made pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1.4 provided that the Supplier takes, or shall procure that the

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- Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities; and
- 1.5.2 procure that the Former Supplier indemnifies the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of termination of the employment of the employees of the Former Supplier referred to in Paragraph 1.2 made pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1.4 provided that the Supplier takes, or shall procure that the relevant Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities.
- 1.6 If any such person as is described in Paragraph 1.2 is neither re employed by the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier as appropriate nor dismissed by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor within the 15 Working Day period referred to in Paragraph 1.4 such person shall be treated as having transferred to the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor (as appropriate) and the Supplier shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall, comply with such obligations as may be imposed upon it under Law.
- 1.7 Where any person remains employed by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor pursuant to Paragraph 1.6, all Employee Liabilities in relation to such employee shall remain with the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor and the Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer and any Former Supplier, and shall procure that the Subcontractor shall indemnify the Buyer and any Former Supplier, against any Employee Liabilities that either of them may incur in respect of any such employees of the Supplier and/or employees of the Subcontractor.
- 1.8 The indemnities in Paragraph 1.5:
- 1.8.1 shall not apply to:
- (a) any claim for:
- (i) discrimination, including on the grounds of sex, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation, religion or belief; or
- (ii) equal pay or compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed-term employees,
- in any case in relation to any alleged act or omission of the Supplier and/or Subcontractor; or
- (b) any claim that the termination of employment was unfair because the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor neglected to follow a fair dismissal procedure; and

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1.8.2 shall apply only where the notification referred to in Paragraph 1.2.1 is made by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor to the Buyer and, if applicable, Former Supplier within 6 months of the Start Date.

1.9 If the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor does not comply with Paragraph 1.2, all Employee Liabilities in relation to such employees shall remain with the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor and the Supplier shall (i) comply with the provisions of Part D: Pensions of this Schedule, and (ii) indemnify the Buyer and any Former Supplier against any Employee Liabilities that either of them may incur in respect of any such employees of the Supplier and/or employees of the Subcontractor.

## **2. Limits on the Former Supplier's obligations**

Where in this Part C the Buyer accepts an obligation to procure that a Former Supplier does or does not do something, such obligation shall be limited so that it extends only to the extent that the Buyer's contract with the Former Supplier contains a contractual right in that regard which the Buyer may enforce, or otherwise so that it requires only that the Buyer must use reasonable endeavours to procure that the Former Supplier does or does not act accordingly.



## Part D: Pensions

### 1. Definitions

In this Part D and Part E, the following words have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions), and shall be deemed to include the definitions set out in the Annexes to this Part D:

<b>"Actuary"</b>	a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries;
<b>"Admission Agreement"</b>	either or both of the CSPA Admission Agreement (as defined in Annex D1: CSPA) or the LGPS Admission Agreement (as defined in Annex D3: LGPS), as the context requires;
<b>"Best Value Direction"</b>	the Best Value Authorities Staff Transfers (Pensions) Direction 2007 or the Welsh Authorities Staff Transfers (Pensions) Direction 2012 (as appropriate);
<b>"Broadly Comparable"</b>	(a) in respect of a pension scheme, a status satisfying the condition that there are no identifiable employees who will suffer material detriment overall in terms of future accrual of pension benefits as assessed in accordance with Annex A of New Fair Deal and demonstrated by the issue by the Government Actuary's Department of a broad comparability certificate; and/or
	(b) in respect of benefits provided for or in respect of a member under a pension scheme, benefits that are consistent with that pension scheme's certificate of broad comparability issued by the Government Actuary's Department,  and <b>"Broad Comparability"</b> shall be construed accordingly;
<b>"CSPA"</b>	the schemes as defined in Annex D1 to this Part D;
<b>"Direction Letter/Determination"</b>	has the meaning in Annex D2 to this Part D;

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<b>"Fair Deal Eligible Employees"</b>	each of the CSPA Eligible Employees, the NHSPS Eligible Employees and/or the LGPS Eligible Employees (as applicable) (and shall include any such employee who has been admitted to and/or remains eligible to join a Broadly Comparable pension scheme at the relevant time in accordance with paragraph 10 or 11 of this Part D);
<b>"Fair Deal Employees"</b>	any of:
	(a) Transferring Buyer Employees;
	(b) Transferring Former Supplier Employees;
	(c) employees who are not Transferring Buyer Employees or Transferring Former Supplier Employees but to whom the Employment Regulations apply on the Relevant Transfer Date to transfer their employment to the Supplier or a Subcontractor, and whose employment is not terminated in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 2.5 of Parts A or B or Paragraph 1.4 of Part C;
	(d) where the Supplier or a Subcontractor was the Former Supplier, the employees of the Supplier (or Subcontractor);
	who at the Relevant Transfer Date are or become entitled to New Fair Deal or Best Value Direction protection in respect of any of the Statutory Schemes or a Broadly Comparable pension scheme provided in accordance with paragraph 10 of this Part D as notified by the Buyer;
<b>"Fund Actuary"</b>	a Fund Actuary as defined in Annex D3 to this Part D;
<b>"LGPS"</b>	the scheme as defined in Annex D3 to this Part D;

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<b>"NHSPS"</b>	the schemes as defined in Annex D2 to this Part D;
	(a)
	(b)
<b>"Statutory Schemes"</b>	means the CSPA, NHSPS or LGPS.

**2. Supplier obligations to participate in the pension schemes**

- 2.1 In respect of all or any Fair Deal Employees each of Annex D1: CSPA, Annex D2: NHSPS and/or Annex D3: LGPS shall apply, as appropriate.
- 2.2 The Supplier undertakes to do all such things and execute any documents (including any relevant Admission Agreement and/or Direction Letter/Determination, if necessary) as may be required to enable the Supplier to participate in the appropriate Statutory Scheme in respect of the Fair Deal Employees and shall bear its own costs in such regard.
- 2.3 The Supplier undertakes:
- 2.3.1 to pay to the Statutory Schemes all such amounts as are due under the relevant Admission Agreement and/or Direction Letter/Determination or otherwise and shall deduct and pay to the Statutory Schemes such employee contributions as are required; and
  - 2.3.2 subject to paragraph 5 of Annex D3: LGPS to be fully responsible for all other costs, contributions, payments and other amounts relating to its participation in the Statutory Schemes, including for the avoidance of doubt any exit payments and the costs of providing any bond, indemnity or guarantee required in relation to such participation.
- 2.4 Where the Supplier is the Former Supplier (or a Subcontractor is a Subcontractor of the Former Supplier) and there is no Relevant Transfer of the Fair Deal Employees because they remain continuously employed by the Supplier (or Subcontractor) at the Start Date, this Part D and its Annexes shall be modified accordingly so that the Supplier (or Subcontractor) shall comply with its requirements from the Start Date or, where it previously provided a Broadly Comparable pension scheme, from the date it is able to close accrual of its Broadly Comparable pension scheme (following appropriate consultation and contractual changes as appropriate) if later. The Supplier (or Subcontractor) shall make arrangements for a bulk transfer from its Broadly Comparable pension scheme to the relevant Statutory Scheme in accordance with the requirements of the previous contract with the Buyer<sup>1</sup>.

### **3. Supplier obligation to provide information**

#### **3.1 The Supplier undertakes to the Buyer:**

- 3.1.1 to provide all information which the Buyer may reasonably request concerning matters referred to in this Part D as expeditiously as possible; and
- 3.1.2 not to issue any announcements to any Fair Deal Employee prior to the Relevant Transfer Date concerning the matters stated in this Part D without the consent in writing of the Buyer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);
- 3.1.3 retain such records as would be necessary to manage the pension aspects in relation to any current or former Fair Deal Eligible Employees arising on expiry or termination of the relevant Contract.

### **4. Indemnities the Supplier must give**

#### **4.1 The Supplier shall indemnify and keep indemnified CCS, [NHS Pensions], the Buyer and/or any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor on demand from and against all and any Losses whatsoever suffered or incurred by it or them which:**

- 4.1.1 arise out of or in connection with any liability towards all and any Fair Deal Employees arising in respect of service on or after the Relevant Transfer Date which arise from any breach by the Supplier of this Part D, and/or the CSPA Admission Agreement and/or the Direction Letter/Determination and/or the LGPS Admission Agreement;
- 4.1.2 relate to the payment of benefits under and/or participation in a pension scheme (as defined in section 150(1) Finance Act 2004) provided by the Supplier or a Subcontractor on and after the Relevant Transfer Date until the date of termination or expiry of the relevant Contract, including the Statutory Schemes or any Broadly Comparable pension scheme provided in accordance with paragraphs 10 or 11 of this Part D;
- 4.1.3 relate to claims by Fair Deal Employees of the Supplier and/or of any Subcontractor or by any trade unions, elected employee representatives or staff associations in respect of all or any such Fair Deal Employees which Losses:

Subcontractor:

- (a) relate to any rights to benefits under a pension scheme (as defined in section 150(1) Finance Act 2004) in respect of periods of employment on and after the Relevant Transfer Date until the date of termination or expiry of the relevant Contract; or

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(b) arise out of the failure of the Supplier and/or any relevant Subcontractor to comply with the provisions of this Part D before the date of termination or expiry of the relevant Contract; and/or

4.1.4 arise out of or in connection with the Supplier (or its Subcontractor) allowing anyone who is not an NHSPS Fair Deal Employee to join or claim membership of the NHSPS at any time during the Term.

4.2 The indemnities in this Part D and its Annexes:

4.2.1 shall survive termination of the relevant Contract; and

4.2.2 shall not be affected by the caps on liability contained in Clause 11 (How much you can be held responsible for).

### 5. What happens if there is a dispute

5.1 The Dispute Resolution Procedure will not apply to any dispute (i) between the CCS and/or the Buyer and/or the Supplier or (ii) between their respective actuaries and/or the Fund Actuary about any of the actuarial matters referred to in this Part D and its Annexes shall in the absence of agreement between the CCS and/or the Buyer and/or the Supplier be referred to an independent Actuary:

5.1.1 who will act as an expert and not as an arbitrator;

5.1.2 whose decision will be final and binding on the CCS and/or the Buyer and/or the Supplier; and

5.1.3 whose expenses shall be borne equally by the CCS and/or the Buyer and/or the Supplier unless the independent Actuary shall otherwise direct.

The independent Actuary shall be agreed by the Parties or, failing such agreement the independent Actuary shall be appointed by the President for the time being of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries on the application by the Parties.

### 6. Other people's rights

6.1 The Parties agree Clause 19 (Other people's rights in this contract) does not apply and that the CRTPA applies to this Part D to the extent necessary to ensure that any Fair Deal Employee will have the right to enforce any obligation owed to him or her or it by the Supplier under this Part D, in his or her or its own right under section 1(1) of the CRTPA.

6.2 Further, the Supplier must ensure that the CRTPA will apply to any Sub-Contract to the extent necessary to ensure that any Fair Deal Employee will have the right to enforce any obligation owed to them by the Subcontractor in his or her or its own right under section 1(1) of the CRTPA.

## **7. What happens if there is a breach of this Part D**

7.1 The Supplier agrees to notify the Buyer should it breach any obligations it has under this Part D and agrees that the Buyer shall be entitled to terminate its Contract for material Default in the event that the Supplier:

7.1.1 commits an irremediable breach of any provision or obligation it has under this Part D; or

7.1.2 commits a breach of any provision or obligation it has under this Part D which, where capable of remedy, it fails to remedy within a reasonable time and in any event within 28 days of the date of a notice from the Buyer giving particulars of the breach and requiring the Supplier to remedy it.

## **8. Transferring Fair Deal Employees**

8.1 Save on expiry or termination of the relevant Contract, if the employment of any Fair Deal Eligible Employee transfers to another employer (by way of a transfer under the Employment Regulations or other form of compulsory transfer of employment) the Supplier shall or shall procure that any relevant Sub-contractor shall:

8.1.1 notify the Buyer as far as reasonably practicable in advance of the transfer to allow the Buyer to make the necessary arrangements for participation with the relevant Statutory Scheme(s);

8.1.2 consult with about, and inform those Fair Deal Eligible Employees of the pension provisions relating to that transfer; and

8.1.3 procure that the employer to which the Fair Deal Eligible Employees are transferred (the "**New Employer**") complies with the provisions of this Part D and its Annexes provided that references to the "Supplier" will become references to the New Employer, references to "Relevant Transfer Date" will become references to the date of the transfer to the New Employer and references to "Fair Deal Employees" will become references to the Fair Deal Eligible Employees so transferred to the New Employer.

## **9. What happens to pensions if this Contract ends**

9.1 The provisions of Part E: Staff Transfer On Exit (Mandatory) apply in relation to pension issues on expiry or termination of the relevant Contract.

9.2 The Supplier shall (and shall procure that any of its Subcontractors shall) prior to the termination of the relevant Contract provide all such co-operation and assistance (including co-operation and assistance from the Broadly Comparable pension scheme's Actuary) as the Replacement Supplier and/or NHS Pension and/or CSPA and/or the relevant Administering Buyer and/or the Buyer may reasonably require, to enable the Replacement Supplier to participate in the appropriate Statutory Scheme in respect of any Fair Deal

Eligible Employee that remains eligible for New Fair Deal protection following a Service Transfer.

## **10. Broadly Comparable Pension Schemes on the Relevant Transfer Date**

- 10.1 If the terms of any of paragraphs 4 of Annex D2: NHSPS or 3.1 of Annex D3: LGPS applies, the Supplier must (and must, where relevant, procure that each of its Subcontractors will) ensure that, with effect from the Relevant Transfer Date until the day before the Service Transfer Date, the relevant Fair Deal Employees will be eligible for membership of a pension scheme under which the benefits are Broadly Comparable to those provided under the relevant Statutory Scheme, and then on such terms as may be decided by the Buyer.
- 10.2 Such Broadly Comparable pension scheme must be:
- 10.2.1 established by the Relevant Transfer Date<sup>2</sup>;
  - 10.2.2 a registered pension scheme for the purposes of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004;
  - 10.2.3 capable of receiving a bulk transfer payment from the relevant Statutory Scheme or from a Former Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (unless otherwise instructed by the Buyer);
  - 10.2.4 capable of paying a bulk transfer payment to the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) (unless otherwise instructed by the Buyer); and
  - 10.2.5 maintained until such bulk transfer payments have been received or paid (unless otherwise instructed by the Buyer).
- 10.3 Where the Supplier has set up a Broadly Comparable pension scheme pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph 10, the Supplier shall (and shall procure that any of its Subcontractors shall):
- 10.3.1 supply to the Buyer details of its (or its Subcontractor's) Broadly Comparable pension scheme and provide a full copy of the valid certificate of broad comparability (which remains valid as at the Relevant Transfer Date) covering all relevant Fair Deal Employees, as soon as it is able to do so before the Relevant Transfer Date (where possible) and in any event no later than seven (7) days after receipt of the certificate;
  - 10.3.2 be fully responsible for all costs, contributions, payments and other amounts relating to the setting up, certification of, ongoing participation in and/or withdrawal and exit from the Broadly Comparable pension scheme, including for the avoidance of

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doubt any debts arising under section 75 or 75A of the Pensions Act 1995;

10.3.3 instruct any such Broadly Comparable pension scheme's Actuary to provide all such co-operation and assistance in agreeing bulk transfer process with the Actuary to the Former Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme or the Actuary to the relevant Statutory Scheme (as appropriate) and to provide all such co-operation and assistance with any other Actuary appointed by the Buyer (where applicable). This will be with a view to the bulk transfer terms providing day for day and/or pound for pound (as applicable) (or actuarially equivalent where there are benefit differences between the two schemes) credits in the Broadly Comparable pension scheme in respect of any Fair Deal Eligible Employee who consents to such a transfer<sup>3</sup>; and

10.3.4 provide a replacement Broadly Comparable pension scheme in accordance with this paragraph 10 with immediate effect for those Fair Deal Eligible Employees who are still employed by the Supplier and/or relevant Subcontractor and are still eligible for New Fair Deal protection in the event that the Supplier and/or Subcontractor's Broadly Comparable pension scheme is terminated. The relevant Fair Deal Eligible Employees must be given the option to transfer their accrued benefits from the previous Broadly Comparable pension scheme to the new Broadly Comparable pension scheme on day for day and/or pound for pound terms (as applicable) (or actuarially equivalent where there are benefit differences between the two schemes).

10.4 Where the Supplier has provided a Broadly Comparable pension scheme pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 10, the Supplier shall (and shall procure that any of its Subcontractors shall) prior to the termination of the relevant Contract:

10.4.1 allow and make all necessary arrangements to effect, in respect of any Fair Deal Eligible Employee that remains eligible for New Fair Deal protection, following a Service Transfer, the bulk transfer of past service from any such Broadly Comparable pension scheme into the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable). The bulk transfer terms provided shall be on a past service reserve basis which should be calculated allowing for projected final salary at the assumed date of retirement, leaving service or death (in the case of final salary benefits). The actuarial basis for this past service reserve basis should be aligned to the funding requirements of the Broadly Comparable pension scheme in place at the time the bulk transfer terms are offered. The bulk transfer terms shall be subject to an underpin



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in relation to any service credits awarded in the Broadly Comparable pension scheme in accordance with paragraph 10.3.3 such that the element of the past service reserve amount which relates to such service credits shall be no lower than that required by the bulk transfer terms that were agreed in accordance with paragraph 10.3.3 but using the last day of the Fair Deal Eligible Employees' employment with the Supplier or Subcontractor (as appropriate) as the date used to determine the actuarial assumptions; and

- 10.4.2 if the transfer payment paid by the trustees of the Broadly Comparable pension scheme is less (in the opinion of the Actuary to the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or to the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable)) than the transfer payment which would have been paid had paragraph 10.4.1 been complied with, the Supplier shall (or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall) pay the amount of the difference to the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) or as the Buyer shall otherwise direct. The Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) (as the Buyer directs) for any failure to pay the difference as required under this paragraph.

## 11. Broadly Comparable Pension Scheme in Other Circumstances

- 11.1 If the terms of any of paragraphs 2.2 of Annex D1: CSPA, 5.2 of Annex D2: NHSPA and/or 3.2 of Annex D3: LGPA apply, the Supplier must (and must, where relevant, procure that each of its Subcontractors will) ensure that, with effect from the cessation of participation in the Statutory Scheme, until the day before the Service Transfer Date, the relevant Fair Deal Eligible Employees will be eligible for membership of a pension scheme under which the benefits are Broadly Comparable to those provided under the relevant Statutory Scheme at the date of cessation of participation in the relevant Statutory Scheme, and then on such terms as may be decided by the Buyer.
- 11.2 Such Broadly Comparable pension scheme must be:
- 11.2.1 established by the date of cessation of participation in the Statutory Scheme<sup>4</sup>;
  - 11.2.2 a registered pension scheme for the purposes of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004;
  - 11.2.3 capable of receiving a bulk transfer payment from the relevant Statutory Scheme (where instructed to do so by the Buyer);

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- 11.2.4 capable of paying a bulk transfer payment to the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) (unless otherwise instructed by the Buyer); and
  - 11.2.5 maintained until such bulk transfer payments have been received or paid (unless otherwise instructed by the Buyer).
- 11.3 Where the Supplier has provided a Broadly Comparable pension scheme pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 11, the Supplier shall (and shall procure that any of its Subcontractors shall):
  - 11.3.1 supply to the Buyer details of its (or its Subcontractor's) Broadly Comparable pension scheme and provide a full copy of the valid certificate of broad comparability (which remains valid as at the date of cessation of participation in the Statutory Scheme) covering all relevant Fair Deal Eligible Employees, as soon as it is able to do so before the cessation of participation in the Statutory Scheme (where possible) and in any event no later than seven (7) days after receipt of the certificate;
  - 11.3.2 be fully responsible for all costs, contributions, payments and other amounts relating to the setting up, certification of, ongoing participation in and/or withdrawal and exit from the Broadly Comparable pension scheme, including for the avoidance of doubt any debts arising under section 75 or 75A of the Pensions Act 1995;
  - 11.3.3 where required to do so by the Buyer, instruct any such Broadly Comparable pension scheme's Actuary to provide all such co-operation and assistance in agreeing a bulk transfer process with the Actuary to the relevant Statutory Scheme and to provide all such co-operation and assistance with any other Actuary appointed by the Buyer (where applicable). The Supplier must ensure that day for day and/or pound for pound (as applicable) (or actuarially equivalent where there are benefit differences between the two schemes) credits in the Broadly Comparable pension scheme are provided in respect of any Fair Deal Employee who consents to such a transfer from the Statutory Scheme and the Supplier shall be fully responsible for any costs of providing those credits in excess of the bulk transfer payment received by the Broadly Comparable pension scheme<sup>5</sup>; and
  - 11.3.4 provide a replacement Broadly Comparable pension scheme in accordance with this paragraph 11 with immediate effect for those Fair Deal Eligible Employees who are still employed by the Supplier and/or relevant Subcontractor and are still eligible for New Fair Deal protection in the event that the Supplier and/or Subcontractor's Broadly Comparable pension scheme is closed

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to future accrual and/or terminated. The relevant Fair Deal Eligible Employees must be given the option to transfer their accrued benefits from the previous Broadly Comparable pension scheme to the new Broadly Comparable pension scheme on day for day and/or pound for pound terms (as applicable) (or actuarially equivalent where there are benefit differences between the two schemes).

- 11.4 Where the Supplier has provided a Broadly Comparable pension scheme pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 11, the Supplier shall (and shall procure that any of its Subcontractors shall) prior to the termination of the relevant Contract allow and make all necessary arrangements to effect, in respect of any Fair Deal Eligible Employee that remains eligible for New Fair Deal protection, following a Service Transfer, the bulk transfer of past service from any such Broadly Comparable pension scheme into the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable). The bulk transfer terms provided shall be sufficient to secure day for day and/or pound for pound credits (as applicable) (or actuarially equivalent where there are benefit differences between the two schemes) in the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable). For the avoidance of doubt, should the amount offered by the Broadly Comparable pension scheme be less than the amount required by the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) to fund the required credits ("**the Shortfall**"), the Supplier or the Subcontractor (as agreed between them) must pay the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) the Shortfall as required, provided that in the absence of any agreement between the Supplier and any Subcontractor, the Shortfall shall be paid by the Supplier. The Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) (as the Buyer directs) for any failure to pay the Shortfall under this paragraph.

## 12. Right of Set-off

- 12.1 The Buyer shall have a right to set off against any payments due to the Supplier under the relevant Contract an amount equal to:
- 12.1.1 any unpaid employer's contributions or employee's contributions or any other financial obligations under the CSPA or any CSPA Admission Agreement in respect of the CSPA Eligible Employees whether due from the Supplier or from any relevant Subcontractor or due from any third party under any indemnity, bond or guarantee;
  - 12.1.2 any unpaid employer's contributions or employee's contributions or any other financial obligations under the NHSPA or any Direction Letter/Determination in respect of the NHSPA Eligible Employees whether due from the Supplier or from any relevant Subcontractor or due from any third party under any indemnity, bond or guarantee; or

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- 12.1.3 any unpaid employer's contributions or employee's contributions or any other financial obligations under the LGPS or any LGPS Admission Agreement in respect of the LGPS Eligible Employees whether due from the Supplier or from any relevant Subcontractor or due from any third party under any indemnity, bond or guarantee;

**and shall pay such set off amount to the relevant Statutory Scheme.**

- 12.2 The Buyer shall also have a right to set off against any payments due to the Supplier under the relevant Contract all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Buyer as result of Paragraphs 12.1 above.

## Annex D1:

### Civil Service Pensions Schemes (CSPS)

#### 1. Definitions

In this Annex D1: CSPS to Part D: Pensions, the following words have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

<b>"CSPS Admission Agreement"</b>	an admission agreement in the form available on the Civil Service Pensions website immediately prior to the Relevant Transfer Date to be entered into for the CSPS in respect of the Services;
<b>"CSPS Eligible Employee"</b>	any CSPS Fair Deal Employee who at the relevant time is an active member or eligible to participate in the CSPS under a CSPS Admission Agreement;
<b>"CSPS Fair Deal Employee"</b>	a Fair Deal Employee who at the Relevant Transfer Date is or becomes entitled to protection in respect of the CSPS in accordance with the provisions of New Fair Deal;
<b>"CSPS"</b>	the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme available to Civil Servants and employees of bodies under Schedule 1 of the Superannuation Act 1972 (and eligible employees of other bodies admitted to participate under a determination under section 25 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013), as governed by rules adopted by Parliament; the Partnership Pension Account and its (i) Ill health Benefits Arrangements and (ii) Death Benefits Arrangements; the Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme; and "alpha" introduced under The Public Service (Civil Servants and Others) Pensions Regulations 2014.

#### 2. Access to equivalent pension schemes after transfer

- 2.1 In accordance with New Fair Deal, the Supplier and/or any of its Subcontractors to which the employment of any CSPS Fair Deal Employee compulsorily transfers as a result of either the award of the relevant Contract or a Relevant Transfer, if not an employer which participates automatically in the CSPS, shall each secure a CSPS Admission Agreement to ensure that CSPS Fair Deal Employees or CSPS Eligible Employees as appropriate shall be either admitted into, or offered continued membership of, the relevant section of the CSPS that they currently contribute to, or were eligible to join immediately prior to the Relevant Transfer Date or became eligible to join on the Relevant Transfer

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Date. The Supplier and/or any of its Subcontractors shall procure that the CSPA Fair Deal Employees continue to accrue benefits in the CSPA in accordance with the provisions governing the relevant section of the CSPA for service from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date.

- 2.2 If the Supplier and/or any of its Subcontractors enters into a CSPA Admission Agreement in accordance with paragraph 2.1 but the CSPA Admission Agreement is terminated during the term of the relevant Contract for any reason at a time when the Supplier or Subcontractor still employs any CSPA Eligible Employees, the Supplier shall (and procure that its Subcontractors shall) at no extra cost to the Buyer, offer the remaining CSPA Eligible Employees membership of a pension scheme which is Broadly Comparable to the CSPA on the date those CSPA Eligible Employees ceased to participate in the CSPA in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 11 of Part D.

## Annex D2: NHS Pension Schemes

### 1. Definitions

In this Annex D2: NHSPS to Part D: Pensions, the following words have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

<p><b>"Direction Letter/Determination"</b></p>	<p>an NHS Pensions Direction or Determination (as appropriate) issued by the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1967 or by section 25 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (as appropriate) and issued to the Supplier or a Subcontractor of the Supplier (as appropriate) relating to the terms of participation of the Supplier or Subcontractor in the NHSPS in respect of the NHSPS Fair Deal Employees;</p>
<p><b>"NHS Broadly Comparable Employees"</b></p>	<p>each of the Fair Deal Employees who at a Relevant Transfer Date was a member of, or was entitled to become a member of, or but for their compulsory transfer of employment would have been entitled to be or become a member of, the NHSPS as a result of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) their employment with the Buyer, an NHS Body or other employer which participates automatically in the NHSPS; or</li> <li>(b) their employment with a Former Supplier who provides access to either the NHSPS pursuant to a Direction Letter/Determination or to a Broadly Comparable pension scheme in respect of their employment with that Former Supplier (on the basis that they are entitled to protection under New Fair Deal (or previous guidance), having been formerly in employment with the Buyer, an NHS Body or other employer who participated automatically in the NHSPS in connection with the Services, prior to being employed by the Former Supplier),</li> </ul>

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	but who is now ineligible to participate in the NHSPS under the rules of the NHSPS and in respect of whom the Buyer has agreed are to be provided with a Broadly Comparable pension scheme to provide Pension Benefits that are Broadly Comparable to those provided under the NHSPS.
<b>"NHSPS Eligible Employees"</b>	any NHSPS Fair Deal Employee who at the relevant time is an active member or eligible to participate in the NHSPS under a Direction Letter/Determination Letter.
<b>"NHSPS Fair Deal Employees"</b>	other than the NHS Broadly Comparable Employees, each of the Fair Deal Employees who at a Relevant Transfer Date was a member of, or was entitled to become a member of, or but for their compulsory transfer of employment would have been entitled to be or become a member of, the NHSPS as a result of either:
	(a) their employment with the Buyer, an NHS Body or other employer which participates automatically in the NHSPS; or
	(b) their employment with a Former Supplier who provides access to the NHSPS pursuant to a Direction Letter/Determination or to a Broadly Comparable pension scheme in respect of their employment with that Former Supplier (on the basis that they are entitled to protection under New Fair Deal (or previous guidance), having been formerly in employment with the Buyer, an NHS Body or other employer who participated automatically in the NHSPS in connection with the Services, prior to being employed by the Former Supplier),
	and, in each case, being continuously engaged for more than fifty per cent (50%) of their employed time in the delivery of services (the same as or similar to the Services).



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	For the avoidance of doubt, an individual who is in or entitled to become a member of the NHSPS as a result of being engaged in the Services and being covered by an "open" Direction Letter/ Determination or other NHSPS "access" facility but who has never been employed directly by the Buyer, an NHS Body (or other body which participates automatically in the NHSPS) is not an NHSPS Fair Deal Employee;
<b>"NHS Body"</b>	has the meaning given to it in section 275 of the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by section 138(2)(c) of Schedule 4 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012;
<b>"NHS Pensions"</b>	NHS Pensions as the administrators of the NHSPS or such other body as may from time to time be responsible for relevant administrative functions of the NHSPS;
<b>"NHSPS"</b>	the National Health Service Pension Scheme for England and Wales, established pursuant to the Superannuation Act 1972 and the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 governed by subsequent regulations under those Acts including the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations;
<b>"NHS Pension Scheme Regulations"</b>	as appropriate, any or all of the National Health Service Pension Scheme Regulations 1995 (SI 1995/300), the National Health Service Pension Scheme Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/653), the National Health Service Pension Scheme Regulations 2015 (2015/94) and any subsequent regulations made in respect of the NHSPS, each as amended from time to time;
<b>"NHS Premature Retirement Rights"</b>	rights to which any NHS Fair Deal Employee (had they remained in the employment of the Buyer, an NHS Body or other employer which participates automatically in the NHSPS) would have been or is entitled under the NHS Pension Scheme

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	Regulations, the NHS Compensation for Premature Retirement Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/1311), the NHS (Injury Benefits) Regulations 1995 (SI 1995/866) and section 45 of the General Whitley Council conditions of service, or any other legislative or contractual provision which replaces, amends, extends or consolidates the same from time to time;
<b>"Pension Benefits"</b>	any benefits payable in respect of an individual (including but not limited to pensions related allowances and lump sums) relating to old age, invalidity or survivor's benefits provided under an occupational pension scheme.

**2. Membership of the NHS Pension Scheme**

- 2.1 In accordance with New Fair Deal, the Supplier and/or any of its Subcontractors to which the employment of any NHSPS Fair Deal Employee compulsorily transfers as a result of either the award of this Contract or a Relevant Transfer, if not an NHS Body or other employer which participates automatically in the NHSPS, shall each secure a Direction Letter/Determination to enable the NHSPS Fair Deal Employees to retain either continuous active membership of or eligibility for the NHSPS for so long as they remain employed in connection with the delivery of the Services under the relevant Contract.
- 2.2 Where it is not possible for the Supplier and/or any of its Subcontractors to secure a Direction Letter/Determination on or before the Relevant Transfer Date, the Supplier must secure a Direction Letter/Determination as soon as possible after the Relevant Transfer Date, and in the period between the Relevant Transfer Date and the date the Direction Letter/Determination is secure, the Supplier must ensure that:
- (a) all employer's and NHSPS Fair Deal Employees' contributions intended to go to the NHSPS are kept in a separate bank account; and**
  - (b) the Pension Benefits and Premature Retirement Rights of NHSPS Fair Deal Employees are not adversely affected.**
- 2.3 The Supplier must supply to the Buyer a complete copy of each Direction Letter/Determination within 5 Working Days of receipt of the Direction Letter/Determination.
- 2.4 The Supplier must ensure (and procure that each of its Sub-Contracts (if any) ensures) that all of its NHSPS Fair Deal Employees have a contractual right to continuous active membership of or eligibility for the NHSPS for so long as they

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have a right to membership or eligibility of that scheme under the terms of the Direction Letter/Determination.

- 2.5 The Supplier will (and will procure that its Subcontractors (if any) will) comply with the terms of the Direction Letter/Determination, the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations (including any terms which change as a result of changes in Law) and any relevant policy issued by the Department of Health and Social Care in respect of the NHSPS Fair Deal Employees for so long as it remains bound by the terms of any such Direction Letter/Determination.
- 2.6 Where any employee omitted from the Direction Letter/Determination supplied in accordance with Paragraph 2 of this Annex are subsequently found to be an NHSPS Fair Deal Employee, the Supplier will (and will procure that its Subcontractors (if any) will) treat that person as if they had been an NHSPS Fair Deal Employee from the Relevant Transfer Date so that their Pension Benefits and NHS Premature Retirement Rights are not adversely affected.
- 2.7 The Supplier will (and will procure that its Subcontractors (if any) will) Subcontractor provide any guarantee, bond or indemnity required by NHS Pensions in relation to a Direction Letter/Determination.

### **3. Continuation of early retirement rights after transfer**

- 3.1 From the Relevant Transfer Date until the Service Transfer Date, the Supplier must provide (and/or must ensure that its Subcontractors (if any) provide) NHS Premature Retirement Rights in respect of the NHSPS Fair Deal Employees that are identical to the benefits they would have received had they remained employees of the Buyer, an NHS Body or other employer which participates automatically in the NHSPS.

### **4. NHS Broadly Comparable Employees**

- 4.1 The Supplier shall (and procure that its Subcontractors shall), with effect from the Relevant Transfer Date, offer the NHSPS Broadly Comparable Employees membership of a pension scheme which is Broadly Comparable to NHSPS on the Relevant Transfer Date in accordance with paragraph 10 of Part D. For the avoidance of doubt, this requirement is separate from any requirement to offer a Broadly Comparable pension scheme in accordance with paragraph 5.2 below.

### **5. What the buyer can do if the Supplier breaches its pension obligations**

- 5.1 The Supplier agrees that the Buyer is entitled to make arrangements with NHS Pensions for the Buyer to be notified if the Supplier (or its Subcontractor) breaches the terms of its Direction Letter/Determination. Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing, the Supplier shall notify the Buyer in the event that it (or its Subcontractor) breaches the terms of its Direction Letter/Determination.
- 5.2 If the Supplier (or its Subcontractors, if relevant) ceases to participate in the NHSPS for whatever reason, the Supplier (or any such Subcontractor, as appropriate) shall offer to offer the NHSPS Eligible Employees membership of

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a pension scheme which is Broadly Comparable to the NHSPS on the date the NHSPS Eligible Employees ceased to participate in the NHSPS in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 11 of Part D. Subcontractor.

### **6. Compensation when pension scheme access can't be provided**

6.1 If the Supplier (or its Subcontractor, if relevant) is unable to provide the NHSPS Fair Deal Employees with either membership of:

6.1.1 the NHSPS (having used its best endeavours to secure a Direction Letter/Determination); or

6.1.2 a Broadly Comparable pension scheme,

the Buyer may in its sole discretion permit the Supplier (or any of its Subcontractors) to compensate the NHSPS Fair Deal Employees in a manner that is Broadly Comparable or equivalent in cash terms, the Supplier (or Subcontractor as relevant) having consulted with a view to reaching agreement with any recognised trade union or, in the absence of such body, the NHSPS Fair Deal Employees. The Supplier must meet (or must procure that the relevant Subcontractor meets) the costs of the Buyer determining whether the level of compensation offered is reasonable in the circumstances.

6.2 This flexibility for the Buyer to allow compensation in place of Pension Benefits is in addition to and not instead of the Buyer's right to terminate the Contract.

### **7. Indemnities that a Supplier must give**

7.1 The Supplier must indemnify and keep indemnified the CCS, the Buyer and any Replacement Supplier against all Losses arising out of any claim by any NHSPS Fair Deal Employee or any NHS Broadly Comparable Employees that the provision of (or failure to provide) Pension Benefits and NHS Premature Retirement Rights from the Relevant Transfer Date, or the level of such benefit provided, constitutes a breach of his or her employment rights.

## Annex D3:

### Local Government Pension Schemes (LGPS)

Note the LGPS unlike the CSPA & NHSPA is a funded scheme which has associated cost implications as follows:

There is not 1 LGPS but approx. 90 different Funds, each with their own separate Scheme Employer and Administering Buyer, it is important to identify the correct one(s) and amend the definition of "Fund" accordingly.

It is important to check whether CCS and or the Buyer can actually participate in the LGPS. Where a government department is taking on services which were formerly the responsibility of a Local Authority it may be necessary to obtain secretary of state approval for participation in the LGPS, this is because the services are being provided to Gov. Dept. and not to a Local Authority.

Unlike New Fair Deal the 2007 Best Value pension direction does not provide a right to bulk transfer past service. Whilst typically before the 2007 direction LA did provide such a right, it is a significant additional cost and therefore bulk transfer wording has been excluded. If required take legal advice due to the exceptionally high costs which can result from a requirement to provide bulk transfers.]

#### 1. Definitions

In this Annex D3: LGPS to Part D: Pensions, the following words have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

<b>"2013 Regulations"</b>	the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/2356) (as amended from time to time);
<b>"Administering Buyer"</b>	in relation to <b>the Fund [insert name]</b> , the relevant Administering Buyer of that Fund for the purposes of the 2013 Regulations;
<b>"Fund Actuary"</b>	the actuary to a Fund appointed by the Administering Buyer of that Fund;
<b>"Fund"</b>	<b>[insert name], a pension fund within the LGPS;</b>
<b>["Initial Contribution Rate"<sup>6</sup>]</b>	[XX %] of pensionable pay (as defined in the 2013 Regulations);]

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<b>"LGPS"</b>	the Local Government Pension Scheme as governed by the LGPS Regulations, and any other regulations (in each case as amended from time to time) which are from time to time applicable to the Local Government Pension Scheme;
<b>"LGPS Admission Agreement"</b>	an admission agreement within the meaning in Schedule 1 of the 2013 Regulations;
<b>"LGPS Admission Body"</b>	an admission body (within the meaning of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the 2013 Regulations);
<b>"LGPS Eligible Employees"</b>	any LGPS Fair Deal Employee who at the relevant time is an active member or eligible to participate in the LGPS under an LGPS Admission Agreement;
<b>"LGPS Fair Deal Employees"</b>	any Fair Deal Employee who at the Relevant Transfer Date is or becomes entitled to protection in respect of the LGPS or a pension scheme that is Broadly Comparable to the LGPS in accordance with the provisions in accordance with the provisions of New Fair Deal and/or the Best Value Direction; ;
<b>"LGPS Regulations"</b>	the 2013 Regulations and The Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014 (SI 2014/525), and any other regulations (in each case as amended from time to time) which are from time to time applicable to the LGPS.

**2. Supplier to become an LGPS Admission Body**

- 2.1 In accordance with the principles of New Fair Deal and/or the Best Value Direction, the Supplier and/or any of its Subcontractors to which the employment of any LGPS Fair Deal Employee compulsorily transfers as a result of either the award of the relevant Contract or a Relevant Transfer, if not a scheme employer which participates automatically in the LGPS, shall each become an LGPS Admission Body by entering into an LGPS Admission Agreement on or before the Relevant Transfer Date to enable the LGPS Fair Deal Employees to retain either continuous active membership of or eligibility for the LGPS on and from the Relevant Transfer Date for so long as they remain employed in connection with the delivery of the Services under the relevant Contract.

## **OPTION 1<sup>7</sup>**

### **2.2 [Any LGPS Fair Deal Employees who:**

2.2.1 were active members of the LGPS (or a Broadly Comparable pension scheme) immediately before the Relevant Transfer Date shall be admitted to the LGPS with effect on and from the Relevant Transfer Date; and

2.2.2 were eligible to join the LGPS (or a Broadly Comparable pension scheme) but were not active members of the LGPS (or a Broadly Comparable pension scheme) immediately before the Relevant Transfer Date shall retain the ability to join the LGPS on or after the Relevant Transfer Date if they wish to do so. ]

## **OPTION 2**

### **[Any LGPS Fair Deal Employees whether:**

2.2.3 active members of the LGPS (or a Broadly Comparable pension scheme) immediately before the Relevant Transfer Date; or

2.2.4 eligible to join the LGPS (or a Broadly Comparable pension scheme) but not active members of the LGPS (or a Broadly Comparable pension scheme) immediately before the Relevant Transfer Date

shall be admitted to the LGPS with effect on and from the Relevant Transfer Date. The Supplier shall not automatically enrol or re-enrol for the purposes of the Pensions Act 2008 any LGPS Fair Deal Employees in any pension scheme other than the LGPS unless they cease to be eligible for membership of the LGPS.]

2.3 The Supplier will (and will procure that its Subcontractors (if any) will) provide at its own cost any indemnity, bond or guarantee required by an Administering Buyer in relation to an LGPS Admission Agreement.

### **3. Broadly Comparable Scheme**

- 3.1** If the Supplier and/or any of its Subcontractors is unable to obtain an LGPS Admission Agreement in accordance with paragraph 2.1 because the Administering Buyer will not allow it to participate in the Fund, the Supplier shall (and procure that its Subcontractors shall), with effect from the Relevant Transfer Date, offer the LGPS Fair Deal Employees membership of a pension scheme which is Broadly Comparable to LGPS on the Relevant Transfer Date in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10 of Part D.
- 3.2** If the Supplier and/or any of its Subcontractors becomes an LGPS Admission Body in accordance with paragraph 2.1 but the LGPS Admission Agreement is terminated during the term of the relevant Contract for any reason at a time when the Supplier or Subcontractors still employs any LGPS Eligible Employees, the Supplier shall (and procure that its Subcontractors shall) at no extra cost to the Buyer, offer the remaining LGPS Eligible Employees membership of a pension scheme which is Broadly Comparable to the LGPS on the date the LGPS Eligible Employees ceased to participate in the LGPS in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 11 of Part D.

### **4. Discretionary Benefits**

Where the Supplier and/or any of its Subcontractors is an LGPS Admission Body, the Supplier shall (and procure that its Subcontractors shall) comply with its obligations under regulation 60 of the 2013 Regulations in relation to the preparation of a discretionary policy statement.

### **5. LGPS RISK SHARING<sup>a</sup>**

- 5.1** Subject to paragraphs 5.4 to 5.10, if at any time during the term of the relevant Contract the Administering Buyer, pursuant to the LGPS Admission Agreement or the LGPS Regulations, requires the Supplier or any Subcontractor to pay employer contributions or other payments to the Fund in aggregate in excess of the Initial Contribution Rate, the excess of employer contributions above the Initial Contribution Rate for a Contract Year (the "Excess Amount") shall be paid by the Supplier or the Subcontractor, as the case may be, and the Supplier shall be reimbursed by the Buyer.



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- 5.2 Subject to paragraphs 5.4 to 5.9 and 5.11, if at any time during the term of the relevant Contract, the Administering Buyer, pursuant to the LGPS Admission Agreement or the LGPS Regulations, requires the Supplier or any Subcontractor to pay employer contributions or payments to the Fund in aggregate below the Initial Contribution Rate for a Contract Year, the Supplier shall reimburse the Buyer an amount equal to A–B (the “Refund Amount”) where:

**A = the amount which would have been paid if contributions and payments had been paid equal to the Initial Contribution Rate for that Contract Year; and**

**B = the amount of contributions or payments actually paid by the Supplier or Subcontractor for that Contract Year, as the case may be, to the Fund.**

- 5.3 Subject to paragraphs 5.4 to 5.10, where the Administering Buyer obtains an actuarial valuation and a revised rates and adjustment certificate under the LGPS Regulations and/or the terms of the LGPS Admission Agreement when the LGPS Admission Agreement ceases to have effect and the Supplier or any Subcontractor is required to pay any exit payment under Regulation 64(2) of the 2013 Regulations (the “**Exit Payment**”), such Exit Payment shall be paid by the Supplier or any Subcontractor (as the case may be) and the Supplier shall be reimbursed by the Buyer.

- 5.4 The Supplier and any Subcontractors shall at all times be responsible for the following costs:

- 5.4.1 any employer contributions relating to the costs of early retirement benefits arising on redundancy or as a result of business efficiency under Regulation 30(7) of the 2013 Regulations or otherwise;
- 5.4.2 any payment of Fund benefits to active members on the grounds of ill health or infirmity of mind or body under Regulation 35 of the 2013 Regulations or otherwise;
- 5.4.3 any payment of Fund benefits to deferred or deferred pensioner members on the grounds of ill health or infirmity of mind or body under Regulation 38 of the 2013 Regulations or otherwise;
- 5.4.4 any employer contributions relating to the costs of early or flexible retirement where the actuarial reduction is waived in whole or in part or a cost neutral reduction is not applied with the consent of the Supplier or any relevant Subcontractor including without limitation any decision made under Regulation 30(8) of the 2013 Regulations or Schedule 2 of The Local Government Pension

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- Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014;
- 5.4.5 any employer contributions relating to the costs of enhanced benefits made at the discretion of the Supplier or any relevant Subcontractors including without limitation additional pension awarded under Regulation 31 of the 2013 Regulations or otherwise;
  - 5.4.6 any increase to the employer contribution rate resulting from the award of pay increases by the Supplier or relevant Subcontractors in respect of all or any of the LGPS Eligible Employees in excess of the pay increases assumed in the Fund's most recent actuarial valuation (unless the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor is contractually bound to provide such increases on the Relevant Transfer Date);
  - 5.4.7 to the extent not covered above, any other costs arising out of or in connection with the exercise of any discretion or the grant of any consent under the LGPS Regulations by the Supplier or any relevant Subcontractors where a member does not have an absolute entitlement to that benefit under the LGPS;
  - 5.4.8 any cost of the administration of the Fund that are not met through the Supplier's or Subcontractor's employer contribution rate, including without limitation an amount specified in a notice given by the Administering Buyer under Regulation 70 of the 2013 Regulations;
  - 5.4.9 the costs of any reports and advice requested by or arising from an instruction given by the Supplier or a Subcontractor from the Fund Actuary; and/or
  - 5.4.10 any interest payable under the 2013 Regulations or LGPS Administration Agreement.
- 5.5 For the purposes of calculating any Exit Payment, Excess Amount or Refund Amount, any part of such an amount which is attributable to any costs which the Supplier or Subcontractors are responsible for in accordance with paragraph 5.4 above shall be disregarded and excluded from the calculation. In the event of any dispute as to level of any cost that should be excluded from the calculation, the opinion of the Fund Actuary shall be final and binding.
- 5.6 Where the Administering Buyer obtains an actuarial valuation and a revised rates and adjustment certificate under the LGPS Regulations and/or the terms of the LGPS Admission Agreement when the LGPS Admission Agreement ceases to have effect and the Supplier or any Subcontractor receives payment of an exit credit payment under Regulation 64(2) of the 2013 Regulations (the "**Exit Credit**"), the Supplier shall (or procure that any Subcontractor shall) reimburse the Buyer an amount equal to the Exit Credit within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of the Exit Credit.

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- 5.7 The Supplier shall (or procure that the Subcontractor shall) notify the Buyer in writing within twenty (20) Working Days:
- 5.7.1 of the end of each Contract Year of any Excess Amount or Refund Amount due in respect of the Contract Year that has just ended and provide a reasonable summary of how the Excess Amount or Refund Amount was calculated; and
  - 5.7.2 of being informed by the Administering Buyer of any Exit Payment or Exit Credit that is determined by as being due from or to the Supplier or a Subcontractor and provide a copy of any revised rates and adjustments certificate detailing the Exit Payment or Exit Credit and its calculation.
- 5.8 Within twenty (20) Working Days of receiving the notification under paragraph 5.7 above, the Buyer shall either:
- 5.8.1 notify the Supplier in writing of its acceptance of the Excess Amount, Refund Amount or Exit Payment;
  - 5.8.2 request further information or evidence about the Excess Amount, Refund Amount or Exit Payment from the Supplier; and/or
  - 5.8.3 request a meeting with the Supplier to discuss or clarify the information or evidence provided.
- 5.9 Where the Excess Amount, Refund Amount or Exit Payment is agreed following the receipt of further information or evidence or following a meeting in accordance with paragraph 5.8 above, the Buyer shall notify the Supplier in writing. In the event that the Supplier and the Buyer are unable to agree the amount of the Excess Amount, Refund Amount or Exit Payment then they shall follow the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 5.10 Any Excess Amount or Exit Payment agreed by the Buyer or in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall be paid by the Buyer within timescales as agreed between Buyer and Supplier. The amount to be paid by the Buyer shall be an amount equal to the Excess Amount or Exit Payment less an amount equal to any corporation tax relief which has been claimed in respect of the Excess Amount or Exit Payment by the Supplier or a Subcontractor.
- 5.11 Any Refund Amount agreed by the Buyer or in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure as payable by the Supplier or any Subcontractor to the Buyer, shall be paid by the Supplier or any Subcontractor forthwith as the liability has been agreed. In the event the Supplier or any Subcontractor fails to pay any agreed Refund Amount, the Buyer shall demand in writing the immediate payment of the agreed Refund Amount by the Supplier and the Supplier shall make payment within seven (7) Working Days of such demand.
- 5.12 This paragraph 5 shall survive termination of the relevant Contract.

## Annex D4: Other Schemes

**[Guidance:** Placeholder for Pension Schemes other than LGPS, CSPA & NHSPA]

## **Part E: Staff Transfer on Exit**

### **1. Obligations before a Staff Transfer**

1.1 The Supplier agrees that within 20 Working Days of the earliest of:

- 1.1.1 receipt of a notification from the Buyer of a Service Transfer or intended Service Transfer;
- 1.1.2 receipt of the giving of notice of early termination or any Partial Termination of the relevant Contract;
- 1.1.3 the date which is 12 Months before the end of the Term; and
- 1.1.4 receipt of a written request of the Buyer at any time (provided that the Buyer shall only be entitled to make one such request in any 6 Month period),

it shall provide in a suitably anonymised format so as to comply with the Data Protection Legislation, the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List, together with the Staffing Information in relation to the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List and it shall provide an updated Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List at such intervals as are reasonably requested by the Buyer.

1.2 At least 20 Working Days prior to the Service Transfer Date, the Supplier shall provide to the Buyer or at the direction of the Buyer to any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor (i) the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, which shall identify the basis upon which they are Transferring Supplier Employees and (ii) the Staffing Information in relation to the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List (insofar as such information has not previously been provided).

1.3 The Buyer shall be permitted to use and disclose information provided by the Supplier under Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 for the purpose of informing any prospective Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor.

1.4 The Supplier warrants, for the benefit of The Buyer, any Replacement Supplier, and any Replacement Subcontractor that all information provided pursuant to Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 shall be true and accurate in all material respects at the time of providing the information.

1.5 From the date of the earliest event referred to in Paragraph 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3, the Supplier agrees that it shall not, and agrees to procure that each Subcontractor shall not, assign any person to the provision of the Services who is not listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List and shall not without the approval of the Buyer (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed):

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- 1.5.1 replace or re-deploy any Supplier Staff listed on the Supplier Provisional Supplier Personnel List other than where any replacement is of equivalent grade, skills, experience and

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- expertise and is employed on the same terms and conditions of employment as the person he/she replaces
- 1.5.2 make, promise, propose, permit or implement any material changes to the terms and conditions of employment of the Supplier Staff (including pensions and any payments connected with the termination of employment);
- 1.5.3 increase the proportion of working time spent on the Services (or the relevant part of the Services) by any of the Supplier Staff save for fulfilling assignments and projects previously scheduled and agreed;
- 1.5.4 introduce any new contractual or customary practice concerning the making of any lump sum payment on the termination of employment of any employees listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List;
- 1.5.5 increase or reduce the total number of employees so engaged, or deploy any other person to perform the Services (or the relevant part of the Services);
- 1.5.6 terminate or give notice to terminate the employment or contracts of any persons on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List save by due disciplinary process;

and shall promptly notify, and procure that each Subcontractor shall promptly notify, the Buyer or, at the direction of the Buyer, any Replacement Supplier and any Replacement Subcontractor of any notice to terminate employment given by the Supplier or relevant Subcontractor or received from any persons listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List regardless of when such notice takes effect.

- 1.6 On or around each anniversary of the Start Date and up to four times during the last 12 Months of the Term, the Buyer may make written requests to the Supplier for information relating to the manner in which the Services are organised. Within 20 Working Days of receipt of a written request the Supplier shall provide, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall provide, to the Buyer such information as the Buyer may reasonably require relating to the manner in which the Services are organised, which shall include:
  - 1.6.1 the numbers of employees engaged in providing the Services;
  - 1.6.2 the percentage of time spent by each employee engaged in providing the Services;
  - 1.6.3 the extent to which each employee qualifies for membership of any of the Statutory Schemes or any Broadly Comparable scheme set up pursuant to the provisions of any of the Annexes to Part D (Pensions) (as appropriate); and
  - 1.6.4 a description of the nature of the work undertaken by each employee by location.

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- 1.7 The Supplier shall provide, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall provide, all reasonable cooperation and assistance to the Buyer, any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor to ensure the smooth transfer of the Transferring Supplier Employees on the Service Transfer Date including providing sufficient information in advance of the Service Transfer Date to ensure that all necessary payroll arrangements can be made to enable the Transferring Supplier Employees to be paid as appropriate. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, within 5 Working Days following the Service Transfer Date, the Supplier shall provide, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall provide, to the Buyer or, at the direction of the Buyer, to any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor (as appropriate), in respect of each person on the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List who is a Transferring Supplier Employee:
- 1.7.1 the most recent month's copy pay slip data;
  - 1.7.2 details of cumulative pay for tax and pension purposes;
  - 1.7.3 details of cumulative tax paid;
  - 1.7.4 tax code;
  - 1.7.5 details of any voluntary deductions from pay; and
  - 1.7.6 bank/building society account details for payroll purposes.

## **2. Staff Transfer when the contract ends**

- 2.1 The Buyer and the Supplier acknowledge that subsequent to the commencement of the provision of the Services, the identity of the provider of the Services (or any part of the Services) may change (whether as a result of termination or Partial Termination of the relevant Contract or otherwise) resulting in the Services being undertaken by a Replacement Supplier and/or a Replacement Subcontractor. Such change in the identity of the supplier of such services may constitute a Relevant Transfer to which the Employment Regulations and/or the Acquired Rights Directive will apply. The Buyer and the Supplier agree that, as a result of the operation of the Employment Regulations, where a Relevant Transfer occurs, the contracts of employment between the Supplier and the Transferring Supplier Employees (except in relation to any contract terms disapplied through operation of regulation 10(2) of the Employment Regulations) will have effect on and from the Service Transfer Date as if originally made between the Replacement Supplier and/or a Replacement Subcontractor (as the case may be) and each such Transferring Supplier Employee.
- 2.2 The Supplier shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, comply with all its obligations in respect of the Transferring Supplier Employees arising under the Employment Regulations in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date and shall perform and discharge, and procure that each Subcontractor shall perform and discharge, all its obligations in respect of all the Transferring Supplier Employees arising in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date (including (without limit) the payment of all remuneration, benefits, entitlements, and outgoings, all wages, accrued

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but untaken holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, payments of PAYE, national insurance contributions and pension contributions and all such sums due as a result of any Fair Deal Employees' participation in the Schemes which in any case are attributable in whole or in part to the period ending on (and including) the Service Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments shall be made between: (i) the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor (as appropriate); and (ii) the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor.

2.3 Subject to Paragraph 2.4, the Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:

2.3.1 any act or omission of the Supplier or any Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Supplier Employee whether occurring before, on or after the Service Transfer Date;

2.3.2 the breach or non-observance by the Supplier or any Subcontractor occurring on or before the Service Transfer Date of:

(a) **any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Supplier Employees; and/or**

(b) **any other custom or practice with a trade union or staff association in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employees which the Supplier or any Subcontractor is contractually bound to honour;**

2.3.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing any Transferring Supplier Employees arising from or connected with any failure by the Supplier or a Subcontractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising on or before the Service Transfer Date;

2.3.4 any proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority in respect of any financial obligation including, but not limited to, PAYE and primary and secondary national insurance contributions:

**in relation to any Transferring Supplier Employee, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on and before the Service Transfer Date; and**



**in relation to any employee who is not identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, and in respect of whom it is later alleged or determined that the Employment Regulations applied so as to transfer his/her employment from the Supplier to the Buyer and/or Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on or before the Service Transfer Date;**

- 2.3.5 a failure of the Supplier or any Subcontractor to discharge or procure the discharge of all wages, salaries and all other benefits and all PAYE tax deductions and national insurance contributions relating to the Transferring Supplier Employees in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date);
  - 2.3.6 any claim made by or in respect of any person employed or formerly employed by the Supplier or any Subcontractor other than a Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List for whom it is alleged the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor may be liable by virtue of the relevant Contract and/or the Employment Regulations and/or the Acquired Rights Directive; and
  - 2.3.7 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Supplier Employee relating to any act or omission of the Supplier or any Subcontractor in relation to its obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations, except to the extent that the liability arises from the failure by the Buyer and/or Replacement Supplier to comply with regulation 13(4) of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.4 The indemnities in Paragraph 2.3 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Service Transfer Date including any Employee Liabilities:
- 2.4.1 arising out of the resignation of any Transferring Supplier Employee before the Service Transfer Date on account of substantial detrimental changes to his/her working conditions proposed by the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor to occur in the period on or after the Service Transfer Date); or

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- 2.4.2 arising from the Replacement Supplier's failure, and/or Replacement Subcontractor's failure, to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.
  - 2.5 If any person who is not identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Employee List claims, or it is determined in relation to any employees of the Supplier, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Supplier to the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations or the Acquired Rights Directive, then:
    - 2.5.1 the Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor will, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Buyer and the Supplier in writing; and
    - 2.5.2 the Supplier may offer (or may procure that a Subcontractor may offer) employment to such person, or take such other reasonable steps as it considered appropriate to deal the matter provided always that such steps are in compliance with Law, within 15 Working Days of receipt of notice from the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor.
  - 2.6 If such offer of is accepted, or if the situation has otherwise been resolved by the Supplier or a Subcontractor, Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier shall, or procure that the and/or Replacement Subcontractor shall, immediately release or procure the release the person from his/her employment or alleged employment;
  - 2.7 If after the 15 Working Day period specified in Paragraph 2.5.2 has elapsed:
    - 2.7.1 no such offer has been made:
    - 2.7.2 such offer has been made but not accepted; or
    - 2.7.3 the situation has not otherwise been resolved
- the Buyer shall advise the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor (as appropriate) that it may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment or alleged employment of such person;
- 2.8 Subject to the Replacement Supplier's and/or Replacement Subcontractor acting in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 2.5 to 2.7 and in accordance with all applicable proper employment procedures set out in applicable Law and subject to Paragraph 2.9 below, the Supplier will indemnify the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Supplier's employees pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 2.7 provided that the Replacement Supplier takes, or shall procure that the Replacement

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Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities.

### 2.9 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.8:

#### 2.9.1 shall not apply to:

##### (a) any claim for:

- (i) discrimination, including on the grounds of sex, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation, religion or belief; or
- (ii) equal pay or compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed-term employees,

In any case in relation to any alleged act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor, or

- (b) any claim that the termination of employment was unfair because the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor neglected to follow a fair dismissal procedure; and

#### 2.9.2 shall apply only where the notification referred to in Paragraph 2.5.1 is made by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to the Supplier within 6 months of the Service Transfer Date..

2.10 If any such person as is described in Paragraph 2.5 is neither re-employed by the Supplier or any Subcontractor nor dismissed by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor within the time scales set out in Paragraphs 2.5 to 2.7, such person shall be treated as a Transferring Supplier Employee. .

2.11 The Supplier shall comply, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall comply, with all its obligations under the Employment Regulations and shall perform and discharge, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall perform and discharge, all its obligations in respect of any person identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List before and on the Service Transfer Date (including the payment of all remuneration, benefits, entitlements and outgoings, all wages, accrued but untaken holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, payments of PAYE, national insurance contributions and pension contributions and such sums due as a result of any Fair Deal Employees' participation in the Schemes and any requirement to set up a broadly comparable pension scheme which in any case are attributable in whole or in part in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments shall be made between:

**the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor; and**

**the Replacement Supplier and/or the Replacement Subcontractor.**

- 2.12 The Supplier shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, promptly provide the Buyer and any Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor, in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Buyer, the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations. The Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor, shall promptly provide to the Supplier and each Subcontractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Supplier and each Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.13 Subject to Paragraph 2.14, the Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier indemnifies the Supplier on its own behalf and on behalf of any Replacement Subcontractor and its Subcontractors against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:
- 2.13.1 any act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employee in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any such Transferring Supplier Employee;
  - 2.13.2 the breach or non-observance by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor on or after the Service Transfer Date of:
    - any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List; and/or**
    - any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List which the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor is contractually bound to honour;**
  - 2.13.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing any Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List arising from or connected with any failure by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising on or after the Service Transfer Date;

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- 2.13.4 any proposal by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List on or after their transfer to the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor (as the case may be) on the Service Transfer Date, or to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any person identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List who would have been a Transferring Supplier Employee but for their resignation (or decision to treat their employment as terminated under regulation 4(9) of the Employment Regulations) before the Service Transfer Date as a result of or for a reason connected to such proposed changes;
- 2.13.5 any statement communicated to or action undertaken by the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor to, or in respect of, any Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List on or before the Service Transfer Date regarding the Relevant Transfer which has not been agreed in advance with the Supplier in writing;
- 2.13.6 any proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority in respect of any financial obligation including, but not limited to, PAYE and primary and secondary national insurance contributions:
- (a) **in relation to any Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising after the Service Transfer Date; and**
  - (b) **in relation to any employee who is not a Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, and in respect of whom it is later alleged or determined that the Employment Regulations applied so as to transfer his/her employment from the Supplier or Subcontractor, to the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising after the Service Transfer Date;**
- 2.13.7 a failure of the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor to discharge or procure the discharge of all wages, salaries and all other benefits and all PAYE tax deductions and

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- national insurance contributions relating to the Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List in respect of the period from (and including) the Service Transfer Date; and
- 2.13.8 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any such Transferring Supplier Employee relating to any act or omission of the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor in relation to obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.

The indemnities in Paragraph 2.13 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor (as applicable) whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Service Transfer Date, including any Employee Liabilities arising from the failure by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor (as applicable) to comply with its obligations under the

## Order Schedule 3 (Continuous Improvement)

### Buyer's Rights

The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management), the Buyer may give CCS the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.

### Supplier's Obligations

The Supplier must, throughout the Contract Period, identify new or potential improvements to the provision of the Deliverables with a view to reducing the Buyer's costs (including the Charges) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Deliverables and their supply to the Buyer.

The Supplier must adopt a policy of continuous improvement in relation to the Deliverables, which must include regular reviews with the Buyer of the Deliverables and the way it provides them, with a view to reducing the Buyer's costs (including the Charges) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Deliverables. The Supplier and the Buyer must provide each other with any information relevant to meeting this objective.

In addition to Paragraph 0, the Supplier shall produce at the start of each Contract Year a plan for improving the provision of Deliverables and/or reducing the Charges (without adversely affecting the performance of this Contract) during that Contract Year ("**Continuous Improvement Plan**") for the Buyer's Approval. The Continuous Improvement Plan must include, as a minimum, proposals:

- identifying the emergence of relevant new and evolving technologies;

- changes in business processes of the Supplier or the Buyer and ways of working that would provide cost savings and/or enhanced benefits to the Buyer (such as methods of interaction, supply chain efficiencies, reduction in energy consumption and methods of sale);

- new or potential improvements to the provision of the Deliverables including the quality, responsiveness, procedures, benchmarking methods, likely performance mechanisms and customer support services in relation to the Deliverables; and

- measuring and reducing the sustainability impacts of the Supplier's operations and supply-chains relating to the Deliverables, and identifying opportunities to assist the Buyer in meeting their sustainability objectives.

The initial Continuous Improvement Plan for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Contract Year shall be submitted by the Supplier to the Buyer for Approval within one hundred (100) Working Days of the first Order or six (6) Months following the Start Date, whichever is earlier.

The Buyer shall notify the Supplier of its Approval or rejection of the proposed Continuous Improvement Plan or any updates to it within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt. If it is rejected then the Supplier shall, within ten

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(10) Working Days of receipt of notice of rejection, submit a revised Continuous Improvement Plan reflecting the changes required. Once Approved, it becomes the Continuous Improvement Plan for the purposes of this Contract.

The Supplier must provide sufficient information with each suggested improvement to enable a decision on whether to implement it. The Supplier shall provide any further information as requested.

If the Buyer wishes to incorporate any improvement into this Contract, it must request a Variation in accordance with the Variation Procedure and the Supplier must implement such Variation at no additional cost to the Buyer or CCS.

Once the first Continuous Improvement Plan has been Approved in accordance with Paragraph 0:

the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement any agreed deliverables in accordance with the Continuous Improvement Plan; and

the Parties agree to meet as soon as reasonably possible following the start of each quarter (or as otherwise agreed between the Parties) to review the Supplier's progress against the Continuous Improvement Plan.

The Supplier shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan as and when required but at least once every Contract Year (after the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Contract Year) in accordance with the procedure and timescales set out in Paragraph 0.

All costs relating to the compilation or updating of the Continuous Improvement Plan and the costs arising from any improvement made pursuant to it and the costs of implementing any improvement, shall have no effect on and are included in the Charges.

Should the Supplier's costs in providing the Deliverables to the Buyer be reduced as a result of any changes implemented, all of the cost savings shall be passed on to the Buyer by way of a consequential and immediate reduction in the Charges for the Deliverables.

At any time during the Contract Period of the Order Contract, the Supplier may make a proposal for gainshare. If the Buyer deems gainshare to be applicable then the Supplier shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan so as to include details of the way in which the proposal shall be implemented in accordance with an agreed gainshare ratio.



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**Order Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)**

Milestone	Price (£) excl. VAT	Delivery Date
Completion of fieldwork set up for Summer 2024 research  Includes completion of survey design, cognitive testing and sample development and processing for the below survey  End-course survey for: - T Level learners ('22 starters) - TLFY learners ('23 starters) - L4/5 learners ('22 2-year course starters / '23 1-year course starters)		By end June 2024
Delivery of fieldwork for Summer 2024 research  Includes online & CATI scripting and checking, printer/ online/ CATI briefings, online/ letter invites, reminders (including SMS), fw monitoring and support and Keeping in Touch and delivery of incentives for the below survey:  End-course survey for: - T Level learners ('22 starters) - TLFY learners ('23 starters) - L4/5 learners ('22 2-year course starters / '23 1-year course starters)		By end July 2024
Delivery of data and initial draft reports for the below survey:		By end September 2024

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End-course survey for: - T Level learners ('22 starters) - TLFY learners ('23 starters) - L4/5 learners ('22 2-year course starters / '23 1-year		
Delivery of data to include Data Processing, coding and preparation - includes edit, DV and coding specs, data QA, weighting, production and QA of data files and tables, Data Dictionary, DV syntax, Guidance and QA Log		
Draft report to include Reporting and analysis - includes analysis plan, summary slidedecks, skeleton report structure and written report. Two drafts prior to final report.		
Final written report provided		By end November 2024
Delivery of Project Management - includes client meetings, weekly updates, internal team/ operational meetings, End of Year review		By end November 2024
Completion of fieldwork set up for Spring 2025 research		By end March 2025
Includes completion of survey design, cognitive testing and sample development and processing for the below survey		
Post-course survey for: - T Level learners ('22 starters) - TLFY learners ('23 starters)		
Delivery of fieldwork for Spring 2025 research		By end May 2025

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Includes online & CATI scripting and checking, printer/ online/ CATI briefings, online/ letter invites, reminders (including SMS), fw monitoring and support and Keeping in Touch and delivery of incentives for the below survey:  Post-course survey for: - T Level learners ('22 starters) - TLFY learners ('23 starters)		
Delivery of data and initial draft reports for the below survey:  Post-course survey for: - T Level learners ('22 starters) - TLFY learners ('23 starters)  Delivery of data to include Data Processing, coding and preparation - includes edit, DV and coding specs, data QA, weighting, production and QA of data files and tables, Data Dictionary, DV syntax, Guidance and QA Log  Draft report to include Reporting and analysis - includes analysis plan, summary slidedecks, skeleton report structure and written report. Two drafts prior to final report.		By end July 2025
Final written report provided		By end September 2025
Delivery of Project Management - includes client meetings, weekly updates, internal team/ operational meetings, End of Year review		By end September 2025

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<p>Delivery of fieldwork for Summer 2025 research</p> <p>Includes online &amp; CATI scripting and checking, printer/ online/ CATI briefings, online/ letter invites, reminders (including SMS), fw monitoring and support and Keeping in Touch and delivery of incentives for the below survey:</p> <p>End-course survey for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- T Level learners ('23 starters)</li><li>- TLFY learners ('24 starters)</li><li>- L4/5 learners ('23 2-year course starters)</li></ul> <p>Post-course survey for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- L4/5 ('22 2-year course starters / '23 1-year course starters)</li></ul>		By end July 2025

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<p>Delivery of data and initial draft reports for the below survey:</p> <p>End-course survey for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- T Level learners ('23 starters)</li><li>- TLFY learners ('24 starters)</li><li>- L4/5 learners ('23 2-year course starters)</li></ul> <p>Post-course survey for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- L4/5 ('22 2-year course starters / '23 1-year course starters)</li></ul> <p>Delivery of data to include Data Processing, coding and preparation - includes edit, DV and coding specs, data QA, weighting, production and QA of data files and tables, Data Dictionary, DV syntax, Guidance and QA Log</p> <p>Draft report to include Reporting and analysis - includes analysis plan, summary slidedecks, skeleton report structure and written report. Two drafts prior to final report.</p>		By end September 2025
Final written report provided		By end November 2025
Delivery of Project Management - includes client meetings, weekly updates, internal team/ operational meetings, End of Year review		By end November 2025
Completion of fieldwork set up for Spring 2026 research		By end March 2026
Includes completion of survey design, cognitive testing and sample development and		

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processing for the below survey		
Post-course survey for: - T Level learners ('23 starters)		
Delivery of fieldwork for Spring 2026 research		By end May 2026
Includes online & CATI scripting and checking, printer/ online/ CATI briefings, online/ letter invites, reminders (including SMS), fw monitoring and support and Keeping in Touch and delivery of incentives for the below survey:		
Post-course survey for: - T Level learners ('23 starters)		
Delivery of data and initial draft reports for the below survey:		By end July 2026
Post-course survey for: - T Level learners ('23 starters)		
Delivery of data to include Data Processing, coding and preparation - includes edit, DV and coding specs, data QA, weighting, production and QA of data files and tables, Data Dictionary, DV syntax, Guidance and QA Log		
Draft report to include Reporting and analysis - includes analysis plan, summary slidedecks, skeleton report structure and written report. Two drafts prior to final report.		

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Final written report provided		By end September 2026
Delivery of Project Management - includes client meetings, weekly updates, internal team/ operational meetings, End of Year review		By end September 2026
Break Clause 2		
Completion of fieldwork set up for Summer 2026 research		By end June 2026
Includes completion of survey design, cognitive testing and sample development and processing for the below survey		
End-course survey for: - T Level learners ('24 starters) - TLFY learners ('25 starters)		
Delivery of fieldwork for Summer 2026 research		By end July 2026
Includes online & CATI scripting and checking, printer/ online/ CATI briefings, online/ letter invites, reminders (including SMS), fw monitoring and support and Keeping in Touch and delivery of incentives for the below survey:		
End-course survey for: - T Level learners ('24 starters) - TLFY learners ('25 starters)		
Delivery of data and initial draft reports for the below survey:		By end September 2026
End-course survey for: - T Level learners ('24 starters)		



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<p>- TLFY learners ('25 starters)</p> <p>Delivery of data to include Data Processing, coding and preparation - includes edit, DV and coding specs, data QA, weighting, production and QA of data files and tables, Data Dictionary, DV syntax, Guidance and QA Log</p> <p>Draft report to include Reporting and analysis - includes analysis plan, summary slidedecks, skeleton report structure and written report. Two drafts prior to final report.</p>		
Final written report provided		By end November 2026
Delivery of Project Management - includes client meetings, weekly updates, internal team/ operational meetings, End of Year review		By end November 2026
<p>Completion of fieldwork set up for Spring 2027 research</p> <p>Includes completion of survey design, cognitive testing and sample development and processing for the below survey</p> <p>Post-course survey for: - T Level learners ('24 starters)</p>		By end March 2027
<p>Delivery of fieldwork for Spring 2027 research</p> <p>Includes online &amp; CATI scripting and checking, printer/ online/ CATI briefings, online/ letter invites, reminders (including SMS), fw monitoring and support and</p>		By end May 2027

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Keeping in Touch and delivery of incentives for the below survey:  Post-course survey for: - T Level learners ('24 starters)		
Delivery of data and initial draft reports for the below survey:  Post-course survey for: - T Level learners ('24 starters)  Delivery of data to include Data Processing, coding and preparation - includes edit, DV and coding specs, data QA, weighting, production and QA of data files and tables, Data Dictionary, DV syntax, Guidance and QA Log  Draft report to include Reporting and analysis - includes analysis plan, summary slidedecks, skeleton report structure and written report. Two drafts prior to final report.		By end July 2027
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Expenditure for the financial year 2024-2025 shall not exceed [REDACTED] exclusive of VAT

Expenditure for the financial year 2025-2026 shall not exceed [REDACTED] exclusive of VAT

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Expenditure for the financial year 2026-2027 shall not exceed [REDACTED] exclusive of VAT

Expenditure for the financial year 2027-2028 shall not exceed [REDACTED] exclusive of VAT

Total Project expenditure shall not exceed £1,091,485.00 exclusive of VAT.

## **Order Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)**

1. 1.1 The Annex 1 to this Schedule lists the key roles (“**Key Roles**”) and names of the persons who the Supplier shall appoint to fill those Key Roles at the Start Date.
- 2.
3. 1.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the Key Staff fulfil the Key Roles at all times during the Contract Period.
- 4.
5. 1.3 The Buyer may identify any further roles as being Key Roles and, following agreement to the same by the Supplier, the relevant person selected to fill those Key Roles shall be included on the list of Key Staff.
- 6.
7. 1.4 The Supplier shall not and shall procure that any Subcontractor shall not remove or replace any Key Staff unless:
  - 1.4.1 requested to do so by the Buyer or the Buyer Approves such removal or replacement (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);
  - 1.4.2 the person concerned resigns, retires or dies or is on maternity or long-term sick leave; or
  - 1.4.3 the person’s employment or contractual arrangement with the Supplier or Subcontractor is terminated for material breach of contract by the employee.
- 8.
9. 1.5 The Supplier shall:
  - 1.5.1 notify the Buyer promptly of the absence of any Key Staff (other than for short-term sickness or holidays of two (2) weeks or less, in which case the Supplier shall ensure appropriate temporary cover for that Key Role);
  - 1.5.2 ensure that any Key Role is not vacant for any longer than ten (10) Working Days;
  - 1.5.3 give as much notice as is reasonably practicable of its intention to remove or replace any member of Key Staff and, except in the cases of death, unexpected ill health or a material breach of the Key Staff’s employment contract, this will mean at least three (3) Months’ notice;
  - 1.5.4 ensure that all arrangements for planned changes in Key Staff provide adequate periods during which incoming and outgoing staff work together to transfer responsibilities and ensure that such change does not have an adverse impact on the provision of the Deliverables; and
  - 1.5.5 ensure that any replacement for a Key Role has a level of qualifications and experience appropriate to the relevant Key Role and is fully

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competent to carry out the tasks assigned to the Key Staff whom he or she has replaced.

- 1.6 The Buyer may require the Supplier to remove or procure that any Subcontractor shall remove any Key Staff that the Buyer considers in any respect unsatisfactory. The Buyer shall not be liable for the cost of replacing any Key Staff.

## Annex 1- Key Roles

Key Role	Key Staff	Contract Details
Project Director		
Project Manager		
Project Support		
Sample design/ weighting		
Questionnaire design		
Data Manager		
Scripting operations		
Sampling operations		
Telephone operations		
Data processing operations		

## Order Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)

### 2. Definitions

1. In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"BCDR Plan"	7 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule;
"Business Continuity Plan"	8 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 4.2 of this Schedule;
"Disaster Recovery Deliverables"	9 the Deliverables embodied in the processes and procedures for restoring the provision of Deliverables following the occurrence of a Disaster;
"Disaster Recovery Plan"	10 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 4.3 of this Schedule;
"Disaster Recovery System"	11 the system embodied in the processes and procedures for restoring the provision of Deliverables following the occurrence of a Disaster;
	12
"Related Supplier"	13 any person who provides Deliverables to the Buyer which are related to the Deliverables from time to time;
"Review Report"	14 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 15 of this Schedule; and
"Supplier's Proposals"	15 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 16 of this Schedule;

### 8. BCDR Plan

2. The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.
3. At least ninety (90) Working Days after the Start Date the Supplier shall prepare and deliver to the Buyer for the Buyer's written approval a plan (a "BCDR Plan"), which shall detail the processes and arrangements that the Supplier shall follow to:

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1. ensure continuity of the business processes and operations supported by the Services following any failure or disruption of any element of the Deliverables; and
2. the recovery of the Deliverables in the event of a Disaster
4. The BCDR Plan shall be divided into three sections:
  1. Section 1 which shall set out general principles applicable to the BCDR Plan;
  2. Section 2 which shall relate to business continuity (the "**Business Continuity Plan**"); and
  3. Section 3 which shall relate to disaster recovery (the "**Disaster Recovery Plan**").
5. Following receipt of the draft BCDR Plan from the Supplier, the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the BCDR Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the contents of the BCDR Plan within twenty (20) Working Days of its submission, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

### 9. General Principles of the BCDR Plan (Section 1)

6. Section 1 of the BCDR Plan shall:
  1. set out how the business continuity and disaster recovery elements of the BCDR Plan link to each other;
  2. provide details of how the invocation of any element of the BCDR Plan may impact upon the provision of the Deliverables and any goods and/or services provided to the Buyer by a Related Supplier;
  3. contain an obligation upon the Supplier to liaise with the Buyer and any Related Suppliers with respect to business continuity and disaster recovery;
  4. detail how the BCDR Plan interoperates with any overarching disaster recovery or business continuity plan of the Buyer and any of its other Related Supplier in each case as notified to the Supplier by the Buyer from time to time;
  5. contain a communication strategy including details of an incident and problem management service and advice and help desk facility which can be accessed via multiple channels;
  6. contain a risk analysis, including:
    1. failure or disruption scenarios and assessments of likely frequency of occurrence;
    2. identification of any single points of failure within the provision of Deliverables and processes for managing those risks;



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3. identification of risks arising from the interaction of the provision of Deliverables with the goods and/or services provided by a Related Supplier; and
    4. a business impact analysis of different anticipated failures or disruptions;
  7. provide for documentation of processes, including business processes, and procedures;
  8. set out key contact details for the Supplier (and any Subcontractors) and for the Buyer;
  9. identify the procedures for reverting to "normal service";
  10. set out method(s) of recovering or updating data collected (or which ought to have been collected) during a failure or disruption to minimise data loss;
  11. identify the responsibilities (if any) that the Buyer has agreed it will assume in the event of the invocation of the BCDR Plan; and
  12. provide for the provision of technical assistance to key contacts at the Buyer as required by the Buyer to inform decisions in support of the Buyer's business continuity plans.
7. The BCDR Plan shall be designed so as to ensure that:
1. the Deliverables are provided in accordance with this Contract at all times during and after the invocation of the BCDR Plan;
  2. the adverse impact of any Disaster is minimised as far as reasonably possible;
  3. it complies with the relevant provisions of ISO/IEC 27002; ISO22301/ISO22313 and all other industry standards from time to time in force; and
  4. it details a process for the management of disaster recovery testing.
8. The BCDR Plan shall be upgradeable and sufficiently flexible to support any changes to the Deliverables and the business operations supported by the provision of Deliverables.
9. The Supplier shall not be entitled to any relief from its obligations under the Performance Indicators (PI's) or Service Levels, or to any increase in the Charges to the extent that a Disaster occurs as a consequence of any breach by the Supplier of this Contract.

## **10. Business Continuity (Section 2)**

10. The Business Continuity Plan shall set out the arrangements that are to be invoked to ensure that the business processes facilitated by the provision of Deliverables remain supported and to ensure continuity of the business operations supported by the Services including:

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1. the alternative processes, options and responsibilities that may be adopted in the event of a failure in or disruption to the provision of Deliverables; and
  2. the steps to be taken by the Supplier upon resumption of the provision of Deliverables in order to address the effect of the failure or disruption.
11. The Business Continuity Plan shall:
1. address the various possible levels of failures of or disruptions to the provision of Deliverables;
  2. set out the goods and/or services to be provided and the steps to be taken to remedy the different levels of failures of and disruption to the Deliverables;
  3. specify any applicable Performance Indicators with respect to the provision of the Business Continuity Services and details of any agreed relaxation to the Performance Indicators or Service Levels in respect of the provision of other Deliverables during any period of invocation of the Business Continuity Plan; and
  4. set out the circumstances in which the Business Continuity Plan is invoked.

**11. Disaster Recovery (Section 3)**

12. The Disaster Recovery Plan (which shall be invoked only upon the occurrence of a Disaster) shall be designed to ensure that upon the occurrence of a Disaster the Supplier ensures continuity of the business operations of the Buyer supported by the Services following any Disaster or during any period of service failure or disruption with, as far as reasonably possible, minimal adverse impact.
13. The Supplier's BCDR Plan shall include an approach to business continuity and disaster recovery that addresses the following:
  1. loss of access to the Buyer Premises;
  2. loss of utilities to the Buyer Premises;
  3. loss of the Supplier's helpdesk or CAFM system;
  4. loss of a Subcontractor;
  5. emergency notification and escalation process;
  6. contact lists;
  7. staff training and awareness;
  8. BCDR Plan testing;
  9. post implementation review process;
  10. any applicable Performance Indicators with respect to the provision of the disaster recovery services and details of any agreed relaxation

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to the Performance Indicators or Service Levels in respect of the provision of other Deliverables during any period of invocation of the Disaster Recovery Plan;

11. details of how the Supplier shall ensure compliance with security standards ensuring that compliance is maintained for any period during which the Disaster Recovery Plan is invoked;
12. access controls to any disaster recovery sites used by the Supplier in relation to its obligations pursuant to this Schedule; and
13. testing and management arrangements.

### 12. Review and changing the BCDR Plan

14. The Supplier shall review the BCDR Plan:
  1. on a regular basis and as a minimum once every six (6) Months;
  2. within three (3) calendar Months of the BCDR Plan (or any part) having been invoked pursuant to Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.**; and
  3. where the Buyer requests in writing any additional reviews (over and above those provided for in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Schedule) whereupon the Supplier shall conduct such reviews in accordance with the Buyer's written requirements. Prior to starting its review, the Supplier shall provide an accurate written estimate of the total costs payable by the Buyer for the Buyer's approval. The costs of both Parties of any such additional reviews shall be met by the Buyer except that the Supplier shall not be entitled to charge the Buyer for any costs that it may incur above any estimate without the Buyer's prior written approval.
15. Each review of the BCDR Plan pursuant to Paragraph 14 shall assess its suitability having regard to any change to the Deliverables or any underlying business processes and operations facilitated by or supported by the Services which have taken place since the later of the original approval of the BCDR Plan or the last review of the BCDR Plan, and shall also have regard to any occurrence of any event since that date (or the likelihood of any such event taking place in the foreseeable future) which may increase the likelihood of the need to invoke the BCDR Plan. The review shall be completed by the Supplier within such period as the Buyer shall reasonably require.
16. The Supplier shall, within twenty (20) Working Days of the conclusion of each such review of the BCDR Plan, provide to the Buyer a report (a **"Review Report"**) setting out the Supplier's proposals (the **"Supplier's Proposals"**) for addressing any changes in the risk profile and its proposals for amendments to the BCDR Plan.
17. Following receipt of the Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals, the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals. If the Parties are unable to agree Review Report

and the Supplier's Proposals within twenty (20) Working Days of its submission, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

18. The Supplier shall as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving the approval of the Supplier's Proposals effect any change in its practices or procedures necessary so as to give effect to the Supplier's Proposals. Any such change shall be at the Supplier's expense unless it can be reasonably shown that the changes are required because of a material change to the risk profile of the Deliverables.

### **13. Testing the BCDR Plan**

19. The Supplier shall test the BCDR Plan:
  1. regularly and in any event not less than once in every Contract Year;
  2. in the event of any major reconfiguration of the Deliverables
  3. at any time where the Buyer considers it necessary (acting in its sole discretion).
20. If the Buyer requires an additional test of the BCDR Plan, it shall give the Supplier written notice and the Supplier shall conduct the test in accordance with the Buyer's requirements and the relevant provisions of the BCDR Plan. The Supplier's costs of the additional test shall be borne by the Buyer unless the BCDR Plan fails the additional test in which case the Supplier's costs of that failed test shall be borne by the Supplier.
21. The Supplier shall undertake and manage testing of the BCDR Plan in full consultation with and under the supervision of the Buyer and shall liaise with the Buyer in respect of the planning, performance, and review, of each test, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Buyer.
22. The Supplier shall ensure that any use by it or any Subcontractor of "live" data in such testing is first approved with the Buyer. Copies of live test data used in any such testing shall be (if so required by the Buyer) destroyed or returned to the Buyer on completion of the test.
23. The Supplier shall, within twenty (20) Working Days of the conclusion of each test, provide to the Buyer a report setting out:
  1. the outcome of the test;
  2. any failures in the BCDR Plan (including the BCDR Plan's procedures) revealed by the test; and
  3. the Supplier's proposals for remedying any such failures.
24. Following each test, the Supplier shall take all measures requested by the Buyer to remedy any failures in the BCDR Plan and such remedial activity and re-testing shall be completed by the Supplier, at its own cost, by the date reasonably required by the Buyer.

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**14. Invoking the BCDR Plan**

25. In the event of a complete loss of service or in the event of a Disaster, the Supplier shall immediately invoke the BCDR Plan (and shall inform the Buyer promptly of such invocation). In all other instances the Supplier shall invoke or test the BCDR Plan only with the prior consent of the Buyer.

**15. Circumstances beyond your control**

26. The Supplier shall not be entitled to relief under Clause 20 (Circumstances beyond your control) if it would not have been impacted by the Force Majeure Event had it not failed to comply with its obligations under this Schedule.

## Order Schedule 9 (Security)

### Part A: Short Form Security Requirements

#### 16. Definitions

27. In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

<b>"Breach of Security"</b>	16	the occurrence of:
	a)	any unauthorised access to or use of the Deliverables, the Sites and/or any Information and Communication Technology ("ICT"), information or data (including the Confidential Information and the Government Data) used by the Buyer and/or the Supplier in connection with this Contract; and/or
	b)	the loss and/or unauthorised disclosure of any information or data (including the Confidential Information and the Government Data), including any copies of such information or data, used by the Buyer and/or the Supplier in connection with this Contract,
	17	in either case as more particularly set out in the Security Policy where the Buyer has required compliance therewith in accordance with paragraph 2.2;
<b>"Security Management Plan"</b>	18	the Supplier's security management plan prepared pursuant to this Schedule, a draft of which has been provided by the Supplier to the Buyer and as updated from time to time;

#### 3. Complying with security requirements and updates to them

1. The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.
2. The Supplier shall comply with the requirements in this Schedule in respect of the Security Management Plan. Where specified by a Buyer that has undertaken a Further Competition it shall also comply with the Security

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Policy and shall ensure that the Security Management Plan produced by the Supplier fully complies with the Security Policy.

3. Where the Security Policy applies the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of any changes or proposed changes to the Security Policy.
4. If the Supplier believes that a change or proposed change to the Security Policy will have a material and unavoidable cost implication to the provision of the Deliverables it may propose a Variation to the Buyer. In doing so, the Supplier must support its request by providing evidence of the cause of any increased costs and the steps that it has taken to mitigate those costs. Any change to the Charges shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.
5. Until and/or unless a change to the Charges is agreed by the Buyer pursuant to the Variation Procedure the Supplier shall continue to provide the Deliverables in accordance with its existing obligations.

## **17. Security Standards**

6. The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer places great emphasis on the reliability of the performance of the Deliverables, confidentiality, integrity and availability of information and consequently on security.
7. The Supplier shall be responsible for the effective performance of its security obligations and shall at all times provide a level of security which:
  1. is in accordance with the Law and this Contract;
  2. as a minimum demonstrates Good Industry Practice;
  3. meets any specific security threats of immediate relevance to the Deliverables and/or the Government Data; and
  4. where specified by the Buyer in accordance with paragraph 2.2 complies with the Security Policy and the ICT Policy.
8. The references to standards, guidance and policies contained or set out in Paragraph 7 shall be deemed to be references to such items as developed and updated and to any successor to or replacement for such standards, guidance and policies, as notified to the Supplier from time to time.
9. In the event of any inconsistency in the provisions of the above standards, guidance and policies, the Supplier should notify the Buyer's Representative of such inconsistency immediately upon becoming aware of the same, and the Buyer's Representative shall, as soon as practicable, advise the Supplier which provision the Supplier shall be required to comply with.

## **18. Security Management Plan**

### **10. Introduction**

1. The Supplier shall develop and maintain a Security Management Plan in accordance with this Schedule. The Supplier shall thereafter comply with its obligations set out in the Security Management Plan.

## 11. Content of the Security Management Plan

1. The Security Management Plan shall:
  1. comply with the principles of security set out in Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** and any other provisions of this Contract relevant to security;
  2. identify the necessary delegated organisational roles for those responsible for ensuring it is complied with by the Supplier;
  3. detail the process for managing any security risks from Subcontractors and third parties authorised by the Buyer with access to the Deliverables, processes associated with the provision of the Deliverables, the Buyer Premises, the Sites and any ICT, Information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) and any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that Information, data and/or the Deliverables;
  4. be developed to protect all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the provision of the Deliverables, including the Buyer Premises, the Sites, and any ICT, Information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) to the extent used by the Buyer or the Supplier in connection with this Contract or in connection with any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that Information, data and/or the Deliverables;
  5. set out the security measures to be implemented and maintained by the Supplier in relation to all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the provision of the Goods and/or Services and shall at all times comply with and specify security measures and procedures which are sufficient to ensure that the Deliverables comply with the provisions of this Contract;
  6. set out the plans for transitioning all security arrangements and responsibilities for the Supplier to meet the full obligations of the security requirements set out in this Contract and, where necessary in accordance with paragraph 2.2 the Security Policy; and
  7. be written in plain English in language which is readily comprehensible to the staff of the Supplier and the Buyer engaged in the provision of the Deliverables and shall only reference documents which are in the possession of the Parties or whose location is otherwise specified in this Schedule.

## 12. Development of the Security Management Plan

1. Within twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date and in accordance with Paragraph 13, the Supplier shall prepare and deliver to the Buyer for Approval a fully complete and up to date Security



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Management Plan which will be based on the draft Security Management Plan.

2. If the Security Management Plan submitted to the Buyer in accordance with Paragraph 1, or any subsequent revision to it in accordance with Paragraph 13, is Approved it will be adopted immediately and will replace the previous version of the Security Management Plan and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the Security Management Plan is not Approved, the Supplier shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Buyer and re-submit to the Buyer for Approval. The Parties will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the approval process takes as little time as possible and in any event no longer than fifteen (15) Working Days from the date of its first submission to the Buyer. If the Buyer does not approve the Security Management Plan following its resubmission, the matter will be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
3. The Buyer shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its decision to Approve or not the Security Management Plan pursuant to Paragraph 2. However a refusal by the Buyer to Approve the Security Management Plan on the grounds that it does not comply with the requirements set out in Paragraph 11 shall be deemed to be reasonable.
4. Approval by the Buyer of the Security Management Plan pursuant to Paragraph 2 or of any change to the Security Management Plan in accordance with Paragraph 13 shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this Schedule.

### **13. Amendment of the Security Management Plan**

1. The Security Management Plan shall be fully reviewed and updated by the Supplier at least annually to reflect:
  1. emerging changes in Good Industry Practice;
  2. any change or proposed change to the Deliverables and/or associated processes;
  3. where necessary in accordance with paragraph 2.2, any change to the Security Policy;
  4. any new perceived or changed security threats; and
  5. any reasonable change in requirements requested by the Buyer.
2. The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with the results of such reviews as soon as reasonably practicable after their completion and amendment of the Security Management Plan at no additional cost to the Buyer. The results of the review shall include, without limitation:
  1. suggested improvements to the effectiveness of the Security Management Plan;

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2. updates to the risk assessments; and
  3. suggested improvements in measuring the effectiveness of controls.
3. Subject to Paragraph 4, any change or amendment which the Supplier proposes to make to the Security Management Plan (as a result of a review carried out in accordance with Paragraph 1, a request by the Buyer or otherwise) shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.
4. The Buyer may, acting reasonably, Approve and require changes or amendments to the Security Management Plan to be implemented on timescales faster than set out in the Variation Procedure but, without prejudice to their effectiveness, all such changes and amendments shall thereafter be subject to the Variation Procedure for the purposes of formalising and documenting the relevant change or amendment.

### **19. Security breach**

14. Either Party shall notify the other in accordance with the agreed security incident management process (as detailed in the Security Management Plan) upon becoming aware of any Breach of Security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security.
15. Without prejudice to the security incident management process, upon becoming aware of any of the circumstances referred to in Paragraph 14, the Supplier shall:
  1. immediately take all reasonable steps (which shall include any action or changes reasonably required by the Buyer) necessary to:
    1. minimise the extent of actual or potential harm caused by any Breach of Security;
    2. remedy such Breach of Security to the extent possible and protect the integrity of the Buyer and the provision of the Goods and/or Services to the extent within its control against any such Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security;
    3. prevent an equivalent breach in the future exploiting the same cause failure; and
    4. as soon as reasonably practicable provide to the Buyer, where the Buyer so requests, full details (using the reporting mechanism defined by the Security Management Plan) of the Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security, including a cause analysis where required by the Buyer.
16. In the event that any action is taken in response to a Breach of Security or potential or attempted Breach of Security that demonstrates non-compliance of the Security Management Plan with the Security Policy

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(where relevant in accordance with paragraph 2.2) or the requirements of this Schedule, then any required change to the Security Management Plan shall be at no cost to the Buyer.

## Part B: Long Form Security Requirements

### Definitions

17. In this Schedule the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

<b>"Breach of Security"</b>	19	means the occurrence of:
	a)	any unauthorised access to or use of the Goods and/or Deliverables, the Sites and/or any Information and Communication Technology ("ICT"), information or data (including the Confidential Information and the Government Data) used by the Buyer and/or the Supplier in connection with this Contract; and/or
	b)	the loss and/or unauthorised disclosure of any information or data (including the Confidential Information and the Government Data), including any copies of such information or data, used by the Buyer and/or the Supplier in connection with this Contract,
	20	in either case as more particularly set out in the security requirements in the Security Policy where the Buyer has required compliance therewith in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d;
<b>"ISMS"</b>	21	the information security management system and process developed by the Supplier in accordance with Paragraph 21 (ISMS) as updated from time to time in accordance with this Schedule; and
<b>"Security Tests"</b>	22	tests to validate the ISMS and security of all relevant processes, systems, incident response plans, patches to vulnerabilities and mitigations to Breaches of Security.

### 20. Security Requirements

18. The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.
19. The Parties acknowledge that the purpose of the ISMS and Security Management Plan are to ensure a good organisational approach to security under which the specific requirements of this Contract will be met.

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20. The Parties shall each appoint a security representative to be responsible for Security. The initial security representatives of the Parties are:
  1. Emma Wharram
  2. Catherine Bolton, Head of Compliance  
(Catherine.Bolton@ipsos.com)
21. The Buyer shall clearly articulate its high level security requirements so that the Supplier can ensure that the ISMS, security related activities and any mitigations are driven by these fundamental needs.
22. Both Parties shall provide a reasonable level of access to any members of their staff for the purposes of designing, implementing and managing security.
23. The Supplier shall use as a minimum Good Industry Practice in the day to day operation of any system holding, transferring or processing Government Data and any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that information, and shall ensure that Government Data remains under the effective control of the Supplier at all times.
24. The Supplier shall ensure the up-to-date maintenance of a security policy relating to the operation of its own organisation and systems and on request shall supply this document as soon as practicable to the Buyer.
25. The Buyer and the Supplier acknowledge that information security risks are shared between the Parties and that a compromise of either the Supplier or the Buyer's security provisions represents an unacceptable risk to the Buyer requiring immediate communication and co-operation between the Parties.

**21. Information Security Management System (ISMS)**

26. The Supplier shall develop and submit to the Buyer, within twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date, an information security management system for the purposes of this Contract and shall comply with the requirements of Paragraphs 29 to 31.
27. The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer places great emphasis on the reliability of the performance of the Deliverables, confidentiality, integrity and availability of information and consequently on the security provided by the ISMS and that the Supplier shall be responsible for the effective performance of the ISMS.
28. The Buyer acknowledges that;
  1. If the Buyer has not stipulated during a Further Competition that it requires a bespoke ISMS, the ISMS provided by the Supplier may be an extant ISMS covering the Services and their implementation across the Supplier's estate; and
  2. Where the Buyer has stipulated that it requires a bespoke ISMS then the Supplier shall be required to present the ISMS for the Buyer's Approval.

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### 29. The ISMS shall:

1. if the Buyer has stipulated that it requires a bespoke ISMS, be developed to protect all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the provision of the Deliverables, including the Buyer Premises, the Sites, the Supplier System, the Buyer System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Supplier) and any ICT, information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) to the extent used by the Buyer or the Supplier in connection with this Contract;
2. meet the relevant standards in ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC27002 in accordance with Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.**;
3. at all times provide a level of security which:
  1. is in accordance with the Law and this Contract;
  2. complies with the Baseline Security Requirements;
  3. as a minimum demonstrates Good Industry Practice;
  4. where specified by a Buyer that has undertaken a Further Competition - complies with the Security Policy and the ICT Policy;
  5. complies with at least the minimum set of security measures and standards as determined by the Security Policy Framework (Tiers 1-4)(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework/hmg-security-policy-framework>);
  6. takes account of guidance issued by the Centre for Protection of National Infrastructure <https://www.cpni.gov.uk/>
  7. complies with HMG Information Assurance Maturity Model and Assurance Framework (<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/hmg-ia-maturity-model-iamm>);
  8. meets any specific security threats of immediate relevance to the ISMS, the Deliverables and/or Government Data;
  9. addresses issues of incompatibility with the Supplier's own organisational security policies; and
  10. complies with ISO/IEC27001 and ISO/IEC27002 in accordance with Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.**;
4. document the security incident management processes and incident response plans;
5. document the vulnerability management policy including processes for identification of system vulnerabilities and assessment of the

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- potential impact on the Deliverables of any new threat, vulnerability or exploitation technique of which the Supplier becomes aware, prioritisation of security patches, testing of security patches, application of security patches, a process for Buyer approvals of exceptions, and the reporting and audit mechanism detailing the efficacy of the patching policy; and
6. be certified by (or by a person with the direct delegated authority of) a Supplier's main board representative, being the "Chief Security Officer", "Chief Information Officer", "Chief Technical Officer" or "Chief Financial Officer" (or equivalent as agreed in writing by the Buyer in advance of issue of the relevant Security Management Plan).
30. Subject to Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** the references to Standards, guidance and policies contained or set out in Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** shall be deemed to be references to such items as developed and updated and to any successor to or replacement for such standards, guidance and policies, as notified to the Supplier from time to time.
31. In the event that the Supplier becomes aware of any inconsistency in the provisions of the standards, guidance and policies set out in Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.**, the Supplier shall immediately notify the Buyer Representative of such inconsistency and the Buyer Representative shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Supplier as to which provision the Supplier shall comply with.
32. If the bespoke ISMS submitted to the Buyer pursuant to Paragraph 26 is Approved by the Buyer, it shall be adopted by the Supplier immediately and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the ISMS is not Approved by the Buyer, the Supplier shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Buyer and re-submit it to the Buyer for Approval. The Parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Approval process takes as little time as possible and in any event no longer than fifteen (15) Working Days from the date of the first submission of the ISMS to the Buyer. If the Buyer does not Approve the ISMS following its resubmission, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. No Approval to be given by the Buyer pursuant to this Paragraph 21 may be unreasonably withheld or delayed. However any failure to approve the ISMS on the grounds that it does not comply with any of the requirements set out in Paragraphs 29 to 31 shall be deemed to be reasonable.
33. Approval by the Buyer of the ISMS pursuant to Paragraph 32 or of any change to the ISMS shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this Schedule.

## 22. Security Management Plan

34. Within twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date, the Supplier shall prepare and submit to the Buyer for Approval in accordance with Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** fully developed, complete and up-to-date Security Management Plan which shall comply with the requirements of Paragraph 35.
35. The Security Management Plan shall:
1. be based on the initial Security Management Plan set out in Annex 2 (Security Management Plan);
  2. comply with the Baseline Security Requirements and, where specified by the Buyer in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d, the Security Policy;
  3. identify the necessary delegated organisational roles defined for those responsible for ensuring this Schedule is complied with by the Supplier;
  4. detail the process for managing any security risks from Subcontractors and third parties authorised by the Buyer with access to the Goods and/or Services, processes associated with the delivery of the Goods and/or Services, the Buyer Premises, the Sites, the Supplier System, the Buyer System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Supplier) and any ICT, Information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) and any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that information, data and/or the Deliverables;
  5. unless otherwise specified by the Buyer in writing, be developed to protect all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the delivery of the Deliverables, including the Buyer Premises, the Sites, the Supplier System, the Buyer System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Supplier) and any ICT, Information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) to the extent used by the Buyer or the Supplier in connection with this Contract or in connection with any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that Information, data and/or the Deliverables;
  6. set out the security measures to be implemented and maintained by the Supplier in relation to all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the delivery of the Deliverables and at all times comply with and specify security measures and procedures which are sufficient to ensure that the Deliverables comply with the provisions of this Schedule (including the requirements set out in Paragraph 29);
  7. demonstrate that the Supplier's approach to delivery of the Deliverables has minimised the Buyer and Supplier effort required to comply with this Schedule through consideration of available,



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- appropriate and practicable pan-government accredited services (for example, 'platform as a service' offering from the G-Cloud catalogue);
8. set out the plans for transitioning all security arrangements and responsibilities from those in place at the Start Date to those incorporated in the ISMS within the timeframe agreed between the Parties;
  9. set out the scope of the Buyer System that is under the control of the Supplier;
  10. be structured in accordance with ISO/IEC27001 and ISO/IEC27002, cross-referencing if necessary to other Schedules which cover specific areas included within those standards; and
  11. be written in plain English in language which is readily comprehensible to the staff of the Supplier and the Buyer engaged in the Deliverables and shall reference only documents which are in the possession of the Parties or whose location is otherwise specified in this Schedule.
36. If the Security Management Plan submitted to the Buyer pursuant to Paragraph 34 is Approved by the Buyer, it shall be adopted by the Supplier immediately and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the Security Management Plan is not approved by the Buyer, the Supplier shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Buyer and re-submit it to the Buyer for Approval. The Parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Approval process takes as little time as possible and in any event no longer than fifteen (15) Working Days from the date of the first submission to the Buyer of the Security Management Plan. If the Buyer does not Approve the Security Management Plan following its resubmission, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. No Approval to be given by the Buyer pursuant to this Paragraph may be unreasonably withheld or delayed. However any failure to approve the Security Management Plan on the grounds that it does not comply with the requirements set out in Paragraph 35 shall be deemed to be reasonable.
37. Approval by the Buyer of the Security Management Plan pursuant to Paragraph 36 or of any change or amendment to the Security Management Plan shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this Schedule.

## **23. Amendment of the ISMS and Security Management Plan**

38. The ISMS and Security Management Plan shall be fully reviewed and updated by the Supplier and at least annually to reflect:
1. emerging changes in Good Industry Practice;
  2. any change or proposed change to the Supplier System, the Deliverables and/or associated processes;
  3. any new perceived or changed security threats;

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4. where required in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d, any changes to the Security Policy;
  5. any new perceived or changed security threats; and
  6. any reasonable change in requirement requested by the Buyer.
39. The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with the results of such reviews as soon as reasonably practicable after their completion and amend the ISMS and Security Management Plan at no additional cost to the Buyer. The results of the review shall include, without limitation:
  1. suggested improvements to the effectiveness of the ISMS;
  2. updates to the risk assessments;
  3. proposed modifications to the procedures and controls that affect information security to respond to events that may impact on the ISMS; and
  4. suggested improvements in measuring the effectiveness of controls.
40. Subject to Paragraph 41, any change which the Supplier proposes to make to the ISMS or Security Management Plan (as a result of a review carried out pursuant to Paragraph 38, a Buyer request, a change to Annex nex **1** (Security) or otherwise) shall be subject to the Variation Procedure and shall not be implemented until Approved in writing by the Buyer.
41. The Buyer may, acting reasonably, Approve and require changes or amendments to the ISMS or Security Management Plan to be implemented on timescales faster than set out in the Variation Procedure but, without prejudice to their effectiveness, all such changes and amendments shall thereafter be subject to the Variation Procedure for the purposes of formalising and documenting the relevant change or amendment.

## 24. Security Testing

42. The Supplier shall conduct Security Tests from time to time (and at least annually across the scope of the ISMS) and additionally after any change or amendment to the ISMS (including security incident management processes and incident response plans) or the Security Management Plan. Security Tests shall be designed and implemented by the Supplier so as to minimise the impact on the delivery of the Deliverables and the date, timing, content and conduct of such Security Tests shall be agreed in advance with the Buyer. Subject to compliance by the Supplier with the foregoing requirements, if any Security Tests adversely affect the Supplier's ability to deliver the Deliverables so as to meet the KPIs, the Supplier shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for the period of the Security Tests.
43. The Buyer shall be entitled to send a representative to witness the conduct of the Security Tests. The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with the results of such Security Tests (in a form approved by the Buyer in advance) as soon as practicable after completion of each Security Test.

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44. Without prejudice to any other right of audit or access granted to the Buyer pursuant to this Contract, the Buyer and/or its authorised representatives shall be entitled, at any time upon giving reasonable notice to the Supplier, to carry out such tests (including penetration tests) as it may deem necessary in relation to the ISMS and the Supplier's compliance with the ISMS and the Security Management Plan. The Buyer may notify the Supplier of the results of such tests after completion of each such test. If any such Buyer's test adversely affects the Supplier's ability to deliver the Deliverables so as to meet the KPIs, the Supplier shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for the period of the Buyer's test.
45. Where any Security Test carried out pursuant to Paragraphs 43 or 44 reveals any actual or potential Breach of Security or weaknesses (including un-patched vulnerabilities, poor configuration and/or incorrect system management), the Supplier shall promptly notify the Buyer of any changes to the ISMS and to the Security Management Plan (and the implementation thereof) which the Supplier proposes to make in order to correct such failure or weakness. Subject to the Buyer's prior written Approval, the Supplier shall implement such changes to the ISMS and the Security Management Plan and repeat the relevant Security Tests in accordance with the timetable agreed with the Buyer or, otherwise, as soon as reasonably possible. For the avoidance of doubt, where the change to the ISMS or Security Management Plan is to address a non-compliance with the Security Policy or security requirements (as set out in Annex 1 (Baseline Security Requirements) to this Schedule) or the requirements of this Schedule, the change to the ISMS or Security Management Plan shall be at no cost to the Buyer.
46. If any repeat Security Test carried out pursuant to Paragraph 45 reveals an actual or potential Breach of Security exploiting the same root cause failure, such circumstance shall constitute a material Default of this Contract.

## **25. Complying with the ISMS**

47. The Buyer shall be entitled to carry out such security audits as it may reasonably deem necessary in order to ensure that the ISMS maintains compliance with the principles and practices of ISO 27001 and/or the Security Policy where such compliance is required in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d.
48. If, on the basis of evidence provided by such security audits, it is the Buyer's reasonable opinion that compliance with the principles and practices of ISO/IEC 27001 and/or, where relevant, the Security Policy are not being achieved by the Supplier, then the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of the same and give the Supplier a reasonable time (having regard to the extent and criticality of any non-compliance and any other relevant circumstances) to implement and remedy. If the Supplier does not become compliant within the required time then the Buyer shall have the right to obtain an independent audit against these standards in whole or in part.

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49. If, as a result of any such independent audit as described in Paragraph the Supplier is found to be non-compliant with the principles and practices of ISO/IEC 27001 and/or, where relevant, the Security Policy then the Supplier shall, at its own expense, undertake those actions required in order to achieve the necessary compliance and shall reimburse in full the costs incurred by the Buyer in obtaining such audit.

### **26. Security Breach**

50. Either Party shall notify the other in accordance with the agreed security incident management process as defined by the ISMS upon becoming aware of any breach of security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security.
51. Without prejudice to the security incident management process, upon becoming aware of any of the circumstances referred to in Paragraph 50, the Supplier shall:
  1. immediately take all reasonable steps (which shall include any action or changes reasonably required by the Buyer) necessary to:
    1. minimise the extent of actual or potential harm caused by any Breach of Security;
    2. remedy such Breach of Security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security in order to protect the integrity of the Buyer Property and/or Buyer Assets and/or ISMS to the extent that this is within the Supplier's control;
    3. apply a tested mitigation against any such Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security and provided that reasonable testing has been undertaken by the Supplier, if the mitigation adversely affects the Supplier's ability to provide the Deliverables so as to meet the relevant Service Level Performance Indicators, the Supplier shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for such period as the Buyer, acting reasonably, may specify by written notice to the Supplier;
    4. prevent a further Breach of Security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security in the future exploiting the same root cause failure; and
    5. supply any requested data to the Buyer (or the Computer Emergency Response Team for UK Government ("GovCertUK")) on the Buyer's request within two (2) Working Days and without charge (where such requests are reasonably related to a possible incident or compromise); and

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6. as soon as reasonably practicable provide to the Buyer full details (using the reporting mechanism defined by the ISMS) of the Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security, including a root cause analysis where required by the Buyer.
52. In the event that any action is taken in response to a Breach of Security or potential or attempted Breach of Security that demonstrates non-compliance of the ISMS with the Security Policy (where relevant) or the requirements of this Schedule, then any required change to the ISMS shall be at no cost to the Buyer.

### 27. Vulnerabilities and fixing them

53. The Buyer and the Supplier acknowledge that from time to time vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment will be discovered which unless mitigated will present an unacceptable risk to the Buyer's information.
54. The severity of threat vulnerabilities for COTS Software shall be categorised by the Supplier as 'Critical', 'Important' and 'Other' by aligning these categories to the vulnerability scoring according to the agreed method in the ISMS and using the appropriate vulnerability scoring systems including:
  1. the 'National Vulnerability Database' 'Vulnerability Severity Ratings': 'High', 'Medium' and 'Low' respectively (these in turn are aligned to CVSS scores as set out by NIST <http://nvd.nist.gov/cvss.cfm>); and
  2. Microsoft's 'Security Bulletin Severity Rating System' ratings 'Critical', 'Important', and the two remaining levels ('Moderate' and 'Low') respectively.
55. The Supplier shall procure the application of security patches to vulnerabilities within a maximum period from the public release of such patches with those vulnerabilities categorised as 'Critical' within 14 days of release, 'Important' within 30 days of release and all 'Other' within 60 Working Days of release, except where:
  1. the Supplier can demonstrate that a vulnerability is not exploitable within the context of any Service (e.g. because it resides in a software component which is not running in the service) provided vulnerabilities which the Supplier asserts cannot be exploited within the context of a Service must be remedied by the Supplier within the above timescales if the vulnerability becomes exploitable within the context of the Service;
  2. the application of a 'Critical' or 'Important' security patch adversely affects the Supplier's ability to deliver the Services in which case the Supplier shall be granted an extension to such timescales of 5 days, provided the Supplier had followed and continues to follow the security patch test plan agreed with the Buyer; or

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3. the Buyer agrees a different maximum period after a case-by-case consultation with the Supplier under the processes defined in the ISMS.
56. The Specification and Mobilisation Plan (if applicable) shall include provisions for major version upgrades of all COTS Software to be upgraded within 6 Months of the release of the latest version, such that it is no more than one major version level below the latest release (normally codified as running software no older than the 'n-1 version') throughout the Term unless:
  1. where upgrading such COTS Software reduces the level of mitigations for known threats, vulnerabilities or exploitation techniques, provided always that such upgrade is made within 12 Months of release of the latest version; or
  2. is agreed with the Buyer in writing.
57. The Supplier shall:
  1. implement a mechanism for receiving, analysing and acting upon threat information supplied by GovCertUK, or any other competent Central Government Body;
  2. ensure that the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) is monitored to facilitate the detection of anomalous behaviour that would be indicative of system compromise;
  3. ensure it is knowledgeable about the latest trends in threat, vulnerability and exploitation that are relevant to the ICT Environment by actively monitoring the threat landscape during the Contract Period;
  4. pro-actively scan the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) for vulnerable components and address discovered vulnerabilities through the processes described in the ISMS as developed under Paragraph 29.5;
  5. from the date specified in the Security Management Plan provide a report to the Buyer within five (5) Working Days of the end of each Month detailing both patched and outstanding vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) and any elapsed time between the public release date of patches and either time of application or for outstanding vulnerabilities the time of issue of such report;
  6. propose interim mitigation measures to vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment known to be exploitable where a security patch is not immediately available;
  7. remove or disable any extraneous interfaces, services or capabilities that are not needed for the provision of the Services (in order to reduce the attack surface of the ICT Environment); and

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8. inform the Buyer when it becomes aware of any new threat, vulnerability or exploitation technique that has the potential to affect the security of the ICT Environment and provide initial indications of possible mitigations.
58. If the Supplier is unlikely to be able to mitigate the vulnerability within the timescales under this Paragraph 9, the Supplier shall immediately notify the Buyer.
59. A failure to comply with Paragraph 55 shall constitute a Default, and the Supplier shall comply with the Rectification Plan Process.

## Part B – Annex 1:

### Baseline security requirements

#### Handling Classified information

60. The Supplier shall not handle Buyer information classified SECRET or TOP SECRET except if there is a specific requirement and in this case prior to receipt of such information the Supplier shall seek additional specific guidance from the Buyer.

#### 28. End user devices

61. When Government Data resides on a mobile, removable or physically uncontrolled device it must be stored encrypted using a product or system component which has been formally assured through a recognised certification process of the National Cyber Security Centre ("NCSC") to at least Foundation Grade, for example, under the NCSC Commercial Product Assurance scheme ("CPA").
62. Devices used to access or manage Government Data and services must be under the management authority of Buyer or Supplier and have a minimum set of security policy configuration enforced. These devices must be placed into a 'known good' state prior to being provisioned into the management authority of the Buyer. Unless otherwise agreed with the Buyer in writing, all Supplier devices are expected to meet the set of security requirements set out in the End User Devices Security Guidance (<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/end-user-device-security>). Where the guidance highlights shortcomings in a particular platform the Supplier may wish to use, then these should be discussed with the Buyer and a joint decision shall be taken on whether the residual risks are acceptable. Where the Supplier wishes to deviate from the NCSC guidance, then this should be agreed in writing on a case by case basis with the Buyer.

#### 29. Data Processing, Storage, Management and Destruction

63. The Supplier and Buyer recognise the need for the Buyer's information to be safeguarded under the UK Data Protection regime or a similar regime. To that end, the Supplier must be able to state to the Buyer the physical locations in which data may be stored, processed and managed from, and what legal and regulatory frameworks Government Data will be subject to at all times.
64. The Supplier shall agree any change in location of data storage, processing and administration with the Buyer in accordance with Clause 14 (Data protection).



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65. The Supplier shall:

1. provide the Buyer with all Government Data on demand in an agreed open format;
2. have documented processes to guarantee availability of Government Data in the event of the Supplier ceasing to trade;
3. securely destroy all media that has held Government Data at the end of life of that media in line with Good Industry Practice; and
4. securely erase any or all Government Data held by the Supplier when requested to do so by the Buyer.

### **30. Ensuring secure communications**

66. The Buyer requires that any Government Data transmitted over any public network (including the Internet, mobile networks or un-protected enterprise network) or to a mobile device must be encrypted using a product or system component which has been formally assured through a certification process recognised by NCSC, to at least Foundation Grade, for example, under CPA.
67. The Buyer requires that the configuration and use of all networking equipment to provide the Services, including those that are located in secure physical locations, are at least compliant with Good Industry Practice.

### **31. Security by design**

68. The Supplier shall apply the 'principle of least privilege' (the practice of limiting systems, processes and user access to the minimum possible level) to the design and configuration of IT systems which will process or store Government Data.
69. When designing and configuring the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) the Supplier shall follow Good Industry Practice and seek guidance from recognised security professionals with the appropriate skills and/or NCSC certification (<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/products-services/ncsc-certification>) for all bespoke or complex components of the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier).

### **32. Security of Supplier Staff**

70. Supplier Staff shall be subject to pre-employment checks that include, as a minimum: identity, unspent criminal convictions and right to work.
71. The Supplier shall agree on a case by case basis Supplier Staff roles which require specific government clearances (such as 'SC') including system administrators with privileged access to IT systems which store or process Government Data.

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72. The Supplier shall prevent Supplier Staff who are unable to obtain the required security clearances from accessing systems which store, process, or are used to manage Government Data except where agreed with the Buyer in writing.
73. All Supplier Staff that have the ability to access Government Data or systems holding Government Data shall undergo regular training on secure information management principles. Unless otherwise agreed with the Buyer in writing, this training must be undertaken annually.
74. Where the Supplier or Subcontractors grants increased ICT privileges or access rights to Supplier Staff, those Supplier Staff shall be granted only those permissions necessary for them to carry out their duties. When staff no longer need elevated privileges or leave the organisation, their access rights shall be revoked within one (1) Working Day.

### **33.Restricting and monitoring access**

75. The Supplier shall operate an access control regime to ensure all users and administrators of the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) are uniquely identified and authenticated when accessing or administering the Services. Applying the 'principle of least privilege', users and administrators shall be allowed access only to those parts of the ICT Environment that they require. The Supplier shall retain an audit record of accesses.

### **34.Audit**

76. The Supplier shall collect audit records which relate to security events in the systems or that would support the analysis of potential and actual compromises. In order to facilitate effective monitoring and forensic readiness such Supplier audit records should (as a minimum) include:
  1. Logs to facilitate the identification of the specific asset which makes every outbound request external to the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier). To the extent the design of the Deliverables allows such logs shall include those from DHCP servers, HTTP/HTTPS proxy servers, firewalls and routers.
  2. Security events generated in the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) and shall include: privileged account log-on and log-off events, the start and termination of remote access sessions, security alerts from desktops and server operating systems and security alerts from third party security software.
77. The Supplier and the Buyer shall work together to establish any additional audit and monitoring requirements for the ICT Environment.
78. The Supplier shall retain audit records collected in compliance with this Paragraph 34 for a period of at least 6 Months.

## **Part B – Annex 2 - Security Management Plan**

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## Order Schedule 10 (Exit Management)

### 35. Definitions

79. In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

<b>"Exclusive Assets"</b>	23	Supplier Assets used exclusively by the Supplier or a Key Subcontractor in the provision of the Deliverables;
<b>"Exit Information"</b>	24	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 84 of this Schedule;
<b>"Exit Manager"</b>	25	the person appointed by each Party to manage their respective obligations under this Schedule;
<b>"Net Book Value"</b>	26	the current net book value of the relevant Supplier Asset(s) calculated in accordance with the DPS Application or Order Tender (if stated) or (if not stated) the depreciation policy of the Supplier (which the Supplier shall ensure is in accordance with Good Industry Practice);
<b>"Non-Exclusive Assets"</b>	27	those Supplier Assets used by the Supplier or a Key Subcontractor in connection with the Deliverables but which are also used by the Supplier or Key Subcontractor for other purposes;
<b>"Registers"</b>	28	the register and configuration database referred to in Paragraph 81 of this Schedule;
<b>"Replacement Goods"</b>	29	any goods which are substantially similar to any of the Goods and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Goods following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
<b>"Replacement Services"</b>	30	any services which are substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Services following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
<b>"Termination Assistance"</b>	31	the activities to be performed by the Supplier pursuant to the Exit Plan, and other

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		assistance required by the Buyer pursuant to the Termination Assistance Notice;
<b>"Termination Assistance Notice"</b>	32	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 94 of this Schedule;
<b>"Termination Assistance Period"</b>	33	the period specified in a Termination Assistance Notice for which the Supplier is required to provide the Termination Assistance as such period may be extended pursuant to Paragraph 95 of this Schedule;
<b>"Transferable Assets"</b>	34	Exclusive Assets which are capable of legal transfer to the Buyer;
<b>"Transferable Contracts"</b>	35	Sub-Contracts, licences for Supplier's Software, licences for Third Party Software or other agreements which are necessary to enable the Buyer or any Replacement Supplier to provide the Deliverables or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement Services, including in relation to licences all relevant Documentation;
<b>"Transferring Assets"</b>	36	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 104.1 of this Schedule;
<b>"Transferring Contracts"</b>	37	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 104.3 of this Schedule.

### 36. Supplier must always be prepared for contract exit

80. The Supplier shall within 30 days from the Start Date provide to the Buyer a copy of its depreciation policy to be used for the purposes of calculating Net Book Value.
81. During the Contract Period, the Supplier shall promptly:
  1. create and maintain a detailed register of all Supplier Assets (including description, condition, location and details of ownership and status as either Exclusive Assets or Non-Exclusive Assets and Net Book Value) and Sub-contracts and other relevant agreements required in connection with the Deliverables; and
  2. create and maintain a configuration database detailing the technical infrastructure and operating procedures through which the Supplier provides the Deliverables ("Registers").

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82. The Supplier shall:
1. ensure that all Exclusive Assets listed in the Registers are clearly physically identified as such; and
  2. procure that all licences for Third Party Software and all Sub-Contracts shall be assignable and/or capable of novation (at no cost or restriction to the Buyer) at the request of the Buyer to the Buyer (and/or its nominee) and/or any Replacement Supplier upon the Supplier ceasing to provide the Deliverables (or part of them) and if the Supplier is unable to do so then the Supplier shall promptly notify the Buyer and the Buyer may require the Supplier to procure an alternative Subcontractor or provider of Deliverables.
83. Each Party shall appoint an Exit Manager within three (3) Months of the Start Date. The Parties' Exit Managers will liaise with one another in relation to all issues relevant to the expiry or termination of this Contract.

### 37. Assisting re-competition for Deliverables

84. The Supplier shall, on reasonable notice, provide to the Buyer and/or its potential Replacement Suppliers (subject to the potential Replacement Suppliers entering into reasonable written confidentiality undertakings), such information (including any access) as the Buyer shall reasonably require in order to facilitate the preparation by the Buyer of any invitation to tender and/or to facilitate any potential Replacement Suppliers undertaking due diligence (the "**Exit Information**").
85. The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer may disclose the Supplier's Confidential Information (excluding the Supplier's or its Subcontractors' prices or costs) to an actual or prospective Replacement Supplier to the extent that such disclosure is necessary in connection with such engagement.
86. The Supplier shall provide complete updates of the Exit Information on an as-requested basis as soon as reasonably practicable and notify the Buyer within five (5) Working Days of any material change to the Exit Information which may adversely impact upon the provision of any Deliverables (and shall consult the Buyer in relation to any such changes).
87. The Exit Information shall be accurate and complete in all material respects and shall be sufficient to enable a third party to prepare an informed offer for those Deliverables; and not be disadvantaged in any procurement process compared to the Supplier.

### 38. Exit Plan

88. The Supplier shall, within three (3) Months after the Start Date, deliver to the Buyer an Exit Plan which complies with the requirements set out in Paragraph 90 of this Schedule and is otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer.

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89. The Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the Exit Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the contents of the Exit Plan within twenty (20) Working Days of the latest date for its submission pursuant to Paragraph 88, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
90. The Exit Plan shall set out, as a minimum:
  1. a detailed description of both the transfer and cessation processes, including a timetable;
  2. how the Deliverables will transfer to the Replacement Supplier and/or the Buyer;
  3. details of any contracts which will be available for transfer to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier upon the Expiry Date together with any reasonable costs required to effect such transfer;
  4. proposals for the training of key members of the Replacement Supplier's staff in connection with the continuation of the provision of the Deliverables following the Expiry Date;
  5. proposals for providing the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier copies of all documentation relating to the use and operation of the Deliverables and required for their continued use;
  6. proposals for the assignment or novation of all services utilised by the Supplier in connection with the supply of the Deliverables;
  7. proposals for the identification and return of all Buyer Property in the possession of and/or control of the Supplier or any third party;
  8. proposals for the disposal of any redundant Deliverables and materials;
  9. how the Supplier will ensure that there is no disruption to or degradation of the Deliverables during the Termination Assistance Period; and
  10. any other information or assistance reasonably required by the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier.
91. The Supplier shall:
  1. maintain and update the Exit Plan (and risk management plan) no less frequently than:
    1. every six (6) months throughout the Contract Period; and
    2. no later than twenty (20) Working Days after a request from the Buyer for an up-to-date copy of the Exit Plan;
    3. as soon as reasonably possible following a Termination Assistance Notice, and in any event no later than ten (10) Working Days after the date of the Termination Assistance Notice;

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4. as soon as reasonably possible following, and in any event no later than twenty (20) Working Days following, any material change to the Deliverables (including all changes under the Variation Procedure); and
2. jointly review and verify the Exit Plan if required by the Buyer and promptly correct any identified failures.
92. Only if (by notification to the Supplier in writing) the Buyer agrees with a draft Exit Plan provided by the Supplier under Paragraph 89 or 91 (as the context requires), shall that draft become the Exit Plan for this Contract.
93. A version of an Exit Plan agreed between the parties shall not be superseded by any draft submitted by the Supplier.

### 39. Termination Assistance

94. The Buyer shall be entitled to require the provision of Termination Assistance at any time during the Contract Period by giving written notice to the Supplier (a "**Termination Assistance Notice**") at least four (4) Months prior to the Expiry Date or as soon as reasonably practicable (but in any event, not later than one (1) Month) following the service by either Party of a Termination Notice. The Termination Assistance Notice shall specify:
  1. the nature of the Termination Assistance required; and
  2. the start date and period during which it is anticipated that Termination Assistance will be required, which shall continue no longer than twelve (12) Months after the date that the Supplier ceases to provide the Deliverables.
95. The Buyer shall have an option to extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the Termination Assistance Notice period provided that such extension shall not extend for more than six (6) Months beyond the end of the Termination Assistance Period and provided that it shall notify the Supplier of such this extension no later than twenty (20) Working Days prior to the date on which the provision of Termination Assistance is otherwise due to expire. The Buyer shall have the right to terminate its requirement for Termination Assistance by serving not less than (20) Working Days' written notice upon the Supplier.
96. In the event that Termination Assistance is required by the Buyer but at the relevant time the parties are still agreeing an update to the Exit Plan pursuant to Paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.**, the Supplier will provide the Termination Assistance in good faith and in accordance with the principles in this Schedule and the last Buyer approved version of the Exit Plan (insofar as it still applies).



#### **40. Termination Assistance Period**

97. Throughout the Termination Assistance Period the Supplier shall:
1. continue to provide the Deliverables (as applicable) and otherwise perform its obligations under this Contract and, if required by the Buyer, provide the Termination Assistance;
  2. provide to the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier any reasonable assistance and/or access requested by the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier including assistance and/or access to facilitate the orderly transfer of responsibility for and conduct of the Deliverables to the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier;
  3. use all reasonable endeavours to reallocate resources to provide such assistance without additional costs to the Buyer;
  4. subject to Paragraph 99, provide the Deliverables and the Termination Assistance at no detriment to the Performance Indicators (PI's) or Service Levels, the provision of the Management Information or any other reports nor to any other of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract;
  5. at the Buyer's request and on reasonable notice, deliver up-to-date Registers to the Buyer;
  6. seek the Buyer's prior written consent to access any Buyer Premises from which the de-installation or removal of Supplier Assets is required.
98. If it is not possible for the Supplier to reallocate resources to provide such assistance as is referred to in Paragraph 97.2 without additional costs to the Buyer, any additional costs incurred by the Supplier in providing such reasonable assistance shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.
99. If the Supplier demonstrates to the Buyer's reasonable satisfaction that the provision of the Termination Assistance will have a material, unavoidable adverse effect on the Supplier's ability to meet one or more particular Service Levels, the Parties shall vary the relevant Service Levels and/or the applicable Service Credits accordingly.

#### **41. Obligations when the contract is terminated**

100. The Supplier shall comply with all of its obligations contained in the Exit Plan.
101. Upon termination or expiry or at the end of the Termination Assistance Period (or earlier if this does not adversely affect the Supplier's performance of the Deliverables and the Termination Assistance), the Supplier shall:
1. vacate any Buyer Premises;
  2. remove the Supplier Equipment together with any other materials used by the Supplier to supply the Deliverables and shall leave the Sites in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Supplier is solely

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- responsible for making good any damage to the Sites or any objects contained thereon, other than fair wear and tear, which is caused by the Supplier;
3. provide access during normal working hours to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier for up to twelve (12) Months after expiry or termination to:
    1. such information relating to the Deliverables as remains in the possession or control of the Supplier; and
    2. such members of the Supplier Staff as have been involved in the design, development and provision of the Deliverables and who are still employed by the Supplier, provided that the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier shall pay the reasonable costs of the Supplier actually incurred in responding to such requests for access.
102. Except where this Contract provides otherwise, all licences, leases and authorisations granted by the Buyer to the Supplier in relation to the Deliverables shall be terminated with effect from the end of the Termination Assistance Period.

#### 42. Assets, Sub-contracts and Software

103. Following notice of termination of this Contract and during the Termination Assistance Period, the Supplier shall not, without the Buyer's prior written consent:
1. terminate, enter into or vary any Sub-contract or licence for any software in connection with the Deliverables; or
  2. (subject to normal maintenance requirements) make material modifications to, or dispose of, any existing Supplier Assets or acquire any new Supplier Assets.
104. Within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of the up-to-date Registers provided by the Supplier, the Buyer shall notify the Supplier setting out:
1. which, if any, of the Transferable Assets the Buyer requires to be transferred to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier ("**Transferring Assets**");
  2. which, if any, of:
    1. the Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets; and
    2. the Non-Exclusive Assets,the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier requires the continued use of; and
  3. which, if any, of Transferable Contracts the Buyer requires to be assigned or novated to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier (the "**Transferring Contracts**"),

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in order for the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier to provide the Deliverables from the expiry of the Termination Assistance Period. The Supplier shall provide all reasonable assistance required by the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier to enable it to determine which Transferable Assets and Transferable Contracts are required to provide the Deliverables or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement Services.

105. With effect from the expiry of the Termination Assistance Period, the Supplier shall sell the Transferring Assets to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier for their Net Book Value less any amount already paid for them through the Charges.
106. Risk in the Transferring Assets shall pass to the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier (as appropriate) at the end of the Termination Assistance Period and title shall pass on payment for them.
107. Where the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier requires continued use of any Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets or any Non-Exclusive Assets, the Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable:
  1. procure a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free licence for the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier to use such assets (with a right of sub-licence or assignment on the same terms); or failing which
  2. procure a suitable alternative to such assets, the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier to bear the reasonable proven costs of procuring the same.
108. The Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable assign or procure the novation of the Transferring Contracts to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier. The Supplier shall execute such documents and provide such other assistance as the Buyer reasonably requires to effect this novation or assignment.
109. The Buyer shall:
  1. accept assignments from the Supplier or join with the Supplier in procuring a novation of each Transferring Contract; and
  2. once a Transferring Contract is novated or assigned to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier, discharge all the obligations and liabilities created by or arising under that Transferring Contract and exercise its rights arising under that Transferring Contract, or as applicable, procure that the Replacement Supplier does the same.
110. The Supplier shall hold any Transferring Contracts on trust for the Buyer until the transfer of the relevant Transferring Contract to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier has taken place.
111. The Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer (and/or the Replacement Supplier, as applicable) against each loss, liability and cost arising out of any claims made by a counterparty to a Transferring Contract which is assigned or novated to the Buyer (and/or Replacement Supplier) pursuant to Paragraph 108 in relation to any matters arising prior to the date of assignment or novation of such Transferring Contract. Clause 19 (Other

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people's rights in this contract) shall not apply to this Paragraph 111 which is intended to be enforceable by Third Parties Beneficiaries by virtue of the CRTPA.

**43.No charges**

112. Unless otherwise stated, the Buyer shall not be obliged to pay for costs incurred by the Supplier in relation to its compliance with this Schedule.

**44.Dividing the bills**

113. All outgoings, expenses, rents, royalties and other periodical payments receivable in respect of the Transferring Assets and Transferring Contracts shall be apportioned between the Buyer and/or the Replacement and the Supplier as follows:

1. the amounts shall be annualised and divided by 365 to reach a daily rate;
2. the Buyer or Replacement Supplier (as applicable) shall be responsible for or entitled to (as the case may be) that part of the value of the invoice pro rata to the number of complete days following the transfer, multiplied by the daily rate; and
3. the Supplier shall be responsible for or entitled to (as the case may be) the rest of the invoice.

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### 4. Definitions

**In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):**

	38	
<b>"Critical Service Level Failure"</b>	39	has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;
<b>"Service Credits"</b>	40	any service credits specified in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule being payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of any failure by the Supplier to meet one or more Service Levels;
<b>"Service Credit Cap"</b>	41	has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;
<b>"Service Level Failure"</b>	42	means a failure to meet the Service Level Performance Measure in respect of a Service Level;
<b>"Service Level Performance Measure"</b>	43	shall be as set out against the relevant Service Level in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule; and
<b>"Service Level Threshold"</b>	44	shall be as set out against the relevant Service Level in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule.

### 5. What happens if you don't meet the Service Levels

**The Supplier shall at all times provide the Deliverables to meet or exceed the Service Level Performance Measure for each Service Level.**

**The Supplier acknowledges that any Service Level Failure shall entitle the Buyer to the rights set out in Part A of this Schedule including the right to any Service Credits and that any Service Credit is a price adjustment and not an estimate of the Loss that may be suffered by the Buyer as a result of the Supplier's failure to meet any Service Level Performance Measure.**

**The Supplier shall send Performance Monitoring Reports to the Buyer detailing the level of service which was achieved in accordance with the provisions of Part B (Performance Monitoring) of this Schedule.**

**A Service Credit shall be the Buyer's exclusive financial remedy for a Service Level Failure except where:**

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1. the Supplier has over the previous (twelve) 12 Month period exceeded the Service Credit Cap; and/or
2. the Service Level Failure:
  1. exceeds the relevant Service Level Threshold;
  2. has arisen due to a Prohibited Act or wilful Default by the Supplier;
  3. results in the corruption or loss of any Government Data; and/or
  4. results in the Buyer being required to make a compensation payment to one or more third parties; and/or
3. the Buyer is otherwise entitled to or does terminate this Contract pursuant to Clause 10.4 (CCS and Buyer Termination Rights).

**Not more than once in each Contract Year, the Buyer may, on giving the Supplier at least three (3) Months' notice, change the weighting of Service Level Performance Measure in respect of one or more Service Levels and the Supplier shall not be entitled to object to, or increase the Charges as a result of such changes, provided that:**

4. the total number of Service Levels for which the weighting is to be changed does not exceed the number applicable as at the Start Date;
5. the principal purpose of the change is to reflect changes in the Buyer's business requirements and/or priorities or to reflect changing industry standards; and
6. there is no change to the Service Credit Cap.

### 6. Critical Service Level Failure

**On the occurrence of a Critical Service Level Failure:**

**any Service Credits that would otherwise have accrued during the relevant Service Period shall not accrue; and**

**the Buyer shall (subject to the Service Credit Cap) be entitled to withhold and retain as compensation a sum equal to any Charges which would otherwise have been due to the Supplier in respect of that Service Period ("Compensation for Critical Service Level Failure"),**

provided that the operation of this paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** shall be without prejudice to the right of the Buyer to terminate this Contract and/or to claim damages from the Supplier for material Default.

## Part A: Service Levels and Service Credits

### Service Levels

If the level of performance of the Supplier:

is likely to or fails to meet any Service Level Performance Measure; or

is likely to cause or causes a Critical Service Failure to occur,

the Supplier shall immediately notify the Buyer in writing and the Buyer, in its absolute discretion and without limiting any other of its rights, may:

- 1.2.1 require the Supplier to immediately take all remedial action that is reasonable to mitigate the impact on the Buyer and to rectify or prevent a Service Level Failure or Critical Service Level Failure from taking place or recurring;
- 1.2.2 instruct the Supplier to comply with the Rectification Plan Process;
- 1.2.3 if a Service Level Failure has occurred, deduct the applicable Service Level Credits payable by the Supplier to the Buyer; and/or
- 1.2.4 if a Critical Service Level Failure has occurred, exercise its right to Compensation for Critical Service Level Failure (including the right to terminate for material Default).

### 7. Service Credits

The Buyer shall use the Performance Monitoring Reports supplied by the Supplier to verify the calculation and accuracy of the Service Credits, if any, applicable to each Service Period.

Service Credits are a reduction of the amounts payable in respect of the Deliverables and do not include VAT. The Supplier shall set-off the value of any Service Credits against the appropriate invoice in accordance with calculation formula in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule.

## Annex A to Part A: Services Levels and Service Credits Table

Service Levels				Service Credit for each Service Period
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold	
<b>Methodology of survey</b>	Achievement of a minimum T Level response rate from usable ILR sample unless for reasons outside Ipsos' control and which DfE agrees. Usable sample includes only those identified to be eligible for the survey with fully complete and accurate name and contact information	Minimum % response rate from usable ILR sample	>46%	0% service credit gained
			>40%	3% service credit gained
			>35%	5% service credit gained
				Service credits will be applied as relevant % to 98% of any ILR dependent EC fieldwork cost and separately



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Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold	
	(Full address and postcode, email and telephone).			applied as relevant % to 98% of any Longitudinal PC fieldwork cost. Fieldwork cost includes those directly related to data collection (online and telephone) excluding staff time covering set up, monitoring and reminder management – covered by contact strategy SL below.
<b>Methodology of survey</b>	Achievement of a minimum T Level response rate from usable Schools census sample unless for reasons outside Ipsos' control	Minimum % response rate from usable schools census sample	≥14%	0% service credit gained
			>12%	3% service credit gained

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Service Levels				Service Credit for each Service Period
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold	
	and which DfE agrees. Usable sample includes only those identified to be eligible for the survey with fully complete and accurate name and contact information (Full address and postcode).		>10%	5% service credit gained  Service credits will be applied as relevant % to 2% of any SC dependent EC fieldwork costs and separately applied as relevant % to 2% of any Longitudinal PC fieldwork cost. Fieldwork cost includes those directly related to data collection (online and telephone) excluding staff time covering set up, monitoring and reminder management – covered by contact strategy SL below.

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Service Levels				Service Credit for each Service Period
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold	
Methodology of survey	Adherence as minimum to agreed contact strategy as set out in bid or as agreed with DfE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- At least two letter reminders sent for SC sourced sample to non-responders</li><li>- At least three email/ SMS reminders sent to ILR sourced sample</li><li>- Meeting level AA of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1)</li><li>- Survey materials feature prominent links to survey, including QR codes, opt-out</li></ul>	<p>Complete compliance is defined as all 6 identified areas are implemented</p> <p>Partial compliance is defined as at least one of the 6 defined areas is not implemented unless agreed with DfE</p>	<p>0% service credit gained from relevant EC fieldwork cost and separately applied as relevant % to any Longitudinal PC fieldwork cost. Fieldwork cost includes staff time covering set up, monitoring and reminder management and excludes those directly related to data collection (online and telephone) covered by the response rate SL above.</p> <p>3% service credit gained from relevant EC fieldwork cost and separately applied as relevant % to Longitudinal</p>

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Service Levels				Service Credit for each Service Period
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold	
		options, privacy notice, FAQs, information about DfE and IPSOS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provision of incentive to completers</li><li>- Live back-checking on minimum of 10% of all interviews</li></ul>		PC fieldwork cost. Fieldwork cost includes staff time covering set up, monitoring and reminder management and excludes those directly related to data collection (online and telephone) covered by the response rate SL above.
Timelines	Adherence to timelines of project unless otherwise agreed	Adherence to timelines where tasks are dependent on IPSOS	>1 week over agreed timeline	0% service credit gained

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Service Levels				Service Credit for each Service Period
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold	
		actions unless otherwise agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Client ready data tables delivered within 4 weeks of fieldwork close</li> <li>- Key findings slide pack available within 3 weeks of data tables finalisation, unless otherwise agreed</li> </ul>	>2 weeks over agreed timeline  >3 weeks over agreed timeline	1% service credit gained  3% service credit gained  Applied to project management costs for any relevant period
Quality	First draft report adheres as a minimum to the	- Fully follows agreed analysis plan, with no demonstrably	Complete compliance is defined as all	0% service credit gained from relevant EC delivery of data or initial draft report cost as applicable and separately

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Service Levels				Service Credit for each Service Period
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold	
	following quality measures	missing or incorrect analysis of results - Report follows agreed structure - Fewer than five data errors	three quality areas are fully met  Partial compliance is defined as at least one of the three quality areas are not met	applied as relevant % to relevant PC delivery of data or initial draft report as applicable  3% service credit gained from relevant EC delivery of data or initial draft report cost as applicable and separately applied as relevant % to relevant PC delivery of data or initial draft report as applicable

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Service Levels				Service Credit for each Service Period
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold	
Communication	Responsiveness to communication from DfE	Emails responded to within 2 working days and requests for meetings responded to with a meeting within 5 working days	Complete compliance is defined as fully meeting the performance measure	0% service credit gained from the relevant delivery of project management milestone
			Partial compliance is defined as missing the performance measure on more than two occasions within a calendar month	3% service credit gained from the relevant delivery of project management milestone

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Service Levels				Service Credit for each Service Period
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold	
Adherence to DfE guidance	Adherence to DfE accessibility requirements and where relevant research report guidance unless otherwise agreed.	Complete compliance	Complete compliance is defined as fully compliant with DfE guidance, unless otherwise agreed	0% service credit gained
		Partial compliance	Partial compliance is defined as not meeting DfE guidance unless where otherwise agreed	3% service credit gained from relevant EC delivery of final report cost and separately applied as relevant % to relevant PC delivery of final report





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The Service Credits shall be calculated on the basis of the following formula:

Formula: Service Level Performance Measure - actual Service Level performance	=	X% of the Charges payable to the Buyer as Service Credits to be deducted from the next Invoice payable by the Buyer
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Worked example: Adherence to DfE guidance – Partial compliance (e.g. actual performance achieved against this Service Level in a Service Period)	=	3% of the Charges payable to the Buyer as Service Credits to be deducted from the next Invoice payable by the Buyer
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## Part B: Performance Monitoring

### Performance Monitoring and Performance Review

**Within twenty (20) Working Days of the Start Date the Supplier shall provide the Buyer with details of how the process in respect of the monitoring and reporting of Service Levels will operate between the Parties and the Parties will endeavour to agree such process as soon as reasonably possible.**

**The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with performance monitoring reports ("Performance Monitoring Reports") in accordance with the process and timescales agreed pursuant to paragraph Error! Reference source not found. of Part B of this Schedule which shall contain, as a minimum, the following information in respect of the relevant Service Period just ended:**

1. for each Service Level, the actual performance achieved over the Service Level for the relevant Service Period;
2. a summary of all failures to achieve Service Levels that occurred during that Service Period;
3. details of any Critical Service Level Failures;
4. for any repeat failures, actions taken to resolve the underlying cause and prevent recurrence;
5. the Service Credits to be applied in respect of the relevant period indicating the failures and Service Levels to which the Service Credits relate; and
6. such other details as the Buyer may reasonably require from time to time.

**The Parties shall attend meetings to discuss Performance Monitoring Reports ("Performance Review Meetings") on a Monthly basis. The Performance Review Meetings will be the forum for the review by the Supplier and the Buyer of the Performance Monitoring Reports. The Performance Review Meetings shall:**

7. take place within one (1) week of the Performance Monitoring Reports being issued by the Supplier at such location and time (within normal business hours) as the Buyer shall reasonably require;
8. be attended by the Supplier's Representative and the Buyer's Representative; and
9. be fully minuted by the Supplier and the minutes will be circulated by the Supplier to all attendees at the relevant meeting and also to the Buyer's Representative and any other recipients agreed at the relevant meeting.

**The minutes of the preceding Month's Performance Review Meeting will be agreed and signed by both the Supplier's Representative and the Buyer's Representative at each meeting.**

**The Supplier shall provide to the Buyer such documentation as the Buyer may reasonably require in order to verify the level of the performance by the Supplier and the calculations of the amount of Service Credits for any specified Service Period.**

**8. Satisfaction Surveys**

**The Buyer may undertake satisfaction surveys in respect of the Supplier's provision of the Deliverables. The Buyer shall be entitled to notify the Supplier of any aspects of their performance of the provision of the Deliverables which the responses to the Satisfaction Surveys reasonably suggest are not in accordance with this Contract.**

## Order Schedule 15 (Order Contract Management)

### DEFINITIONS

**In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):**

<b>"Operational Board"</b>	the board established in accordance with paragraph 0 of this Schedule;
<b>"Project Manager"</b>	the manager appointed in accordance with paragraph 0 of this Schedule;

## **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

**The Supplier and the Buyer shall each appoint a Project Manager for the purposes of this Contract through whom the provision of the Services and the Deliverables shall be managed day-to-day.**

**The Parties shall ensure that appropriate resource is made available on a regular basis such that the aims, objectives and specific provisions of this Contract can be fully realised.**

**Without prejudice to paragraph 4 below, the Parties agree to operate the boards specified as set out in the Annex to this Schedule.**

### **Role of the Supplier Contract Manager**

The Supplier's Contract Manager shall be:

**the primary point of contact to receive communication from the Buyer and will also be the person primarily responsible for providing information to the Buyer;**

**able to delegate his position to another person at the Supplier but must inform the Buyer before proceeding with the delegation and it will be the delegated person's responsibility to fulfil the Contract Manager's responsibilities and obligations;**

**able to cancel any delegation and recommence the position himself; and**

**replaced only after the Buyer has received notification of the proposed change.**

The Buyer may provide revised instructions to the Supplier's Contract Manager in regards to the Contract and it will be the Supplier's Contract Manager's responsibility to ensure the information is provided to the Supplier and the actions implemented.

Receipt of communication from the Supplier's Contract Manager by the Buyer does not absolve the Supplier from its responsibilities, obligations or liabilities under the Contract.

## **ROLE OF THE OPERATIONAL BOARD**

**The Operational Board shall be established by the Buyer for the purposes of this Contract on which the Supplier and the Buyer shall be represented.**

**The Operational Board members, frequency and location of board meetings and planned start date by which the board shall be established are set out in the Order Form.**

**In the event that either Party wishes to replace any of its appointed board members, that Party shall notify the other in writing for approval by the other Party (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). Each Buyer board member shall have at all times a counterpart Supplier board member of equivalent seniority and expertise.**

**Each Party shall ensure that its board members shall make all reasonable efforts to attend board meetings at which that board member's attendance is required. If any board member is not able to attend a board meeting, that person shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that a delegate attends the Operational Board meeting in his/her place (wherever possible) and that the delegate is properly briefed and prepared and that he/she is debriefed by such delegate after the board meeting.**

**The purpose of the Operational Board meetings will be to review the Supplier's performance under this Contract. The agenda for each meeting shall be set by the Buyer and communicated to the Supplier in advance of that meeting.**

## **Contract Risk Management**

Both Parties shall pro-actively manage risks attributed to them under the terms of this Order Contract.

The Supplier shall develop, operate, maintain and amend, as agreed with the Buyer, processes for:

### **the identification and management of risks;**

the identification and management of issues; and  
monitoring and controlling project plans.

The Supplier allows the Buyer to inspect at any time within working hours the accounts and records which the Supplier is required to keep.

The Supplier will maintain a risk register of the risks relating to the Order Contract which the Buyer and the Supplier have identified.

## **Annex: Contract Boards**

The Parties agree to operate the following boards at the locations and at the frequencies set out below:

An operational board to be held every six months to coincide with the delivery of performance reports as set out in Order Schedule 1. Board to include core project team from IPSOS as well as core project team from DfE.



## Order Schedule 18 (Background Checks)

### 9. When you should use this Schedule

This Schedule should be used where Supplier Staff must be vetted before working on the Contract.

### 10. Definitions

**“Relevant Conviction”** means any conviction listed in Annex 1 to this Schedule.

### 11. Relevant Convictions

**The Supplier must ensure that no person who discloses that they have a Relevant Conviction, or a person who is found to have any Relevant Convictions (whether as a result of a police check or through the procedure of the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) or otherwise), is employed or engaged in any part of the provision of the Deliverables without Approval.**

**Notwithstanding Paragraph 3.1 for each member of Supplier Staff who, in providing the Deliverables, has, will have or is likely to have access to children, vulnerable persons or other members of the public to whom the Buyer owes a special duty of care, the Supplier must (and shall procure that the relevant Sub-Contractor must):**

1. carry out a check with the records held by the Department for Education (DfE);
2. conduct thorough questioning regarding any Relevant Convictions; and
3. ensure a police check is completed and such other checks as may be carried out through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS),

and the Supplier shall not (and shall ensure that any Sub-Contractor shall not) engage or continue to employ in the provision of the Deliverables any person who has a Relevant Conviction or an inappropriate record.

## **Annex 1 – Relevant Convictions**

## Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification)

This Schedule sets out the characteristics of the Deliverables that the Supplier will be required to make to the Buyers under this Order Contract

Task	Output	Date
<b>Project Management Documentation</b>	Project Initiation Document Security Management Plans Interim Performance reports	June 2024 June 2024 At six month intervals following contract signature
<b>End-course survey for:</b> - T Level learners ('22 starters) - TLFY learners ('23 starters) - L4/5 learners ('22 2-year course starters / '23 1-year)	Weighted data Tables Weighted data Files	September 2024
	Summary slidedeck Written report	November 2024
<b>Post-course survey for:</b> - T Level learners ('22 starters) - TLFY learners ('23 starters)	Weighted data Tables Weighted data Files	July 2025
	Summary slidedeck Written report	September 2025
<b>BREAK CLAUSE 1</b>		
<b>End-course survey for:</b> - T Level learners ('23 starters) - TLFY learners ('24 starters) - L4/5 learners ('23 2-year course starters)	Weighted data Tables Weighted data Files	September 2025
	Summary slidedeck Written report	November 2025
<b>Post-course survey for:</b> - L4/5 ('22 2-year course starters / '23 1-year course starters)		
<b>Post-course survey for:</b> - T Level learners ('23 starters)	Weighted data Tables Weighted data Files	July 2026
	Summary slidedeck Written report	September 2026
<b>BREAK CLAUSE 2</b>		
<b>End-course survey for:</b> - T Level learners ('24 starters) - TLFY learners ('25 starters)	Weighted data Tables Weighted data Files	September 2026
	Summary slidedeck Written report	November 2026
<b>Post-course survey for:</b> - T Level learners ('24 starters)	Weighted data Tables Weighted data Files	July 2027

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	Summary slidedeck Written report	September 2027

# **Pack for Call-off Competition**

## **Attachment 3 – Statement of Requirements**

Title: **Technical Education Learner Survey (2024 – 2027)**

Contract Reference: **project\_8664**

**FURTHER COMPETITION FROM THE CROWN  
COMMERICAL SERVICE RM6126 RESEARCH & INSIGHTS  
DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM (DPS)**

## 1. Purpose

Department for Education referred to as 'the Authority' hereafter is looking for a supplier or consortium of suppliers to provide a large-scale, mixed mode longitudinal survey of technical education learners to inform the evaluation of a range of DfE reforms. This will include T Level learners, T Level Foundation Year learners and level 4 and 5 learners. The successful tenderer will be responsible for the sampling and weighting strategy, questionnaire design, management and execution of fieldwork (telephone and online), data analysis and reporting of findings.

## 2. Background to the Contracting Authority

The Authority is responsible for children's services and education, including early years, schools, further and higher education policy, apprenticeships, and wider skills in England.

The Technical Education Learner Survey (TELS) is run by the Skills Policy Analysis (SPA) division, which is part of the Further Education Oversight Directorate. SPA delivers evaluation and insights that drive improvements in technical education policy and delivery, supporting people of all backgrounds to reach their potential, find skilled employment and contribute to the economy.

A range of technical education reforms are currently being rolled out. These are based on the work of Lord Sainsbury's independent panel<sup>10</sup> and are set out in the Government's Post-16 Skills Plan<sup>11</sup> as part of the Government's ambitious framework to support individuals to secure a lifetime of skilled employment and meet the growing and changing needs of the economy.

These reforms include:

- T Levels<sup>12</sup>: new two-year level 3 technical qualifications for 16-19-year-olds. The first T Levels were available in September 2020 and new pathways are being rolled out up to 2025. T Levels were designed in collaboration with employers and education providers so content meets the needs of industry and enables progression to skilled employment or further study. A key aspect of T Levels is an industry placement of a minimum of 45 days.
- T Level Foundation Year (formerly the T Level Transition Programme)<sup>13</sup>: a one-year level 2 programme to prepare post-16 students to take a T Level.
- Reforms to Higher Technical Education (levels 4 to 5 provision)<sup>14</sup> have been introduced from 2022, including new qualifications called Higher Technical

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<sup>10</sup>[Sainsbury panel report \(formatted version\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

<sup>11</sup>[Post-16 Skills Plan \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

<sup>12</sup>[Introduction of T Levels - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

<sup>13</sup>[T Level foundation year: framework for delivery - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

<sup>14</sup>[Higher technical education reforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Qualifications (HTQs), changing the regulatory framework and student finance offer, and improving information, advice, and guidance.

- Aligned to Higher Technical Education reforms, Institutes of Technology (IoTs)<sup>15</sup> are being established, attached to existing HE and FE institutions and specialising in offering level 3 to level 6 technical education, with an emphasis on level 4 and level 5, with input from local employer partners.

More recently, the Government announced plans to develop a new qualification called the Advanced British Standard (ABS) for 16 to 18-year-olds which will bring A Levels and T Levels into a single qualification. T Levels will continue to be rolled out as planned and evaluation of the programme will provide critical input into the development of the new ABS.

### 3. Definitions

Expression or Acronym	Definition
CATI	Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing
CAWI	Computer Assisted Web Interviewing
DfE	Department for Education
ESFA	Education and Skills Funding Agency
FE	Further Education
FSM	Free School Meals
HE	Higher Education
HTQ	Higher Technical Qualifications
IoT	Institute of Technology
L4/5	Level 4 and 5
LEO	Longitudinal Educational Outcomes (matched dataset)
QA	Quality Assurance
SEN	Special Educational Needs
TELS	Technical Education Learner Survey
TLFY	T Level Foundation Year

### 4. Summary

The aim of this research is to design and deliver a survey of technical education learners and analyse findings to inform the evaluations of a range of technical education reforms. The survey will cover T Level learners, including new pathways as they are rolled out, T Level Foundation Year (TLFY) learners, and level 4/5 learners including those studying Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) and those

<sup>15</sup> [Institutes of Technology - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/institutes-of-technology)

studying at Institutes for Technology (IoTs). Fieldwork will cover England only as this is the extent of the educational reforms in scope. Although existing administrative datasets are also used to inform the evaluation of these reforms, the TELS will capture learner characteristics not captured by administrative data, course perceptions and experiences, and learners' short-term outcomes following the course.

The TELS (2024 – 2027) will build on the evidence collected via the first TELS contract (2021 – 2024). We require the supplier to review and refine the survey materials, manage and execute fieldwork including sampling, issuing reminders, administering incentives, monitoring and reporting fieldwork outcomes, quality controls, coding of open-ends, weighting, analysing response data and extracting meaningful insights.

Although this is the second TELS study, we welcome innovative suggestions from bidders on sampling and weighting methodologies, fieldwork approaches and creative suggestions for analysis to extract meaningful insights from the data. We also welcome ideas on how to maximise value for the Authority.

We require high quality, accessible outputs that can be shared with policy customers within the Authority, external stakeholders, and be published on GOV.UK.

The expected project length is 3.5 years, with a minimum of 1.5 years. The ongoing need for the survey will be reviewed by The Authority at the start of 2025 and 2026 ahead of data collection with new learner cohorts.

## **5. Background to the Requirement**

The TELS (2024 – 2027) will build on the evidence collected via the first TELS contract (2021 – 2024). Outputs from this research are published here:

- 2021 fieldwork - [Technical education learner survey 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/technical-education-learner-survey-2021)
- 2022 fieldwork - [Technical education learner survey 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/technical-education-learner-survey-2022)

Background information on the technical education reforms in scope:

- Report of the Independent Panel on Technical Education (the Sainsbury Panel): [Sainsbury panel report \(formatted version\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/sainsbury-panel-report)
- Post-16 Skills Plan: [Post-16 Skills Plan \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/post-16-skills-plan)
- Background on T Levels: [Introduction of T Levels - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/introduction-of-t-levels)
- T Level Action Plan 2022 to 2023: [T Level Action Plan 2022 to 2023 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/t-level-action-plan-2022-to-2023)
- Parent, Pupil and Learner Panel, covering awareness and interest in T Levels [Parent, pupil and learner panel 22/23 June wave \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/parent-pupil-and-learner-panel-22-23-june-wave)
- Ofsted thematic review of T Levels and Transition Programme early implementation: [T-level thematic review: final report - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/t-level-thematic-review-final-report)



- T Level Foundation Year: [T Level foundation year: framework for delivery - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/t-level-foundation-year-framework-for-delivery) and [T Level foundation year: national technical outcomes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/t-level-foundation-year-national-technical-outcomes)
- Research report: [Research on early delivery of the T Level Transition Programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/research-on-early-delivery-of-the-t-level-transition-programme)
- Policy paper on Higher Technical Education reforms: [Higher technical education reforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-technical-education-reforms)
- Institutes of Technology: [Institutes of Technology - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/institutes-of-technology)
- Higher Technical Qualifications <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-technical-qualification-overview/higher-technical-qualification-an-introduction>
- Adult Participation in Learning Survey, covering adult awareness and interest in HTQs <https://learningandwork.org.uk/resources/research-and-reports/adult-participation-in-learning-survey-2023/>
- Parent, Pupil and Learner Panel, covering awareness and interest in HTQs [Parent, Pupil and Learner Panel - June wave \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/publications/parent-pupil-and-learner-panel-june-wave)

## 6. The Requirement

### 6.1. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The aim of the research is to collect robust, representative data from T Level, TLFY and post-reform level 4/5 learners on the following topics:

- Learner characteristics and motivations** to enable richer insights than administrative data alone, for example:
  - Sociodemographic backgrounds (e.g., parental employment status)
  - Motivations (e.g., why learner chose qualification over alternatives)
  - Ambitions (e.g., pursue higher education, apprenticeship, or employment).
- Learner perceptions** of their programme of study to enable evaluation of course content and delivery, for example:
  - Experiences of course content, teaching, and assessment
  - Perceptions of improvements in work-readiness, confidence, and skills
  - Experience and satisfaction with aspects of course (e.g., work experience)
  - Non-completers' reasons for leaving the course.
- Learner outcomes and destinations** (sooner and more comprehensive than administrative data) to give insight into post-course progression, for example:
  - Progression to employment, higher levels of study or apprenticeships
  - Specific details about destination (e.g., occupation, working hours, skills involved, whether progression is in same field as their studies)
  - [T Levels only] If employed, whether it is by employer who hosted their industry placement and how their current role relates to their placement
  - [TLFY learners only] Whether they progress to a T Level and what their experiences are, enabling comparisons with direct-entry T Level learners
  - Post-completion reflections / self-assessment on usefulness of their course.

We also want to ask respondents for consent to link their data to the Longitudinal Educational Outcomes (LEO) matched administrative dataset (containing data from Department for Education, Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs, and Department for Work & Pensions) to enable future exploration of outcomes (such as, progression to further learning, employment, future income and benefits receipt). The actual linking and data analysis is not in the scope of this project and will be conducted separately.

## 6.2. TARGET PARTICIPANT GROUP

Building on the first study, the second TELS study will collect evidence from:

- a) T Level cohorts 3, 4 and 5 (2022, 2023 and 2024 starters), building on the first TELS covering the first two cohorts (2020 and 2021 starters).
- b) TLFY cohorts 1, 2 and 3<sup>16</sup> (2023, 2024 and 2025 starters), building on the first TELS covering the first 3 cohorts of Transition Programme learners (2020, 2021 and 2022 starters).
- c) Cohorts 1 and 2 (2022 and 2023 starters) of post-reform level 4/5 learners in FE settings, building on the first TELS study covering pre-reform (who finished their course in academic year 2021/22) and early post-reform cohorts (who were studying during the academic year 2022/23 i.e. 2021 or 2022 starters).

Within each of these learner groups, we require breakdowns at the subject level. For T Level learners, we require these at the [pathway](#) level whereas for TLFY and level 4/5 learners we require them at the higher 'route' level. Within each subject-based sub-group, we require a minimum achieved sample size of 150 respondents per survey, providing the population within each group is sufficient (e.g. if there were only 300 learners for a certain subject, contractors would not be expected to achieve 150 survey responses).

For T Level and TLFY learners, the number of subjects is increasing over time as these programmes are rolled out – therefore the number of sub-groups required will increase over time. See table below for details for expected roll-out of T Level and TLFY subjects. For L4/5 learners, we require 5 subject breakdowns based on available HTQ routes ('Digital', 'Construction', 'Health and Science'), as well as for 'other technical' and 'other non-technical subjects' i.e., 5 subject breaks in total. We require the same subject-based breakdowns for level 4/5 cohorts 1 and 2.

For L4/5 learners, we require sufficient sample sizes to enable analysis of IoT and HTQ learners separately from all other L4/5 learners. We therefore expect IoT and HTQ learners would need to be oversampled. Given that HTQs are currently delivered in only limited subject areas, and IoTs are also likely to only deliver

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<sup>16</sup> Please note that the T Level Foundation Year is a rebrand of the T Level Transition Programme. As such, we are using the terms Cohort 1, 2 and 3 for ease of understanding – technically, these are Cohorts 4, 5 and 6 of the overall programme.

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courses in certain technical areas, the non-IoT/non-HTQ comparison group may need to filter out non-relevant subjects. It should be noted that there will be significant overlap between IoT and HTQ learners (many HTQs are taught at IoTs), so they are not necessarily distinct groups. Bidders should outline how they plan to handle this in their sample design and analysis.

Cohort	No. of subjects	Subjects
T Level 2022 starters	16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. design, surveying and planning for construction</li> <li>2. digital production, design and development</li> <li>3. education and early years</li> <li>4. building services engineering for construction</li> <li>5. digital business services</li> <li>6. digital support and services</li> <li>7. health</li> <li>8. healthcare science</li> <li>9. onsite construction</li> <li>10. science</li> <li>11. accounting</li> <li>12. design and development for engineering and manufacturing</li> <li>13. engineering, manufacturing, processing and control</li> <li>14. finance</li> <li>15. maintenance, installation and repair for engineering and manufacturing</li> <li>16. management and administration</li> </ol>
T Level 2023 starters	18	As above, plus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. agriculture, land management and production</li> <li>18. legal services</li> </ol>
T Level 2024 starters	22	As above plus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19. animal care and management</li> <li>20. craft and design</li> <li>21. hair, beauty and aesthetics</li> <li>22. media, broadcast and production</li> </ol>
TLFY 2023 starters	11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care</li> <li>2. Business and Administration</li> <li>3. Construction and the Built Environment</li> <li>4. Creative and design</li> <li>5. Digital</li> <li>6. Education and Early Years</li> <li>7. Engineering and manufacturing</li> <li>8. Health and science</li> <li>9. Legal, finance and accounting</li> <li>10. Catering and hospitality</li> <li>11. Hair and beauty</li> </ol>
TLFY 2024 starters	11	As above
TLFY 2025 starters	12	As above, plus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Marketing</li> </ol>

As population figures for some years of the survey will depend on learner take-up, which is inherently uncertain, we cannot give precise data on the numbers of learners in all populations. Minimum population sizes are provided in the table below, however we would expect these to increase over time. Bidders must outline how

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they will ensure achievement of workable sample sizes for each sub-group to enable reasonable accuracy of estimates for the population. For reference, response rates and achieved sample sizes for the first TELS study are available in the Technical Annexes of the published reports (2021 fieldwork [here](#) and 2022 fieldwork [here](#)).

Learner group	Cohort	Estimated population	No. of subject-based sub-groups	Summer 2024	Spring 2025	Break clause #1	Summer 2025	Spring 2026	Break clause #2	Summer 2026	Spring 2027
T Level	Cohort 3 (2022 starters)	Min. 10,200 starters	16	E-C	P-C						
	Cohort 4 (2023 starters)	Min. 10,200 starters	18				E-C	P-C			
	Cohort 5 (2024 starters)	Min. 10,200 starters	22							E-C	P-C
TLFY	Cohort 1 (2023 starters)	Min. 5,600 starters	11	E-C	P-C						
	Cohort 2 (2024 starters)	Min. 5,600 starters	11				E-C				
	Cohort 3 (2025 starters)	Min. 5,600 starters	12							E-C	
Level 4/5	Cohort 1 (2022 starters in FE - 2yr course)	Min. 4,300 starters	5	E-C			P-C*				
	Cohort 2 (2023 starters in FE - 1yr course)	Min. 4,300 starters	5	E-C			P-C*				
	Cohort 2 (2023 starters in FE - 2yr course)	Min. 4,300 starters	5				E-C				

E-C: end-course fieldwork. P-C: post-course fieldwork. \*Level 4/5 P-C fieldwork will be in Sep/Oct 2025.

We require data to be collected longitudinally so that we can cross-analyse end-of-course experience data with post-course outcomes (9-10 months after). The sample base for both the end-course and post-course survey is those who start the course – this means that the post-course sample can include learners that did not participate in the end-course survey. However, we do require a sufficient number of learners who participate in both surveys to enable longitudinal analysis and insights (not necessarily at the pathway or route level). We welcome bidders' suggestions on innovative ways to maximise insight from the longitudinal data.

For some cohorts, we require an end-course wave only. End-course fieldwork should take place in the Summer of the relevant year (June-July), whilst post-course fieldwork should take place in the following Spring (April-May). The exception is level 4/5 learners end course survey which should take place in the September/October 2025 i.e. 15 months after their course, in line with the Graduate Outcomes Survey to enable comparisons.

In January 2025 and 2026, the Authority will review the continued need for the survey. If the Authority decides to activate a break clause, Spring fieldwork of that year and associated reporting will continue, but any further fieldwork and associated reporting will not. If a break clause is activated in January, it is expected that the contract will terminate in the September of that year, following delivery of the final

report and data outputs from Spring fieldwork.

### 6.3. SUGGESTED APPROACH AND ANALYSIS

#### **Sampling frame**

The Authority will provide data for sampling. As this project involves the sharing of personal data, any supplier who wishes to submit a bid for this work will require additional security checks to be in place. Specifically, all individuals at the bidding organisation who are named and involved in this project will be required to have a current Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) which needs to have been issued under two years ago by the point at which DfE shares the data. Individuals will need to also sign an individual declaration form and complete an IT security questionnaire.

The sample will be drawn from:

1. **School Census**<sup>17</sup> run by DfE, which is an electronic collection of pupil data from primary, secondary, special schools and pupil referral units, which takes place three times a year. This will cover some T Level and TLFY learners.
2. **Individualised Learner Record**<sup>18</sup> (ILR), run by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), which captures some limited sociodemographic information (gender, ethnicity, disability, Special Educational Needs) and learning variables (Level, Course, Completion Status, and maths / English qualification). This will cover some of the T Level, TLFY and L4/5 learners.

#### **Sampling approach and contact strategy**

The first TELS study used a combination of a census and stratified random probability sampling approach. A random probability sampling approach was applied where the population of the target group was large enough, and a census approach elsewhere, e.g. smaller T Level pathways. While it is expected that the T Level and Foundation year populations will continue to grow over the course of the contract, we anticipate that a census approach may be necessary to achieve minimum workable sample sizes in some new or less popular pathways.<sup>19</sup> Bidders should outline how they would approach each of these situations.

For T Levels and TLFY, we anticipate stratifiers to include the subject of study and provider type. Variables considered important such as gender, ethnicity, Free School Meal (FSM) status and Special Educational Needs (SEN) status that are not used for stratification but are related to our outcomes of interest should be monitored.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-the-school-census>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/individualised-learner-record-ilr>

<sup>19</sup> Population figures by route are in the T Level Action Plan [T Level Action Plan 2022 to 2023](https://publishing.service.gov.uk) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://publishing.service.gov.uk))

Based on the experience of first TELS, we anticipate that some groups may need to be oversampled and/or have a targeted recruitment strategy to enable sufficient sample sizes for sub-group analysis. For example:

- Construction learners (who yield lower RRs)
- Ex Foundation Year learners in the T Level sample (to enable comparisons between TLFY completers and direct entry in T Level learners)
- HTQ and IoT learners in the L4/5 sample

Bidders should explain their sampling plans and submit proposals for sample designs.

The Authority wishes to ensure that results from the survey are robust and can be generalised to the population with confidence. Based on the experience of the first TELS study, we know that a combination of CATI fieldwork to target under-represented groups, incentives, and multi-mode reminders (letter, email, and text) are crucial for achieving workable sample sizes to enable high-quality, representative results. Bidders are asked to set out details about how they will maximise response rates and evidence for their proposals based on recent projects. Whilst the first TELS achieved good responses rates, we invite alternative and innovative proposals that could achieve similar or better response rates whilst ensuring optimal value for money.

In their proposal, Bidders should outline their expected response rates, how they have calculated these, and associated assumptions.

As stated above, the sample frame for T Level and TLFY learners is split across the School Census (for learners at school sixth forms) and Individualised Learner Record (ILR) (for learners at FE Colleges). Unlike the ILR, the School Census contact information is limited to home address and it does not hold phone or email information. Bidders should explain their contact strategy for learners in both frames and how they intend to minimise mode effects.

The sample frame for level 4/5 learners will be the ILR (L4/5 learners in HE are excluded from this study), therefore we will have phone and email information as well as home address. We anticipate that the sample will be stratified by subject of study and provider institution. We would expect that learners based at IoTs and those studying HTQs would need to be oversampled to ensure adequate samples for comparison to non-IoT/HTQ learners (flags for IoT and HTQ courses are available in the ILR). There will likely be crossover in the IoT and HTQ populations, as IoTs are expected to be flagship institutions for HTQs.

## **Survey programming and testing**

The questionnaires will be largely based on the specifications developed in the first TELS study, however minor development work is anticipated. It is expected that not

more than 20% of the end course and post course questionnaires (the 2022 end course questionnaire is published [here](#)<sup>20</sup>) will be subject to change. The supplier will work in collaboration with the project team on changes and improvements to the questionnaire and the supplier will be responsible for scripting and quality assurance testing.

Based on the first TELS study, we expect the survey to take no longer than 15-20 minutes to complete – either online or via telephone interviewing.

## **Fieldwork Approach**

We expect the survey to be primarily push-to-web but also include some CATI fieldwork to maximise response rates and minimise non-response bias. However, the Authority welcomes alternative and/or innovative proposals from bidders if a different approach is deemed more appropriate and/or cost effective. Bidders should outline how they will mitigate non-response bias, mode effects and how they intend to maximise response rates.

Bidders must demonstrate that they have the fieldwork capacity to achieve the required number of responses within the fieldwork period. If CATI is proposed, bidders should detail the proposed number of interviewers for this research. It is expected that only high-quality, trained, and briefed interviewers will be used for this survey. Bidders must outline their approach to interviewer training and briefing and describe how interviewers are monitored to ensure high quality.

Bidders should also describe how they propose to keep DfE updated on fieldwork progress and what quality measures they will monitor and include in their updates.

Following the experience and recommendations of the first TELS study, it is expected that incentives will be required, and have been costed for in the budget envelope for this research. We would like to work with the supplier to identify the optimal incentive strategy e.g., by targeting harder-to-reach learner groups and/or non-traditional incentives. Please note that if response rates are lower than expected, there will be no further budget available from the Authority for additional incentives.

## **Weighting**

The successful contractor will be required to calculate cross sectional and longitudinal weights to ensure that the survey analysis will be representative of the target population. Bidders must outline their proposed weighting strategy, including how they intend to balance the sample, account for design effects (if any) and non-

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<sup>20</sup> Slight changes have been made to the 2023 end course questionnaire, which has not yet been published. The updated questionnaire will be shared with the successful bidder.



response.

## **Data Cleaning and Provision**

The successful contractor must process, and quality assure the data collected in the interviews. The successful contractor will also be required to create a limited set of new derived variables for use in the analysis and reporting. The syntax for existing derived variable can be supplied by the Authority.

The successful contractor is required to deliver quality assured micro-datasets in .csv for analysis in R. These datasets will include all interview data, the agreed derived variables, and weights. Bidders can also suggest the inclusion of other variables of relevance to the survey (for example, interview length).

For participants who are contacted over multiple waves (i.e. the longitudinal elements of the survey), we expect the successful contractor to produce merged datasets that link individuals over time. These matched longitudinal datasets should be supplied to the Authority.

The Authority requires separate pseudonymised microdata that contain unique reference IDs that can be matched back to sample data so that the Authority can cross-analyse the survey data with matched admin data on further learning and labour market outcomes.

The datasets should be accompanied with thorough data dictionaries and data guidance. All coding to produce derived variables and data edits should be supplied to the Authority in R.

The successful contractor is also required to produce a set of quality assured data tables that contain all survey and derived variables. Data tables must be intuitively organised and labelled, and a quality assured set should be delivered shortly after fieldwork (ideally within 2 weeks) to enable the project team to engage policy teams on the findings to inform the analysis. Bidders are invited to outline their processes and systems and how they plan to work with the Authority to ensure that the data tables are delivered on time and to the agreed specification. We are also interested in a dashboard (e.g. R Shiny) to summarise key findings over the course of the contract but we are aware this may incur additional costs – please provide this as an optional bolt-on to the contract.

It is envisaged that analyses will include inferential statistics (most likely frequencies, cross tabulations and possibly regression analysis) to gain population-level insights for all survey questions, plus confidence intervals, margins of error and indications of statistical significance (e.g. z-tests, t-tests).



Bidders will be required to agree quality assurance (QA) procedures in consultation with DfE and should outline their proposed QA procedures in their bids. The successful contractor will be required to develop a QA log and keep this updated throughout the project.

Please note that for the post-course surveys, we expect the supplier to collect information on occupation, ideally to the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC). The relevant data to derive SOC codes is gathered through the questionnaire. Bidders should outline their approach to coding the data collected by the questionnaire to derive occupational information.

## **Reporting**

Following each period of fieldwork, we expect the contractor to produce a summary slide pack of findings that can be presented to policy colleagues. The supplier should present this slidepack shortly after fieldwork (i.e. within 3 weeks).

We anticipate requiring six high-quality findings reports to be produced of ~40 pages plus annexes (one after each substantial fieldwork period, shown in the timeline table below). Bidders can expect three drafting rounds per report, with the first draft already of a publishable standard, followed by a second draft and a final draft. These reports must be in the Authority's report format, which will be supplied to the contractor, and be fully accessible to those with visual impairments and/or who use a screen reader. Full guidance on accessibility requirements will be provided.

In order to make sure the reporting meets the Authority's requirements we expect full skeleton outlines containing the analysis plan and sample excerpts of analysis to be approved by the Department before full report writing begins.

We also require full, in-depth technical notes that provides details of the survey design, methodology and questionnaire as an annex to each report.

## **Further support**

Bidders should cost for additional contingency days of analytical support on a call-off basis to assist DfE with outputs.

## **Innovative approaches**

The Authority welcomes innovation across all stages of the research process – from the sampling and contact strategy through to the reporting and analysis. It is expected that any innovation will be costed into proposals. Bids that score highly will be those that go beyond the technical requirements of the study within the budget.

#### **6.4. RESEARCH OUTPUTS**

The deliverables will be:

##### **Project management:**

- Project timetable with agreed timings and milestones
- Risk register, updated throughout the life of the project
- QA log

##### **Survey design documents:**

- Survey questionnaires (based on first TELS study)
- Sampling strategy
- Weighting strategy

##### **Analysed findings:**

- Emerging findings slidepacks after each period of fieldwork
- Skeleton report outlines and sample written excerpts to approve before beginning full reports
- Survey findings in 6 reports for publication in the DfE template including executive summary, methodology, findings, and conclusions. These must be fully accessible, quality assured and written in the Authority's style in word document format.
- Technical notes for each survey as an annex to each report.

##### **Data outputs:**

- Pseudo-anonymised micro-datasets in .csv, with versions that include a reference code that can be, in some way, linked to sample data to enable matching to admin data
- Longitudinal micro-datasets (where relevant)
- Detailed data dictionaries and user guidance for the micro-datasets, including syntax for derived variables
- Survey data tables in publishable formats
- An R shiny dashboard (please provide as an optional bolt-on).

#### **6.5. LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS**

At the beginning of the project, we anticipate weekly meetings with the contractor to establish the study and resolve any initial issues. We would like the supplier to lead these meetings including setting the agenda, recording key decisions and providing dated actions. We expect these meetings to happen online via MS Teams.

Once the study is more established, we are open to discussing with the supplier the most appropriate ongoing liaison arrangements and reducing the frequency of meetings.

#### **6.6. TIMINGS**

Indicative timeline for this research is as follows:

## DPS Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Order Schedules)

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Financial year	Month	Sample Group	Activity
2023/24	March 2024		Award contract
2024/25	April 2024		Inception meeting
2024/25	June – July 2024	- T Level Cohort 3 - TLFY Cohort 1	End-course fieldwork
2024/25	Autumn 2024	- L4/5 Cohorts 1 (if 2 yr course) and 2 (if 1 yr course)	Analysis/reporting (1 report)
2025/26	April – May 2025	- T Level Cohort 3 - TLFY Cohort 1 - L4/5 Cohorts 1 (if 2 yr course) and 2 (if 1 yr course)	Post-course fieldwork
<i>Break clause 1 – decided Jan 2025 (whether to proceed with fieldwork for the next cohorts)</i>			
2025/26	June – July 2025	- T Level Cohort 4 - TLFY Cohort 2 - L4/5 Cohort 2 (if 1 yr course)	End-course fieldwork
2025/26	Autumn 2025		Analysis/reporting (2 reports)
2026/27	April – May 2026	- T Level Cohort 4	Post-course fieldwork
<i>Break clause 2 – decided Jan 2026 (whether to proceed with fieldwork for the next cohorts)</i>			
2026/27	June – July 2026	- T Level Cohort 5 - TLFY Cohort 3	End-course fieldwork
2026/27	Autumn 2026		Analysis/reporting (2 reports)
2027/28	April 2027	- T Level Cohort 5	Post-course fieldwork
2027/28	Summer 2027		Analysis/reporting (1 report)
<i>End of contract – end of September 2027</i>			

### 6.7. BUDGET

6.8. The overall maximum budget for this project, including expenses and any respondent incentive payments is £1,189,000 (excluding VAT). However, we strongly welcome bids at lower costs if they meet the research aims effectively and in the timescales required. A detailed breakdown of costs is required within **Attachment 4 Price Schedule** as per the instructions set out in **Attachment 2 Instructions to Bidders**. The maximum available budget that can be spent if the first break clause is activated is [REDACTED]

### 6.9. FORMAT OF PROPOSAL

6.10. Your written proposal should clearly demonstrate how you will deliver the requirements, including whether the services will be delivered solely by your 'in-house' capability or whether you intend to Sub-Contract any element(s) of the Services delivering the proposal. Details of sub-contractors should also be

provided as part of your response to Qualification Criteria 4 – Further Information within **Attachment 2 Instructions to Bidders**.

6.11. Your proposal should be in the following format:

- **Format:** Microsoft Word or PDF
- **Font:** Min. font size 10pt
- **Page Limit:** 30 A4 Pages and no more than 35,000 words (not including CVs and annexes). Anything longer than this will be disregarded and not evaluated.

6.12. Your proposal should contain the following:

- **Section 1:** Table of Contents - not included in word count.
- **Section 2:** Summary of Proposal.
- **Section 3:** Meeting the Requirement:
  - Aims and Objectives.
  - Methodology and Rationale.
  - Project Management and Monitoring.
  - Staffing (Include CVs of the project team members as an Annex – CVs are not included in word count).
  - Outputs and Reporting.
  - Timetable of Activities (including time per activity).
- **Section 4:** Risk Management (Including Risk Register). (further details given in 'Proposal Requirements – Section 4: Risk Management' below).
- **Section 5:** Data Security Consideration and Arrangements.
- **Section 6:** References and Expertise
- **Section 7:** Social Value Theme – as detailed in TEC5 in '6. Technical Evaluation Criteria' of 'Attachment 2 Instructions to bidders'

#### 6.13. **Proposal Requirements – Section 4: Risk Management**

6.14. You should submit as part of your proposal a one-page summary on what you believe will be the key risks to delivering the project and what contingencies you will put in place to deal with them.

6.15. A risk is any factor that may delay, disrupt, or prevent the full achievement of a project objective. All risks should be identified. For each risk, the one-page summary should assess its likelihood (high, medium, or low) and specify its possible impact on the project objectives (again rated high, medium, or low). The assessment should also identify appropriate actions that would reduce or eliminate each risk or its impact.

6.16. Typical areas of risk for a research project might include staffing, resource constraints, technical constraints, data access, timing, management, and operational issues, but this is not an exhaustive list.

#### 6.17. **Additional Proposal Requirements – Dependencies**

6.18. You should indicate in your proposal if you are reliant on any third party for the access of information, data or undertaking any of the work. This should be

considered in addition to your requirement to outline formal sub-contracting arrangements within your response.

- 6.19. If bidding as part of a consortium, bidders should be very clear on the working arrangements and division of responsibilities between the lead contractor and any sub-contractors. Bidders should be aware that the Authority will hold the lead contractor accountable for the overall performance of the contract, including any subcontracts.

**6.20. Additional Proposal Requirements – Monitoring Techniques**

- 6.21. You should indicate in your proposal how you will monitor the project to ensure it is delivered in terms of quality, timeliness, and cost.

**6.22. Additional Proposal Requirements – The Use of Incentives**

- 6.23. You should indicate in your proposal how you will use incentives to increase participation in the survey and reduce non-response bias. You should also explain how you will mitigate any biases that could be introduced through the use of incentives. Please support your arguments with empirical evidence.

- 6.24. Bidders should note that there is no scope for additional budget for incentives not included in the original contract. Bidders should factor this into their proposed approach to incentivisation, including what will be done in the event that a higher number of responses are achieved than predicted or that response rates are lower than expected.

## **7. Key Milestones and Deliverables**

- 7.1. The following Contract milestones/deliverables shall apply:

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Delivery Date or Timeframe</b>
1	Sampling, weighting strategy and questionnaire completed for 2024 fieldwork	End of May 2024
2	Completion of 2024 fieldwork	End of August 2024
3	Final report and data outputs delivered from 2024 fieldwork	End of November 2024
4	Sampling, weighting strategy and questionnaire completed for 2025 fieldwork	End of March 2025
5	Completion of 2025 post-course fieldwork	End of May 2025
6	Completion of 2025 end-course fieldwork	End of August 2025
7	Final reports and data outputs delivered from 2025 fieldwork	End of November 2025
8	Sampling, weighting strategy and questionnaire completed for 2026 fieldwork	End of March 2026
9	Completion of 2026 post-course fieldwork	End of May 2026
10	Completion of 2026 post-course fieldwork	End of August 2026
11	Final report and data outputs delivered from 2026 fieldwork	End of November 2026
12	Sampling, weighting strategy and questionnaire completed for 2027 fieldwork	End of March 2027
13	Completion of 2027 fieldwork	End of May 2027
14	Final report and data outputs delivered from 2027 fieldwork	End of September 2027

## **8. Continuous Improvement**

- 8.1. The successful supplier shall maintain open channels of communication with the Authority to resolve issues, share lessons learned and present new ways of working during project review meetings. Any proposed new ways of delivering the Services shall be brought to the Authority's attention and formally agreed prior to any changes being implemented.

## **9. Social Value and Sustainability**

- 9.1. In line with Cabinet Office Procurement Policy Note PPN 06/20 all Central Government Bodies must take account of additional social values and benefits in the evaluation of new procurements, where the requirements are related and proportional to the subject-matter of the contract.

All bids will be assessed on social value as part of the tender assessment criteria. The criteria which bidders must demonstrate they meet is 'Equal

Opportunity: Tackling workforce inequality'. Details of this assessment are outlined in **Attachment 2 Instructions to Bidders**.

## 10. Price

- 10.1. Prices are to be submitted within **Attachment 4 Price Schedule** as per the instructions set out in **Attachment 2 Instructions to Bidders** excluding VAT and including all other expenses relating to Contract delivery.

## 11. Staff and Customer Service

- 11.1. The Supplier shall provide a sufficient level of resource throughout the duration of the Contract to consistently deliver a quality service.
- 11.2. The Supplier's staff assigned to the Contract shall have the relevant qualifications and experience to deliver the Contract to the required standard.
- 11.3. The Supplier shall ensure that staff understand the Authority's vision and objectives and will provide excellent customer service to the Authority throughout the duration of the Contract.
- 11.4. The Supplier shall communicate all changes to the Key Personnel as defined in the Call-Off Contract throughout the Term.

## 12. Security and Confidentiality Requirements

- 12.1. **Departmental Security Standards for Business Services and ICT Contracts**
- 12.2. The Authority's security standards clauses are included as the Buyer's Security Policy within **Attachment 6a Order Contract Terms & Attachment 6b Order Form**.
- 12.3. **Supplier Security Assurance Questionnaire**
- 12.4. Suppliers and any sub-contractors are required to complete **Attachment 5 Supplier Security Questionnaire** as part of their bid, for the Authority to obtain a level of assurance with regards to our assets throughout the life of the contract.
- 12.5. **Data Collection**
- 12.6. Suppliers will be expected to clear any data collection tools with the Authority before engaging in field work. Suppliers should include Data Privacy Notices for research participants via respondent documentation and/or interviewer briefing notes, and clearly state what the data is being collected for and on behalf of the Authority and that no reference is made, implied or otherwise, to the data being used solely by or available only to the supplier. Suppliers should establish with the Authority the legal basis for data processing under the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.
- 12.7. The respondent documentation and/or interviewer shall ensure that the respondent clearly understands (before they give their consent to be interviewed) the purpose of the interview, that the information they provide will only be used for research purposes and, in the case of interviews (telephone

or face-to-face), that they have the right to withdraw from the interview at any time. Where consent is used as the legal basis for data processing, consent procedures should ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

**12.8. Burden**

12.9. The Authority seeks to minimise the burdens on schools and Local Authorities (LAs) taking part in surveys. It is therefore important that bids should set out how the proposed methodology will minimise the burden on schools and/or LAs and a justification for the proposed sample size.

12.10. When assessing the relative merits of data collection methods, the following issues should be considered:

- only data essential to the project shall be collected;
- data should be collected electronically where appropriate and where schools and/or LAs prefer this;
- questionnaires should be pre-populated wherever possible and appropriate;
- schools must be given at least four working weeks to respond to the exercise from the date they receive the request; and
- LAs should receive at least two weeks, unless they need to approach schools in which case, they too should receive 4 weeks to respond.

12.11. The Contractor shall clear any data collection tools with the Authority before engaging in field work.

12.12. Researchers shall check with the Authority whether any of the information that they are requesting from schools can be provided centrally from information already held.

**12.13. Consent Arrangements**

12.14. The Authority and the supplier shall agree in advance of any survey activity taking place the consent arrangements that shall apply for each of the participant groups. All participants should be informed of the purpose of the research, that the supplier is acting on behalf of the Authority and that they have the option to refuse to participate (opt out). Where opt-in consent is used, the approach should be compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. Contact details should be provided including a contact person at the Authority. Children who are 16 or over will usually be able to give their own consent but even where this is so, the Contractor, in consultation with the Authority, should consider whether it is also appropriate for parents, guardians or other appropriate gatekeepers (e.g., schools, Local Authorities) to be informed when a child has been invited to participate in research.

## **13. PAYMENT AND INVOICING**



- 13.1 Details of payment and invoicing requirements are included within **Attachment 6a Order Contract Terms** and **Attachment 6b Order Form**.
- 13.2 This contract will use the Service Credit Regime to mitigate risk of underperformance. Underperformance on a KPI contained within the contract for 3 consecutive months will result in DfE withholding a % of the fees for the relevant payment milestone(s). The KPIs and Service Credit Regime will be agreed with the successful bidder prior to contract signature. We expect the reduction to be between 10-15% of the payment milestone(s).



# Core Terms - DPS

## **1. Definitions used in the contract**

Interpret this Contract using Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions).

## **How the contract works**

2.1 The Supplier is eligible for the award of Order Contracts during the DPS Contract Period.

2.2 CCS does not guarantee the Supplier any exclusivity, quantity or value of work under the DPS Contract.

2.3 CCS has paid one penny to the Supplier legally to form the DPS Contract. The Supplier acknowledges this payment.

2.4 If the Buyer decides to buy Deliverables under the DPS Contract it must use DPS Schedule 7 (Order Procedure) and must state its requirements using DPS Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Order Schedules). If allowed by the Regulations, the Buyer can:

- (a) make changes to DPS Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Order Schedules);
- (b) create new Order Schedules;
- (c) exclude optional template Order Schedules; and/or
- (d) use Special Terms in the Order Form to add or change terms.

2.5 Each Order Contract:

- (a) is a separate Contract from the DPS Contract;
- (b) is between a Supplier and a Buyer;
- (c) includes Core Terms, Schedules and any other changes or items in the completed Order Form; and (d) survives the termination of the DPS Contract.

2.6 Where the Supplier is approached by any Other Contracting Authority requesting Deliverables or substantially similar goods or services, the Supplier must tell them about this DPS Contract before accepting their order.

- 2.7 The Supplier acknowledges it has all the information required to perform its obligations under each Contract before entering into a Contract. When information is provided by a Relevant Authority no warranty of its accuracy is given to the Supplier.
- 2.8 The Supplier will not be excused from any obligation, or be entitled to additional Costs or Charges because it failed to either:
- (a) verify the accuracy of the Due Diligence Information; or (b) properly perform its own adequate checks.
- 2.9 CCS and the Buyer will not be liable for errors, omissions or misrepresentation of any information.
- 2.10 The Supplier warrants and represents that all statements made and documents submitted as part of the procurement of Deliverables are and remain true and accurate.
- 2.11 An Order Contract can only be created using the electronic procedures described in the FTS Notice as required by the Regulations.
- 2.12 A Supplier can only receive Orders under the DPS Contract while it meets the basic access requirements for the DPS stated in the FTS Notice. CCS can audit whether a Supplier meets the basic access requirements at any point during the DPS Contract Period.

## **What needs to be delivered**

### **All deliverables**

- 3.1.1 The Supplier must provide Deliverables:
- (a) that comply with the Specification, the DPS Application and, in relation to an Order Contract, the Order Tender (if there is one);
  - (b) to a professional standard;
  - (c) using reasonable skill and care; (d) using Good Industry Practice;
  - (e) using its own policies, processes and internal quality control measures as long as they do not conflict with the Contract; (f) on the dates agreed; and (g) that comply with Law.

3.1.2 The Supplier must provide Deliverables with a warranty of at least 90 days from Delivery against all obvious defects.

## **Goods clauses**

3.2.1 All Goods delivered must be new, or as new if recycled, unused and of recent origin.

3.2.2 All manufacturer warranties covering the Goods must be assignable to the Buyer on request and for free.

3.2.3 The Supplier transfers ownership of the Goods on Delivery or payment for those Goods, whichever is earlier.

3.2.4 Risk in the Goods transfers to the Buyer on Delivery of the Goods, but remains with the Supplier if the Buyer notices damage following Delivery and lets the Supplier know within 3 Working Days of Delivery.

3.2.5 The Supplier warrants that it has full and unrestricted ownership of the Goods at the time of transfer of ownership.

3.2.6 The Supplier must deliver the Goods on the date and to the specified location during the Buyer's working hours.

3.2.7 The Supplier must provide sufficient packaging for the Goods to reach the point of Delivery safely and undamaged.

3.2.8 All deliveries must have a delivery note attached that specifies the order number, type and quantity of Goods.

3.2.9 The Supplier must provide all tools, information and instructions the Buyer needs to make use of the Goods.

3.2.10 The Supplier must indemnify the Buyer against the costs of any Recall of the Goods and give notice of actual or anticipated action about the Recall of the Goods.

3.2.11 The Buyer can cancel any order or part order of Goods which has not been Delivered. If the Buyer gives less than 14 days notice then it will pay the Supplier's reasonable and proven costs already incurred on the cancelled order as long as the Supplier takes all reasonable steps to minimise these costs.

3.2.12 The Supplier must at its own cost repair, replace, refund or substitute (at the Buyer's option and request) any Goods that the Buyer rejects because they do not conform with Clause 3. If the Supplier does not do this it will pay the Buyer's costs including repair or re-supply by a third party.

## **Services clauses**

3.3.1 Late Delivery of the Services will be a Default of an Order Contract.

3.3.2 The Supplier must co-operate with the Buyer and third party suppliers on all aspects connected with the Delivery of the Services and ensure that Supplier Staff comply with any reasonable instructions.

3.3.3 The Supplier must at its own risk and expense provide all Supplier Equipment required to Deliver the Services.

3.3.4 The Supplier must allocate sufficient resources and appropriate expertise to each Contract.

3.3.5 The Supplier must take all reasonable care to ensure performance does not disrupt the Buyer's operations, employees or other contractors.

3.3.6 The Supplier must ensure all Services, and anything used to Deliver the Services, are of good quality and free from defects.

- 3.3.7 The Buyer is entitled to withhold payment for partially or undelivered Services, but doing so does not stop it from using its other rights under the Contract.

## Pricing and payments

- 4.1 In exchange for the Deliverables, the Supplier must invoice the Buyer for the Charges in the Order Form.

- 4.2 CCS must invoice the Supplier for the Management Levy and the Supplier must pay it using the process in DPS Schedule 5 (Management Levy and Information).

- 4.3 All Charges and the Management Levy:

- (a) exclude VAT, which is payable on provision of a valid VAT invoice; and
- (b) include all costs connected with the Supply of Deliverables.

- 4.4 The Buyer must pay the Supplier the Charges within 30 days of receipt by the Buyer of a valid, undisputed invoice, in cleared funds using the payment method and details stated in the Order Form.

- 4.5 A Supplier invoice is only valid if it:

- (a) includes all appropriate references including the Contract reference number and other details reasonably requested by the Buyer;
- (b) includes a detailed breakdown of Delivered Deliverables and Milestone(s) (if any); and
- (c) does not include any Management Levy (the Supplier must not charge the Buyer in any way for the Management Levy).

- 4.6 The Buyer must accept and process for payment an undisputed Electronic Invoice received from the Supplier.

- 4.7 The Buyer may retain or set-off payment of any amount owed to it by the Supplier if notice and reasons are provided.

- 4.8 The Supplier must ensure that all Subcontractors are paid, in full, within 30 days of receipt of a valid, undisputed invoice. If this does not happen, CCS or the Buyer can publish the details of the late payment or non-payment.
- 4.9 If CCS or the Buyer can get more favourable commercial terms for the supply at cost of any materials, goods or services used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables, then CCS or the Buyer may require the Supplier to replace its existing commercial terms with the more favourable terms offered for the relevant items.
- 4.10 If CCS or the Buyer uses Clause 4.9 then the DPS Pricing (and where applicable, the Charges) must be reduced by an agreed amount by using the Variation Procedure.
- 4.11 The Supplier has no right of set-off, counterclaim, discount or abatement unless they are ordered to do so by a court.

## **The buyer's obligations to the supplier**

5.1 If Supplier Non-Performance arises from an Authority Cause:

- (a) neither CCS or the Buyer can terminate a Contract under Clause 10.4.1;
- (b) the Supplier is entitled to reasonable and proven additional expenses and to relief from liability and Deduction under this Contract;
- (c) the Supplier is entitled to additional time needed to make the Delivery; and (d) the Supplier cannot suspend the ongoing supply of Deliverables.

5.2 Clause 5.1 only applies if the Supplier:

- (a) gives notice to the Party responsible for the Authority Cause within 10 Working Days of becoming aware;
- (b) demonstrates that the Supplier Non-Performance would not have occurred but for the Authority Cause; and
- (c) mitigated the impact of the Authority Cause.

## **Record keeping and reporting**

6.1 The Supplier must attend Progress Meetings with the Buyer and provide Progress Reports when specified in the Order Form.



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6.2 The Supplier must keep and maintain full and accurate records and accounts on everything to do with the Contract:

- (a) during the Contract Period;
- (b) for 7 years after the End Date; and (c) in accordance with UK GDPR, including but not limited to the records and accounts stated in the definition of Audit in Joint Schedule 1.

6.3 The Relevant Authority or an Auditor can Audit the Supplier.

6.4 During an Audit, the Supplier must:

- (a) allow the Relevant Authority or any Auditor access to their premises to verify all contract accounts and records of everything to do with the Contract and provide copies for an Audit; and
- (b) provide information to the Relevant Authority or to the Auditor and reasonable co-operation at their request.

6.5 Where the Audit of the Supplier is carried out by an Auditor, the Auditor shall be entitled to share any information obtained during the Audit with the Relevant Authority.

6.6 If the Supplier is not providing any of the Deliverables, or is unable to provide them, it must immediately:

- (a) tell the Relevant Authority and give reasons;
- (b) propose corrective action; and
- (c) provide a deadline for completing the corrective action.

6.7 The Supplier must provide CCS with a Self Audit Certificate supported by an audit report at the end of each Contract Year. The report must contain:

- (a) the methodology of the review;
- (b) the sampling techniques applied; (c) details of any issues; and (d) any remedial action taken.

6.8 The Self Audit Certificate must be completed and signed by an auditor or senior member of the Supplier's management team that is qualified in either a relevant audit or financial discipline.

## Supplier staff

- 7.1 The Supplier Staff involved in the performance of each Contract must:
- (a) be appropriately trained and qualified;
  - (b) be vetted using Good Industry Practice and the Security Policy; and
  - (c) comply with all conduct requirements when on the Buyer's Premises.
- 7.2 Where a Buyer decides one of the Supplier's Staff is not suitable to work on a contract, the Supplier must replace them with a suitably qualified alternative.
- 7.3 If requested, the Supplier must replace any person whose acts or omissions have caused the Supplier to breach Clause 27.
- 7.4 The Supplier must provide a list of Supplier Staff needing to access the Buyer's Premises and say why access is required.
- 7.5 The Supplier indemnifies CCS and the Buyer against all claims brought by any person employed by the Supplier caused by an act or omission of the Supplier or any Supplier Staff.

## Rights and protection

- 8.1 The Supplier warrants and represents that:
- (a) it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform each Contract;
  - (b) each Contract is executed by its authorised representative;
  - (c) it is a legally valid and existing organisation incorporated in the place it was formed;
  - (d) there are no known legal or regulatory actions or investigations before any court, administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending or threatened against it or its Affiliates that might affect its ability to perform each Contract;
  - (e) it maintains all necessary rights, authorisations, licences and consents to perform its obligations under each Contract;
  - (f) it does not have any contractual obligations which are likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform each Contract;
  - (g) it is not impacted by an Insolvency Event; and (h) it will comply with each Order Contract.

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- 8.2 The warranties and representations in Clauses 2.10 and 8.1 are repeated each time the Supplier provides Deliverables under the Contract.
- 8.3 The Supplier indemnifies both CCS and every Buyer against each of the following:
- (a) wilful misconduct of the Supplier, Subcontractor and Supplier Staff that impacts the Contract; and (b) non-payment by the Supplier of any Tax or National Insurance.
- 8.4 All claims indemnified under this Contract must use Clause 26.
- 8.5 The description of any provision of this Contract as a warranty does not prevent CCS or a Buyer from exercising any termination right that it may have for breach of that clause by the Supplier.
- 8.6 If the Supplier becomes aware of a representation or warranty that becomes untrue or misleading, it must immediately notify CCS and every Buyer.
- 8.7 All third party warranties and indemnities covering the Deliverables must be assigned for the Buyer's benefit by the Supplier.

## **Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)**

- 9.1 Each Party keeps ownership of its own Existing IPRs. The Supplier gives the Buyer a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, transferable worldwide licence to use, change and sub-license the Supplier's Existing IPR to enable it to both:
- (a) receive and use the Deliverables; and
  - (b) make use of the deliverables provided by a Replacement Supplier.
- 9.2 Any New IPR created under a Contract is owned by the Buyer. The Buyer gives the Supplier a licence to use any Existing IPRs and New IPRs for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations during the Contract Period.
- 9.3 Where a Party acquires ownership of IPRs incorrectly under this Contract it must do everything reasonably necessary to complete a transfer assigning them in writing to the other Party on request and at its own cost.

- 9.4 Neither Party has the right to use the other Party's IPRs, including any use of the other Party's names, logos or trademarks, except as provided in Clause 9 or otherwise agreed in writing.
- 9.5 If there is an IPR Claim, the Supplier indemnifies CCS and each Buyer against all losses, damages, costs or expenses (including professional fees and fines) incurred as a result.
- 9.6 If an IPR Claim is made or anticipated the Supplier must at its own expense and the Buyer's sole option, either:
- (a) obtain for CCS and the Buyer the rights in Clause 9.1 and 9.2 without infringing any third party IPR; or
  - (b) replace or modify the relevant item with substitutes that do not infringe IPR without adversely affecting the functionality or performance of the Deliverables.
- 9.7 In spite of any other provisions of a Contract and for the avoidance of doubt, award of a Contract by the Buyer and placement of any contract task under it does not constitute an authorisation by the Crown under Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949. The Supplier acknowledges that any authorisation by the Buyer under its statutory powers must be expressly provided in writing, with reference to the acts authorised and the specific IPR involved.

## **Ending the contract or any subcontract**

### **Contract Period**

10.1.1 The Contract takes effect on the Start Date and ends on the End Date or earlier if required by Law.

10.1.2 The Relevant Authority can extend the Contract for the Extension Period by giving the Supplier no less than 3 Months' written notice before the Contract expires.

### **Ending the contract without a reason**

10.2.1 CCS has the right to terminate the DPS Contract at any time without reason by giving the Supplier at least 30 days' notice.

10.2.2 Each Buyer has the right to terminate their Order Contract at any time without reason by giving the Supplier not less than 90 days' written notice.

## **Rectification plan process**

10.3.1 If there is a Default, the Relevant Authority may, without limiting its other rights, request that the Supplier provide a Rectification Plan.

10.3.2 When the Relevant Authority receives a requested Rectification Plan it can either:

- (a) reject the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan, giving reasons; or
- (b) accept the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan (without limiting its rights) and the Supplier must immediately start work on the actions in the Rectification Plan at its own cost, unless agreed otherwise by the Parties.

10.3.3 Where the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan is rejected, the Relevant Authority:

- (a) must give reasonable grounds for its decision; and
- (b) may request that the Supplier provides a revised Rectification Plan within 5 Working Days.

10.3.4 If the Relevant Authority rejects any Rectification Plan, including any revised Rectification Plan, the Relevant Authority does not have to request a revised Rectification Plan before exercising its right to terminate its Contract under Clause 10.4.3(a).

## **When CCS or the buyer can end a contract**

10.4.1 If any of the following events happen, the Relevant Authority has the right to immediately terminate its Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier:

- (a) there is a Supplier Insolvency Event;
- (b) there is a Default that is not corrected in line with an accepted Rectification Plan;
- (c) the Supplier does not provide a Rectification Plan within 10 days of the request;
- (d) there is any material Default of the Contract;
- (e) there is any material Default of any Joint Controller Agreement relating to any Contract;

- (f) there is a Default of Clauses 2.10, 9, 14, 15, 27, 32 or DPS Schedule 9 (Cyber Essentials) (where applicable) relating to any Contract;
- (g) there is a consistent repeated failure to meet the Performance Indicators in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management);
- (h) there is a Change of Control of the Supplier which is not pre-approved by the Relevant Authority in writing;
- (i) if the Relevant Authority discovers that the Supplier was in one of the situations in 57 (1) or 57(2) of the Regulations at the time the Contract was awarded; or
- (j) the Supplier or its Affiliates embarrass or bring CCS or the Buyer into disrepute or diminish the public trust in them.

10.4.2 CCS may terminate the DPS Contract if a Buyer terminates an Order Contract for any of the reasons listed in Clause 10.4.1.

10.4.3 If any of the following non-fault based events happen, the Relevant Authority has the right to immediately terminate its Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier:

- (a) the Relevant Authority rejects a Rectification Plan;
- (b) there is a Variation which cannot be agreed using Clause 24 (Changing the contract) or resolved using Clause 34 (Resolving disputes);
- (c) if there is a declaration of ineffectiveness in respect of any Variation; or (d) any of the events in 73 (1) (a) or (c) of the Regulations happen.

## **When the supplier can end the contract**

The Supplier can issue a Reminder Notice if the Buyer does not pay an undisputed invoice on time. The Supplier can terminate an Order Contract if the Buyer fails to pay an undisputed invoiced sum due and worth over 10% of the annual Contract Value within 30 days of the date of the Reminder Notice.

## **What happens if the contract ends**

10.6.1 Where a Party terminates a Contract under any of Clauses 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5 or

20.2 or a Contract expires all of the following apply:

- (a) The Buyer's payment obligations under the terminated Contract stop immediately.
- (b) Accumulated rights of the Parties are not affected.

- (c) The Supplier must promptly repay to the Buyer any and all Charges the Buyer has paid in advance in respect of Deliverables not provided by the Supplier as at the End Date.
- (d) The Supplier must promptly delete or return the Government Data except where required to retain copies by Law.
- (e) The Supplier must promptly return any of CCS or the Buyer's property provided under the terminated Contract.
- (f) The Supplier must, at no cost to CCS or the Buyer, co-operate fully in the handover and reprocurement (including to a Replacement Supplier).

10.6.2 In addition to the consequences of termination listed in Clause 10.6.1, where the Relevant Authority terminates a Contract under Clause 10.4.1 the Supplier is also responsible for the Relevant Authority's reasonable costs of procuring Replacement Deliverables for the rest of the Contract Period.

10.6.3 In addition to the consequences of termination listed in Clause 10.6.1, if either the Relevant Authority terminates a Contract under Clause 10.2.1 or 10.2.2 or a Supplier terminates an Order Contract under Clause 10.5:

- (a) the Buyer must promptly pay all outstanding Charges incurred to the Supplier; and
- (b) the Buyer must pay the Supplier reasonable committed and unavoidable Losses as long as the Supplier provides a fully itemised and costed schedule with evidence - the maximum value of this payment is limited to the total sum payable to the Supplier if the Contract had not been terminated.

10.6.4 In addition to the consequences of termination listed in Clause 10.6.1, where a Party terminates under Clause 20.2 each Party must cover its own Losses.

10.6.5 The following Clauses survive the termination or expiry of each Contract: 3.2.10, 4.2, 6, 7.5, 9, 11, 12.2, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 31.3, 34, 35 and any Clauses and Schedules which are expressly or by implication intended to continue.

## **Partially ending and suspending the contract**

10.7.1 Where CCS has the right to terminate the DPS Contract it can suspend the Supplier's ability to accept Orders (for any period) and the Supplier cannot enter into any new Order Contracts during this period. If this happens, the Supplier must still meet its obligations under any existing Order Contracts that have already been signed.

10.7.2 Where CCS has the right to terminate a DPS Contract it is entitled to terminate all or part of it.

10.7.3 Where the Buyer has the right to terminate an Order Contract it can terminate or suspend (for any period), all or part of it. If the Buyer suspends a Contract it can provide the Deliverables itself or buy them from a third party.

10.7.4 The Relevant Authority can only partially terminate or suspend a Contract if the remaining parts of that Contract can still be used to effectively deliver the intended purpose.

10.7.5 The Parties must agree any necessary Variation required by Clause 10.7 using the Variation Procedure, but the Supplier may not either:

- (a) reject the Variation; or
- (b) increase the Charges, except where the right to partial termination is under Clause 10.2.

10.7.6 The Buyer can still use other rights available, or subsequently available to it if it acts on its rights under Clause 10.7.

## **When subcontracts can be ended**

At the Buyer's request, the Supplier must terminate any Subcontracts in any of the following events:

- (a) there is a Change of Control of a Subcontractor which is not pre-approved by the Relevant Authority in writing;
- (b) the acts or omissions of the Subcontractor have caused or materially contributed to a right of termination under Clause 10.4; or
- (c) a Subcontractor or its Affiliates embarrasses or brings into disrepute or diminishes the public trust in the Relevant Authority.

## **How much you can be held responsible for**

11.1 Each Party's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under this DPS Contract (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) is no more than £1,000,000.



11.2 Each Party's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under each Order Contract (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) is no more than one hundred and twenty five percent (125%) of the Estimated Yearly Charges unless specified in the Order Form.

11.3 No Party is liable to the other for:

- (a) any indirect Losses; or
- (b) Loss of profits, turnover, savings, business opportunities or damage to goodwill (in each case whether direct or indirect).

11.4 In spite of Clause 11.1 and 11.2, neither Party limits or excludes any of the following:

- (a) its liability for death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, agents or Subcontractors;
- (b) its liability for bribery or fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees;
- (c) any liability that cannot be excluded or limited by Law;
- (d) its obligation to pay the required Management Levy or Default Management Levy.

11.5 In spite of Clauses 11.1 and 11.2, the Supplier does not limit or exclude its liability for any indemnity given under Clauses 7.5, 8.3(b), 9.5, 31.3 or Order Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer) of a Contract.

11.6 In spite of Clauses 11.1, 11.2 but subject to Clauses 11.3 and 11.4, the Supplier's aggregate liability in each and any Contract Year under each Contract under Clause 14.8 shall in no event exceed the Data Protection Liability Cap.

11.7 Each Party must use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate any Loss or damage which it suffers under or in connection with each Contract, including any indemnities.

11.8 When calculating the Supplier's liability under Clause 11.1 or 11.2 the following items will not be taken into consideration:

- (a) Deductions; and
- (b) any items specified in Clauses 11.5 or 11.6.

11.9 If more than one Supplier is party to a Contract, each Supplier Party is jointly and severally liable for their obligations under that Contract.

## **Obeying the law**

- 12.1 The Supplier must use reasonable endeavours to comply with the provisions of Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility).
- 12.2 To the extent that it arises as a result of a Default by the Supplier, the Supplier indemnifies the Relevant Authority against any fine or penalty incurred by the Relevant Authority pursuant to Law and any costs incurred by the Relevant Authority in defending any proceedings which result in such fine or penalty.
- 12.3 The Supplier must appoint a Compliance Officer who must be responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with Law, Clause 12.1 and Clauses 27 to 32.

## **Insurance**

The Supplier must, at its own cost, obtain and maintain the Required Insurances in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) and any Additional Insurances in the Order Form.

## **Data protection**

- 14.1 The Supplier must process Personal Data and ensure that Supplier Staff process Personal Data only in accordance with Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data).
- 14.2 The Supplier must not remove any ownership or security notices in or relating to the Government Data.
- 14.3 The Supplier must make accessible back-ups of all Government Data, stored in an agreed off-site location and send the Buyer copies every 6 Months.
- 14.4 The Supplier must ensure that any Supplier system holding any Government Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Security Policy and any applicable Security Management Plan.

14.5 If at any time the Supplier suspects or has reason to believe that the Government Data provided under a Contract is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded, then the Supplier must notify the Relevant Authority and immediately suggest remedial action.

14.6 If the Government Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded so as to be unusable the Relevant Authority may either or both:

- (a) tell the Supplier to restore or get restored Government Data as soon as practical but no later than 5 Working Days from the date that the Relevant Authority receives notice, or the Supplier finds out about the issue, whichever is earlier; and/or
- (b) restore the Government Data itself or using a third party.

14.7 The Supplier must pay each Party's reasonable costs of complying with Clause 14.6 unless CCS or the Buyer is at fault.

14.8 The Supplier:

- (a) must provide the Relevant Authority with all Government Data in an agreed open format within 10 Working Days of a written request;
- (b) must have documented processes to guarantee prompt availability of Government Data if the Supplier stops trading;
- (c) must securely destroy all Storage Media that has held Government Data at the end of life of that media using Good Industry Practice;
- (d) securely erase all Government Data and any copies it holds when asked to do so by CCS or the Buyer unless required by Law to retain it; and
- (e) indemnifies CCS and each Buyer against any and all Losses incurred if the Supplier breaches Clause 14 and any Data Protection Legislation.

## **What you must keep confidential**

15.1 Each Party must:

- (a) keep all Confidential Information it receives confidential and secure;
- (b) except as expressly set out in the Contract at Clauses 15.2 to 15.4 or elsewhere in the Contract, not disclose, use or exploit the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information without the Disclosing Party's prior written consent; and
- (c) immediately notify the Disclosing Party if it suspects unauthorised access, copying, use or disclosure of the Confidential Information.

15.2 In spite of Clause 15.1, a Party may disclose Confidential Information which it receives from the Disclosing Party in any of the following instances:

- (a) where disclosure is required by applicable Law or by a court with the relevant jurisdiction if, to the extent not prohibited by Law, the Recipient Party notifies the Disclosing Party of the full circumstances, the affected Confidential Information and extent of the disclosure;
- (b) if the Recipient Party already had the information without obligation of confidentiality before it was disclosed by the Disclosing Party;
- (c) if the information was given to it by a third party without obligation of confidentiality;
- (d) if the information was in the public domain at the time of the disclosure;
- (e) if the information was independently developed without access to the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information;
- (f) on a confidential basis, to its auditors;
- (g) on a confidential basis, to its professional advisers on a need-to-know basis; or
- (h) to the Serious Fraud Office where the Recipient Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the Disclosing Party is involved in activity that may be a criminal offence under the Bribery Act 2010.

15.3 In spite of Clause 15.1, the Supplier may disclose Confidential Information on a confidential basis to Supplier Staff on a need-to-know basis to allow the Supplier to meet its obligations under the Contract. The Supplier Staff must enter into a direct confidentiality agreement with the Relevant Authority at its request.

15.4 In spite of Clause 15.1, CCS or the Buyer may disclose Confidential Information in any of the following cases:

- (a) on a confidential basis to the employees, agents, consultants and contractors of CCS or the Buyer;
- (b) on a confidential basis to any other Central Government Body, any successor body to a Central Government Body or any company that CCS or the Buyer transfers or proposes to transfer all or any part of its business to;
- (c) if CCS or the Buyer (acting reasonably) considers disclosure necessary or appropriate to carry out its public functions;
- (d) where requested by Parliament; or (e) under Clauses 4.7 and 16.

15.5 For the purposes of Clauses 15.2 to 15.4 references to disclosure on a confidential basis means disclosure under a confidentiality agreement or arrangement including terms as strict as those required in Clause 15.

15.6 Transparency Information is not Confidential Information.

- 15.7 The Supplier must not make any press announcement or publicise the Contracts or any part of them in any way, without the prior written consent of the Relevant Authority and must take all reasonable steps to ensure that Supplier Staff do not either.

## **When you can share information**

16.1 The Supplier must tell the Relevant Authority within 48 hours if it receives a Request For Information.

16.2 Within five (5) Working Days of the Buyer's request the Supplier must give CCS and each Buyer full cooperation and information needed so the Buyer can:

- (a) publish the Transparency Information;
- (b) comply with any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request; and/or
- (c) comply with any Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request.

16.3 The Relevant Authority may talk to the Supplier to help it decide whether to publish information under Clause 16. However, the extent, content and format of the disclosure is the Relevant Authority's decision in its absolute discretion.

## **Invalid parts of the contract**

If any part of a Contract is prohibited by Law or judged by a court to be unlawful, void or unenforceable, it must be read as if it was removed from that Contract as much as required and rendered ineffective as far as possible without affecting the rest of the Contract, whether it is valid or enforceable.

## **No other terms apply**

The provisions incorporated into each Contract are the entire agreement between the Parties. The Contract replaces all previous statements, agreements and any course of dealings made between the Parties, whether written or oral, in relation to its subject matter. No other provisions apply.

## Other people's rights in a contract

No third parties may use the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (CRTPA) to enforce any term of the Contract unless stated (referring to CRTPA) in the Contract. This does not affect third party rights and remedies that exist independently from CRTPA.

## Circumstances beyond your control

20.1 Any Party affected by a Force Majeure Event is excused from performing its obligations under a Contract while the inability to perform continues, if it both:

- (a) provides a Force Majeure Notice to the other Party; and
- (b) uses all reasonable measures practical to reduce the impact of the Force Majeure Event.

20.2 Either Party can partially or fully terminate the affected Contract if the provision of the Deliverables is materially affected by a Force Majeure Event which lasts for 90 days continuously.

## Relationships created by the contract

No Contract creates a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship. The Supplier must represent themselves accordingly and ensure others do so.

## Giving up contract rights

A partial or full waiver or relaxation of the terms of a Contract is only valid if it is stated to be a waiver in writing to the other Party.

## Transferring responsibilities

23.1 The Supplier cannot assign, novate or transfer a Contract or any part of a Contract without the Relevant Authority's written consent.

23.2 The Relevant Authority can assign, novate or transfer its Contract or any part of it to any Central Government Body, public or private sector body which performs the functions of the Relevant Authority.

23.3 When CCS or the Buyer uses its rights under Clause 23.2 the Supplier must enter into a novation agreement in the form that CCS or the Buyer specifies.

23.4 The Supplier can terminate a Contract novated under Clause 23.2 to a private sector body that is experiencing an Insolvency Event.

23.5 The Supplier remains responsible for all acts and omissions of the Supplier Staff as if they were its own.

23.6 If CCS or the Buyer asks the Supplier for details about Subcontractors, the Supplier must provide details of Subcontractors at all levels of the supply chain including:

- (a) their name;
- (b) the scope of their appointment; and
- (c) the duration of their appointment.

## Changing the contract

24.1 Either Party can request a Variation which is only effective if agreed in writing and signed by both Parties.

24.2 The Supplier must provide an Impact Assessment either:

- (a) with the Variation Form, where the Supplier requests the Variation; or

- (b) within the time limits included in a Variation Form requested by CCS or the Buyer.

24.3 If the Variation cannot be agreed or resolved by the Parties, CCS or the Buyer can either:

- (a) agree that the Contract continues without the Variation; or
- (b) terminate the affected Contract, unless in the case of an Order Contract, the Supplier has already provided part or all of the provision of the Deliverables, or where the Supplier can show evidence of substantial work being carried out to provide them; or
- (c) refer the Dispute to be resolved using Clause 34 (Resolving Disputes).

24.4 CCS and the Buyer are not required to accept a Variation request made by the Supplier.

24.5 If there is a General Change in Law, the Supplier must bear the risk of the change and is not entitled to ask for an increase to the DPS Pricing or the Charges.

24.6 If there is a Specific Change in Law or one is likely to happen during the Contract Period the Supplier must give CCS and the Buyer notice of the likely effects of the changes as soon as reasonably practical. They must also say if they think any Variation is needed either to the Deliverables, DPS Pricing or a Contract and provide evidence:

- (a) that the Supplier has kept costs as low as possible, including in Subcontractor costs; and
- (b) of how it has affected the Supplier's costs.

24.7 Any change in the DPS Pricing or relief from the Supplier's obligations because of a Specific Change in Law must be implemented using Clauses 24.1 to 24.4.

24.8 For 101(5) of the Regulations, if the Court declares any Variation ineffective, the Parties agree that their mutual rights and obligations will be regulated by the terms of the Contract as they existed immediately prior to that Variation and as if the Parties had never entered into that Variation.

## **How to communicate about the contract**

25.1 All notices under the Contract must be in writing and are considered effective on the Working Day of delivery as long as they are delivered before 5:00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise the notice is effective on the next Working Day. An email is effective at 9:00am on the first Working Day after sending unless an error message is received.



- 25.2 Notices to CCS must be sent to the CCS Authorised Representative's address or email address indicated on the Platform.
- 25.3 Notices to the Buyer must be sent to the Buyer Authorised Representative's address or email address in the Order Form.
- 25.4 This Clause does not apply to the service of legal proceedings or any documents in any legal action, arbitration or dispute resolution.

## Dealing with claims

- 26.1 If a Beneficiary is notified of a Claim then it must notify the Indemnifier as soon as reasonably practical and no later than 10 Working Days.
- 26.2 At the Indemnifier's cost the Beneficiary must both:
- (a) allow the Indemnifier to conduct all negotiations and proceedings to do with a Claim; and
  - (b) give the Indemnifier reasonable assistance with the claim if requested.
- 26.3 The Beneficiary must not make admissions about the Claim without the prior written consent of the Indemnifier which can not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 26.4 The Indemnifier must consider and defend the Claim diligently using competent legal advisors and in a way that does not damage the Beneficiary's reputation.
- 26.5 The Indemnifier must not settle or compromise any Claim without the Beneficiary's prior written consent which it must not unreasonably withhold or delay.
- 26.6 Each Beneficiary must take all reasonable steps to minimise and mitigate any losses that it suffers because of the Claim.
- 26.7 If the Indemnifier pays the Beneficiary money under an indemnity and the Beneficiary later recovers money which is directly related to the Claim, the Beneficiary must immediately repay the Indemnifier the lesser of either:
- (a) the sum recovered minus any legitimate amount spent by the Beneficiary when recovering this money; or
  - (b) the amount the Indemnifier paid the Beneficiary for the Claim.

## **Preventing fraud, bribery and corruption**

27.1 The Supplier must not during any Contract Period:

- (a) commit a Prohibited Act or any other criminal offence in the Regulations 57(1) and 57(2); or
- (b) do or allow anything which would cause CCS or the Buyer, including any of their employees, consultants, contractors, Subcontractors or agents to breach any of the Relevant Requirements or incur any liability under them.

27.2 The Supplier must during the Contract Period:

- (a) create, maintain and enforce adequate policies and procedures to ensure it complies with the Relevant Requirements to prevent a Prohibited Act and require its Subcontractors to do the same;
- (b) keep full records to show it has complied with its obligations under Clause 27 and give copies to CCS or the Buyer on request; and
- (c) if required by the Relevant Authority, within 20 Working Days of the Start Date of the relevant Contract, and then annually, certify in writing to the Relevant Authority, that they have complied with Clause 27, including compliance of Supplier Staff, and provide reasonable supporting evidence of this on request, including its policies and procedures.

27.3 The Supplier must immediately notify CCS and the Buyer if it becomes aware of any breach of Clauses

27.1 or 27.2 or has any reason to think that it, or any of the Supplier Staff, has either:

- (a) been investigated or prosecuted for an alleged Prohibited Act;
- (b) been debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or is otherwise ineligible to take part in procurement programmes or contracts because of a Prohibited Act by any government department or agency;
- (c) received a request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind related to a Contract; or
- (d) suspected that any person or Party directly or indirectly related to a Contract has committed or attempted to commit a Prohibited Act.

27.4 If the Supplier notifies CCS or the Buyer as required by Clause 27.3, the Supplier must respond promptly to their further enquiries, co-operate with any investigation and allow the Audit of any books, records and relevant documentation.

27.5 In any notice the Supplier gives under Clause 27.3 it must specify the:

- (a) Prohibited Act;
- (b) identity of the Party who it thinks has committed the Prohibited Act; and
- (c) action it has decided to take.

## **Equality, diversity and human rights**

28.1 The Supplier must follow all applicable equality Law when they perform their obligations under the Contract, including:

- (a) protections against discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, gender reassignment, religion or belief, disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, maternity, age or otherwise; and
- (b) any other requirements and instructions which CCS or the Buyer reasonably imposes related to equality Law.

28.2 The Supplier must take all necessary steps, and inform CCS or the Buyer of the steps taken, to prevent anything that is considered to be unlawful discrimination by any court or tribunal, or the Equality and Human Rights Commission (or any successor organisation) when working on a Contract.

## **Health and safety**

29.1 The Supplier must perform its obligations meeting the requirements of:

- (a) all applicable Law regarding health and safety; and
- (b) the Buyer's current health and safety policy while at the Buyer's Premises, as provided to the Supplier.

29.2 The Supplier and the Buyer must as soon as possible notify the other of any health and safety incidents or material hazards they are aware of at the Buyer Premises that relate to the performance of a Contract.

## Environment

30.1 When working on Site the Supplier must perform its obligations under the Buyer's current Environmental Policy, which the Buyer must provide.

30.2 The Supplier must ensure that Supplier Staff are aware of the Buyer's Environmental Policy.

## Tax

31.1 The Supplier must not breach any Tax or social security obligations and must enter into a binding agreement to pay any late contributions due, including where applicable, any interest or any fines. CCS and the Buyer cannot terminate a Contract where the Supplier has not paid a minor Tax or social security contribution.

31.2 Where the Charges payable under a Contract with the Buyer are or are likely to exceed £5 million at any point during the relevant Contract Period, and an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Supplier must notify CCS and the Buyer of it within 5 Working Days including:

- (a) the steps that the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
- (b) other information relating to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance that CCS and the Buyer may reasonably need.

31.3 Where the Supplier or any Supplier Staff are liable to be taxed or to pay National Insurance contributions in the UK relating to payment received under an Order Contract, the Supplier must both:

- (a) comply with the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and all other statutes and regulations relating to income tax, the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (including IR35) and National Insurance contributions; and
- (b) indemnify the Buyer against any Income Tax, National Insurance and social security contributions and any other liability, deduction, contribution, assessment or claim arising from or made during or after the Contract Period in connection with the provision of the Deliverables by the Supplier or any of the Supplier Staff.

31.4 If any of the Supplier Staff are Workers who receive payment relating to the Deliverables, then the Supplier must ensure that its contract with the Worker contains the following requirements:

- (a) the Buyer may, at any time during the Contract Period, request that the Worker provides information which demonstrates they comply with Clause 31.3, or why those requirements do not apply, the Buyer can specify the information the Worker must provide and the deadline for responding;
- (b) the Worker's contract may be terminated at the Buyer's request if the Worker fails to provide the information requested by the Buyer within the time specified by the Buyer;
- (c) the Worker's contract may be terminated at the Buyer's request if the Worker provides information which the Buyer considers is not good enough to demonstrate how it complies with Clause 31.3 or confirms that the Worker is not complying with those requirements; and
- (d) the Buyer may supply any information they receive from the Worker to HMRC for revenue collection and management.

## **Conflict of interest**

32.1 The Supplier must take action to ensure that neither the Supplier nor the Supplier Staff are placed in the position of an actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

32.2 The Supplier must promptly notify and provide details to CCS and each Buyer if a Conflict of Interest happens or is expected to happen.

32.3 CCS and each Buyer can terminate its Contract immediately by giving notice in writing to the Supplier or take any steps it thinks are necessary where there is or may be an actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

## **Reporting a breach of the contract**

33.1 As soon as it is aware of it the Supplier and Supplier Staff must report to CCS or the Buyer any actual or suspected breach of:

- (a) Law;
- (b) Clause 12.1; or
- (c) Clauses 27 to 32.

33.2 The Supplier must not retaliate against any of the Supplier Staff who in good faith reports a breach listed in Clause 33.1 to the Buyer or a Prescribed Person.

## Resolving disputes

34.1 If there is a Dispute, the senior representatives of the Parties who have authority to settle the Dispute will, within 28 days of a written request from the other Party, meet in good faith to resolve the Dispute.

34.2 If the Dispute is not resolved at that meeting, the Parties can attempt to settle it by mediation using the

Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) Model Mediation Procedure current at the time of the

Dispute. If the Parties cannot agree on a mediator, the mediator will be nominated by CEDR. If either Party does not wish to use, or continue to use mediation, or mediation does not resolve the Dispute, the Dispute must be resolved using Clauses 34.3 to 34.5.

34.3 Unless the Relevant Authority refers the Dispute to arbitration using Clause 34.4, the Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales have the exclusive jurisdiction to:

- (a) determine the Dispute;
- (b) grant interim remedies; and/or
- (c) grant any other provisional or protective relief.

34.4 The Supplier agrees that the Relevant Authority has the exclusive right to refer any Dispute to be finally resolved by arbitration under the London Court of International Arbitration Rules current at the time of the Dispute. There will be only one arbitrator. The seat or legal place of the arbitration will be London and the proceedings will be in English.

34.5 The Relevant Authority has the right to refer a Dispute to arbitration even if the Supplier has started or has attempted to start court proceedings under Clause 34.3, unless the Relevant Authority has agreed to the court proceedings or participated in them. Even if court proceedings have started, the Parties must do everything necessary to ensure that the court proceedings are stayed in favour of any arbitration proceedings if they are started under Clause 34.4.

34.6 The Supplier cannot suspend the performance of a Contract during any Dispute.

## **Which law applies**

This Contract and any Disputes arising out of, or connected to it, are governed by English law.

## Special Terms

### 1. Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

"Regulated Activity"	<p>In relation to children as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.</p> <p>In relation to vulnerable adults as defined in Part 2 of Schedule 4 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.</p>
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- 1.1 The Contractor will put in place safeguards to protect children and vulnerable adults from a risk of significant harm which could arise from the performance of this Contract. The Contractor will agree these safeguards with the Department before commencing work on the Contract.
- 1.2 In addition, the Contractor will carry out checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS checks) on all staff employed on the Contract in a Regulated Activity. Contractors must have a DBS check done every three years for each relevant member of staff for as long as this Contract applies. The DBS check must be completed before any of the Contractor's employees work with children in Regulated Activity.
- 1.3 The Contractor shall immediately notify the Department of any information that it reasonably requests to enable it to be satisfied that the obligations of this Clause 1.1 have been met.
- 1.4 The Contractor shall not employ or use the services of any person who is barred from, or whose previous conduct or records indicate that he or she would not be suitable to carry out Regulated Activity or who may otherwise present a risk to children or vulnerable adults.

### 2. Project outputs

- 2.1 Unless otherwise agreed between the Contractor and the Project Manager, all outputs from the Project shall be published by the Department on the Department's research website.
- 2.2 The Contractor shall ensure that all outputs for publication by the Department adhere to the Department's Style Guide and MS Word Template, available to download from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/research-reports-guide-and-template>.



- 2.3 Unless otherwise agreed between the Contractor and Project Manager, the Contractor shall supply the Project Manager with a draft for comment at least eight weeks before the intended publication date, for interim reports, and eight weeks before the contracted end date, for final reports.
- 2.4 The Contractor shall consider revisions to the drafts with the Project Manager in the light of the Department's comments. The Contractor shall provide final, signed off interim reports and other outputs planned within the lifetime of the Project to the Department by no later than four weeks before the intended publication date, and final, signed off reports and other outputs at the end of the Project to the Department by no later than the contracted end date for the Project.
- 2.5 Until the date of publication, findings from all Project outputs shall be treated as confidential. The Contractor shall not release findings to the press or disseminate them in any way or at any time prior to publication without approval of the Department.
- 2.6 Where the Contractor wishes to issue a Press Notice or other publicity material containing findings from the Project, notification of plans, including timing and drafts of planned releases shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Project Manager at least three weeks before the intended date of release and before any agreement is made with press or other external audiences, to allow the Department time to comment. All Press Notices released by the Department or the Contractor shall state the full title of the research report, and include a hyperlink to the Department's research web pages, and any other web pages as relevant, to access the publication/s. This clause applies at all times prior to publication of the final report.
- 2.7 Where the Contractor wishes to present findings from the Project in the public domain, for example at conferences, seminars, or in journal articles, the Contractor shall notify the Project Manager before any agreement is made with external audiences, to allow the Department time to consider the request. The Contractor shall only present findings that will already be in the public domain at the time of presentation, unless otherwise agreed with the Department. This clause applies at all times prior to publication of the final report.

### **3. Departmental Security Standards for Business Services and ICT Contracts**

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In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement the other definitions in the Contract:

<p>“BPSS”</p> <p>“Baseline Personnel Security Standard”</p>	<p>the Government’s HMG Baseline Personal Security Standard. Further information can be found at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-baseline-personnel-security-standard">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-baseline-personnel-security-standard</a></p>
<p>“CCSC”</p> <p>“Certified Cyber Security Consultancy”</p>	<p>is the National Cyber Security Centre’s (NCSC) approach to assessing the services provided by consultancies and confirming that they meet NCSC's standards.</p> <p>See website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/scheme/certified-cyber-consultancy">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/scheme/certified-cyber-consultancy</a></p>
<p>“CCP”</p> <p>“Certified Professional”</p>	<p>is a NCSC scheme in consultation with government, industry and academia to address the growing need for specialists in the cyber security profession. See website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/about-certified-professional-scheme">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/about-certified-professional-scheme</a></p>
<p>“Cyber Essentials”</p> <p>“Cyber Essentials Plus”</p>	<p>Cyber Essentials is the government backed, industry supported scheme to help organisations protect themselves against common cyber-attacks. Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus are levels within the scheme.</p> <p>There are a number of certification bodies that can be approached for further advice on the scheme; the link below points to these providers:</p> <p><a href="https://www.cyberessentials.ncsc.gov.uk/getting-certified/#what-is-an-accreditation-body">https://www.cyberessentials.ncsc.gov.uk/getting-certified/#what-is-an-accreditation-body</a></p>
<p>“Data”</p> <p>“Data Controller”</p> <p>“Data Protection Officer”</p> <p>“Data Processor”</p> <p>“Personal Data”</p> <p>“Personal Data requiring Sensitive Processing”</p>	<p>shall have the meanings given to those terms by the Data Protection Legislation</p>

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"Data Subject", "Process" and "Processing"	
"Buyer's Data" "Buyer's Information"	is any data or information owned or retained to meet departmental business objectives and tasks, including: (a) any data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any repository or database made up of any of these components) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, and which are: (i) supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Buyer; or (ii) which the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to this Contract; or (b) any Personal Data for which the Buyer is the Data Controller;
"Departmental Security Requirements"	the Buyer's security policy or any standards, procedures, process or specification for security that the Supplier is required to deliver.
"Digital Marketplace / G-Cloud"	the Digital Marketplace is the online framework for identifying and procuring cloud technology and people for digital projects.
"End User Devices"	the personal computer or consumer devices that store or process information.
"Good Industry Standard" "Industry Good Standard"	the implementation of products and solutions, and the exercise of that degree of skill, care, prudence, efficiency, foresight and timeliness as would be expected from a leading company within the relevant industry or business sector.

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“GSC” “GSCP”	the Government Security Classification Policy which establishes the rules for classifying HMG information. The policy is available at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications</a>
“HMG”	Her Majesty’s Government
“ICT”	Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and is used as an extended synonym for information technology (IT), used to describe the bringing together of enabling technologies used to deliver the end-to-end solution
“ISO/IEC 27001” “ISO 27001”	is the International Standard for Information Security Management Systems Requirements
“ISO/IEC 27002” “ISO 27002”	is the International Standard describing the Code of Practice for Information Security Controls.
“ISO 22301”	is the International Standard describing for Business Continuity
“IT Security Health Check (ITSHC)” “IT Health Check (ITHC)” “Penetration Testing”	an assessment to identify risks and vulnerabilities in systems, applications and networks which may compromise the confidentiality, integrity or availability of information held on that ICT system.
“Need-to-Know”	the Need-to-Know principle employed within HMG to limit the distribution of classified information to those people with a clear ‘need to know’ in order to carry out their duties.
“NCSC”	the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) is the UK government’s National Technical Authority for Information Assurance. The NCSC website is <a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk</a>
“OFFICIAL”  “OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE”	<p>the term ‘OFFICIAL’ is used to describe the baseline level of ‘security classification’ described within the Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP).</p> <p>the term ‘OFFICIAL–SENSITIVE is used to identify a limited subset of OFFICIAL information that could have more damaging consequences (for individuals, an organisation or government</p>

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	generally) if it were lost, stolen or published in the media, as described in the GSCP.
“RBAC” “Role Based Access Control”	Role Based Access Control, a method of restricting a person’s or process’ access to information depending on the role or functions assigned to them.
“Storage Area Network” “SAN”	an information storage system typically presenting block based storage (i.e. disks or virtual disks) over a network interface rather than using physically connected storage.
“Secure Sanitisation”	<p>the process of treating data held on storage media to reduce the likelihood of retrieval and reconstruction to an acceptable level.</p> <p>NCSC Guidance can be found at: <a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/secure-sanitisation-storage-media">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/secure-sanitisation-storage-media</a></p> <p>The disposal of physical documents and hardcopy materials advice can be found at: <a href="https://www.cpni.gov.uk/secure-destruction-0">https://www.cpni.gov.uk/secure-destruction-0</a></p>
“Security and Information Risk Advisor” “CCP SIRA” “SIRA”	<p>the Security and Information Risk Advisor (SIRA) is a role defined under the NCSC Certified Professional (CCP) Scheme. See also:</p> <p><a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/about-certified-professional-scheme">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/about-certified-professional-scheme</a></p>
“Senior Information Risk Owner” “SIRO”	the Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) responsible on behalf of the DfE Accounting Officer for overseeing the management of information risk across the organisation. This includes its executive agencies, arm’s length bodies (ALBs), non-departmental public bodies

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	(NDPBs) and devolved information held by third parties.
"SPF" "HMG Security Policy Framework"	the definitive HMG Security Policy which describes the expectations of the Cabinet Secretary and Government's Official Committee on Security on how HMG organisations and third parties handling HMG information and other classification will apply protective security to ensure HMG can function effectively, efficiently and securely. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework</a>
"Supplier Staff"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Supplier and/or of any Subcontractor engaged in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under the Contract.

- 3.1. The Supplier shall be aware of and comply with the relevant [HMG security policy framework](#), [NCSC guidelines](#) and where applicable these Departmental Security Requirements which include but are not constrained to the following paragraphs.
- 3.2. Where the Supplier will provide products or Services or otherwise handle information at OFFICIAL for the Buyer, the requirements of [Cabinet Office Procurement Policy Note – Use of Cyber Essentials Scheme certification - Action Note 09/14](#) dated 25 May 2016, or any subsequent updated document, are mandated, namely that "contractors supplying products or services to HMG shall have achieved, and will be expected to retain Cyber Essentials certification at the appropriate level for the duration of the contract". The certification scope shall be relevant to the Services supplied to, or on behalf of, the Buyer.
- 3.3. Where paragraph 3.2 above has not been met, the Supplier shall have achieved, and be able to maintain, independent certification to ISO/IEC 27001 (Information Security Management Systems Requirements). The ISO/IEC 27001 certification must have a scope relevant to the Services supplied to, or on behalf of, the Buyer. The scope of certification and the statement of applicability must be acceptable, following review, to the Buyer, including the application of controls from ISO/IEC 27002 (Code of Practice for Information Security Controls).
- 3.4. The Supplier shall follow the UK Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP) in respect of any Buyer's Data being handled in the course of providing

the Services and will handle all data in accordance with its security classification. (In the event where the Supplier has an existing Protective Marking Scheme then the Supplier may continue to use this but must map the HMG security classifications against it to ensure the correct controls are applied to the Buyer's Data).

- 3.5. Buyer's Data being handled while providing an ICT solution or service must be separated from all other data on the Supplier's or sub-contractor's own IT equipment to protect the Buyer's Data and enable the data to be identified and securely deleted when required in line with paragraph 3.14. For information stored digitally, this must be at a minimum logically separated. Physical information (e.g., paper) must be physically separated.
- 3.6. The Supplier shall have in place and maintain physical security to premises and sensitive areas used in relation to the delivery of the products or Services, and that store or process Buyer's Data, in line with ISO/IEC 27002 including, but not limited to, entry control mechanisms (e.g. door access), CCTV, alarm systems, etc.
- 3.7. The Supplier shall have in place, implement and maintain an appropriate user access control policy for all ICT systems to ensure only authorised personnel have access to Buyer's Data. This policy should include appropriate segregation of duties and if applicable role based access controls (RBAC). User credentials that give access to Buyer's Data or systems shall be considered to be sensitive data and must be protected accordingly.
- 3.8. The Supplier shall have in place and shall maintain procedural, personnel, physical and technical safeguards to protect Buyer's Data, including but not limited to:
  - 3.8.1. physical security controls;
  - 3.8.2. good industry standard policies and processes;
  - 3.8.3. malware protection;
  - 3.8.4. boundary access controls including firewalls, application gateways, etc;
  - 3.8.5. maintenance and use of fully supported software packages in accordance with vendor recommendations;
  - 3.8.6. use of secure device configuration and builds;
  - 3.8.7. software updates and patching regimes including malware signatures, for operating systems, network devices, applications and services;
  - 3.8.8. user identity and access controls, including the use of multi-factor authentication for sensitive data and privileged account accesses;
  - 3.8.9. any services provided to the Buyer must capture audit logs for security events in an electronic format at the application, service and system level to meet the Buyer's logging and auditing requirements, plus logs shall be:

- 3.8.9.1. retained and protected from tampering for a minimum period of six months;
  - 3.8.9.2. made available to the Buyer on request.
- 3.9. The Supplier shall ensure that any Buyer's Data (including email) transmitted over any public network (including the Internet, mobile networks or unprotected enterprise network) or to a mobile device shall be encrypted when transmitted.
- 3.10. The Supplier shall ensure that any Buyer's Data which resides on a mobile, removable or physically uncontrolled device is stored encrypted using a product or system component which has been formally assured through a recognised certification process agreed with the Buyer except where the Buyer has given its prior written consent to an alternative arrangement.
- 3.11. The Supplier shall ensure that any device which is used to process Buyer's Data meets all of the security requirements set out in the NCSC End User Devices Platform Security Guidance, a copy of which can be found at: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/end-user-device-security> and <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/end-user-device-security/eud-overview/eud-security-principles>.
- 3.12. Whilst in the Supplier's care all removable media and hardcopy paper documents containing Buyer's Data must be handled securely and secured under lock and key when not in use and shall be securely destroyed when no longer required, using either a cross-cut shredder or a professional secure disposal organisation.

The term 'lock and key' is defined as: "securing information in a lockable desk drawer, cupboard or filing cabinet which is under the user's sole control and to which they hold the keys".
- 3.13. When necessary to hand carry removable media and/or hardcopy paper documents containing Buyer's Data, the media or documents being carried shall be kept under cover and transported in such a way as to ensure that no unauthorised person has either visual or physical access to the material being carried. This paragraph shall apply equally regardless of whether the material is being carried inside or outside of company premises.

The term 'under cover' means that the information is carried within an opaque folder or envelope within official premises and buildings and within a closed briefcase or other similar bag or container when outside official premises or buildings.
- 3.14. In the event of termination of Contract due to expiry, as a result of an Insolvency Event or for breach by the Supplier, all information assets provided, created or resulting from provision of the Services shall not be considered as the Supplier's assets and must be returned to the Buyer and written assurance obtained from an appropriate officer of the Supplier that these assets regardless of location and format have been fully sanitised throughout the Supplier's organisation in line with paragraph 1.15.
- 3.15. In the event of termination, equipment failure or obsolescence, all Buyer's Data and Buyer's Information, in either hardcopy or electronic format, that is



physically held or logically stored by the Supplier must be accounted for and either physically returned or securely sanitised or destroyed in accordance with the current HMG policy using an NCSC-approved product or method.

Where sanitisation or destruction is not possible for legal, regulatory or technical reasons, such as data stored in a cloud system, Storage Area Network (SAN) or on shared backup tapes, then the Supplier shall protect (and ensure that any sub-contractor protects) the Buyer's Information and Buyer's Data until such time, which may be long after termination or expiry of the Contract, when it can be securely cleansed or destroyed.

Evidence of secure destruction will be required in all cases.

- 3.16. Access by Supplier Staff to Buyer's Data, including user credentials, shall be confined to those individuals who have a "need-to-know" in order to carry out their role; and have undergone mandatory pre-employment screening, to a minimum of HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS); or hold an appropriate National Security Vetting clearance as required by the Buyer. All Supplier Staff must complete this process before access to Buyer's Data is permitted. [Any Supplier Staff who will be in contact with children or vulnerable adults must, in addition to any security clearance, have successfully undergone an Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check prior to any contact].
- 3.17. All Supplier Staff who handle Buyer's Data shall have annual awareness training in protecting information.
- 3.18. Notwithstanding any other provisions as to business continuity and disaster recovery in the Contract, the Supplier shall, as a minimum, have in place robust business continuity arrangements and processes including IT disaster recovery plans and procedures that conform to ISO 22301 to ensure that the delivery of the Contract is not adversely affected in the event of an incident. An incident shall be defined as any situation that might, or could lead to, a disruption, loss, emergency or crisis to the Services delivered. If an ISO 22301 certificate is not available the supplier will provide evidence of the effectiveness of their ISO 22301 conformant business continuity arrangements and processes including IT disaster recovery plans and procedures. This must include evidence that the Supplier has tested or exercised these plans within the last 12 months and produced a written report of the outcome, including required actions.
- 3.19. Any suspected or actual breach of the confidentiality, integrity or availability of Buyer's Data, including user credentials, used or handled while providing the Services shall be recorded as a Security Incident. This includes any non-compliance with the Departmental Security Requirements and these provisions, or other security standards pertaining to the solution.

Security Incidents shall be reported to the Buyer immediately, wherever practical, even if unconfirmed or when full details are not known, but always within 24 hours of discovery. If Security Incident reporting has been delayed by more than 24 hours, the Supplier should provide an explanation about the delay.

Security Incidents shall be reported through the Buyer's nominated system or service owner.

Security Incidents shall be investigated by the Supplier with outcomes being notified to the Buyer.

- 3.20. The Supplier shall ensure that any Supplier ICT systems and hosting environments that are used to handle, store or process Buyer's Data, including Supplier ICT connected to Supplier ICT systems used to handle, store or process Buyer's Data, shall be subject to independent IT Health Checks (ITHC) using an NCSC CHECK Scheme ITHC provider before go-live and periodically (at least annually) thereafter. The findings of the ITHC relevant to the Services being provided are to be shared with the Buyer in full without modification or redaction and all necessary remedial work carried out. In the event of significant security issues being identified, a follow up remediation test may be required, to be determined by the Buyer upon review of the configuration findings.
- 3.21. The Supplier or sub-contractors providing the Services will provide the Buyer with full details of any actual or future intent to develop, manage, support, process or store Buyer's Data outside of the UK mainland. The Supplier or sub-contractor shall not go ahead with any such proposal without the prior written agreement from the Buyer.
- 3.22. The Buyer reserves the right to audit the Supplier or sub-contractors providing the Services within a mutually agreed timeframe but always within seven days of notice of a request to audit being given. The audit shall cover the overall scope of the Services being supplied and the Supplier's, and any sub-contractors', compliance with the paragraphs contained in this Schedule.
- 3.23. The Supplier and sub-contractors shall undergo appropriate security assurance activities and shall provide appropriate evidence including the production of the necessary security documentation as determined by the Buyer. This will include obtaining any necessary professional security resources required to support the Supplier's and sub-contractor's security assurance activities such as: a Security and Information Risk Advisor (SIRA) certified to NCSC Certified Cyber Security Consultancy (CCSC) or NCSC Certified Cyber Professional (CCP) schemes.
- 3.24. Where the Supplier is delivering an ICT solution to the Buyer they shall design and deliver solutions and services that are compliant with the HMG Security Policy Framework in conjunction with current NCSC Information Assurance Guidance and Buyer's Policy. The Supplier will provide the Buyer with evidence of compliance for the solutions and services to be delivered. The Buyer's expectation is that the Supplier shall provide written evidence of:
  - 3.24.1. compliance with HMG Minimum Cyber Security Standard.
  - 3.24.2. any existing security assurance for the Services to be delivered, such as: ISO/IEC 27001 / 27002 or an equivalent industry level certification (e.g. United Kingdom Accreditation Service).
  - 3.24.3. any existing HMG security accreditations or assurance that are still valid including: details of the awarding body; the scope of the accreditation; any caveats or restrictions to the accreditation; the date awarded, plus a copy of the residual risk statement.

- 3.24.4. documented progress in achieving any security assurance or accreditation activities including whether documentation has been produced and submitted. The Supplier shall provide details of who the awarding body or organisation will be and date expected.

Additional information and evidence to that listed above may be required to ensure compliance with DfE security requirements as part of the DfE security assurance process. Where a request for evidence or information is made by the Buyer, the Supplier will acknowledge the request within 5 working days and either provide the information within that timeframe, or, if that is not possible, provide a date when the information will be provided to the Buyer. In any case, the Supplier must respond to information requests from the Buyer needed to support the security assurance process promptly and without undue delay.

- 3.25. The Supplier shall contractually enforce all these Departmental Security Requirements onto any third-party suppliers, sub-contractors or partners who could potentially access Buyer's Data in the course of providing the Services.
- 3.26. The Supplier shall comply with the [NCSC's social media guidance: how to use social media safely](#) for any web and social media-based communications. In addition, any Communications Plan deliverable must include a risk assessment relating to the use of web and social media channels for the programme, including controls and mitigations to be applied and how the NCSC social media guidance will be complied with. The Supplier shall implement the necessary controls and mitigations within the plan and regularly review and update the risk assessment throughout the contract period. The Buyer shall have the right to review the risks within the plan and approve the controls and mitigations to be implemented, including requiring the Supplier to implement any additional reasonable controls to ensure risks are managed within the Buyer's risk appetite.
- 3.27. Any Supplier ICT system used to handle, store or process the Buyer's Data, including any Supplier ICT systems connected to systems that handle, store or process the Buyer's Data, must have in place protective monitoring at a level that is commensurate with the security risks posed to those systems and the data held. The Supplier shall provide evidence to the Buyer upon request of the protective monitoring arrangements in place needed to assess compliance with this requirement.

#### **4. Indexation**

- 4.1 Any amounts or sums in this Agreement which are expressed to be "subject to Indexation" shall be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of this Paragraph 4 to reflect the effects of inflation.
- 4.2 Where Indexation applies, the relevant adjustment shall be:
- (a) applied on the first day of the second April following the Effective Date and on the first day of April in each subsequent year (each such date an "adjustment date"); and

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(b) determined by multiplying the relevant amount or sum by the percentage increase or changes in the [Consumer Price Index] published for the 12 months ended on the 31 January immediately preceding the relevant adjustment date.

4.3 Except as set out in this Paragraph 4, neither the Charges nor any other costs, expenses, fees or charges shall be adjusted to take account of any inflation, change to exchange rate, change to interest rate or any other factor or element which might otherwise increase the cost to the Supplier or Sub-contractors of the performance of their obligations.