



DPS Schedule 6 (Letter of Appointment and Order Schedules) Partnership Agency- C23354

Letter of Appointment

This Letter of Appointment is issued in accordance with the provisions of the DPS Contract (C23354) between Home Office and 23 RED, dated 5th August 2022.

Capitalised terms and expressions used in this letter have the same meanings as in the Order Incorporated Terms unless the context otherwise requires.

ORDER: Partnership Agency- C23354

Order Number:	C23354
From:	5 th August 2022
To:	4 th August 2024

Order Start Date:	Friday 12 th August 2022
Order Expiry Date:	Sunday 11 th August 2024
Order Initial Period:	A single 2-year period
Order Optional Extension Period:	One year extension followed by further one year extension

Goods or Services required:	Goods and Services required are set out in <i>Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification)</i>
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Key Staff:	<p>For the Client: Not applicable</p> <p>For the Agency: Not applicable</p>
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Guarantor(s)	Not applicable
Order Contract Charges (including any applicable discount(s), but excluding VAT):	The estimated contract value is [REDACTED] (excluding VAT) including extension options. This does not represent a minimum or a maximum value as the Contract value is subject to change. The Buyer makes no commitment to spend a maximum or minimum value during the Contract period.
Liability	See Clause 11 of the Core Terms Estimated Year 1 Charges: As this is a Call-Off Agreement, estimated Year 1 charges cannot be forecasted nor guaranteed.
Additional Insurance Requirements	Not applicable
Client billing address for invoicing:	All invoices must be sent electronically to [REDACTED] All invoices must quote a valid Purchase Order.
Special Terms	Not applicable

PROGRESS REPORT FREQUENCY

On the first Working Day of each calendar month

PROGRESS MEETING FREQUENCY

Quarterly on the first Working Day of each quarter

KEY SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

N/A

COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Agency's Commercially Sensitive Information as provided in Joint Schedule 4 – Commercially Sensitive Information.

SOCIAL VALUE COMMITMENT

The Agency agrees, in providing the Goods or Services and performing its obligations under the Order Contract, that it will comply with the social value commitments in Order Schedule 4 (Order Proposal)

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 Letter of Appointment including the Order Special Terms and Order Special Schedules.
2. *Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions and Interpretation) RM6124*
3. *The following Schedules in equal order of precedence:*

Joint Schedules for RM6124

- *Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)*
- *Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)*
- *Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)*
- *Joint Schedule 6 (Key Subcontractors)*
- *Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)*
- *Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data)*

Order Schedules for C23354

- *Order Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)*
- *Order Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer)*
- *Order Schedule 3 (Continuous Improvement)*
- *Order Schedule 5 (Pricing)*



- *Order Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)*
 - *Order Schedule 9 (Security)*
 - *Order Schedules 10 (Exit Management)*
 - *Order Schedule 15 (Order Contract Management)*
 - *Order Schedule 16 (Benchmarking)*
 - *Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification)*
4. CCS Core Terms
5. *Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility) RM6124*
6. *Order Schedule 4 (Proposal and Project Plan)* as long as any parts of the Order Proposal that offer a better commercial position for the Client (as decided by the Client) take precedence over the documents above.

No other Agency terms are part of the Order Contract. That includes any terms written on the back of, or added to this Order Form, or presented at the time of delivery. For the avoidance of doubt, the relationship between the Parties is non-exclusive. The Client is entitled to appoint any other agency to perform services and produce goods which are the same or similar to the Goods or Services.

FORMATION OF ORDER CONTRACT

BY SIGNING AND RETURNING THIS LETTER OF APPOINTMENT (which may be done by electronic means) the Agency agrees to enter into an Order Contract with the Client to provide the Goods or Services in accordance with the terms of this letter and the Order Incorporated Terms.

The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that they have read this letter and the Order Incorporated Terms. The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this Order Contract shall be formed when the Client acknowledges (which may be done by electronic means) the receipt of the signed copy of this letter from the Agency within two (2) Working Days from such receipt.

For and on behalf of the Agency:		For and on behalf of the Client:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Name:		Name:	
Role:	Client Partner (Board)	Role:	
Date:	11 th August 2022	Date:	

Annex A

Please refer to Order Schedule 4 (Proposal)

Annex B

Statement of Work-

This Statement of Work is issued under and in accordance with the Order Contract entered into between the parties dated *[insert date of signature of Order Contract.]*

Any schedule attached to this Statement of Work will describe in detail the different types of Services to be provided under that Statement of Work. A schedule attached to this Statement of Work only applies to the relevant project to be delivered under that Statement of Work, and not to any other Statement of Work, or to the provision of the Services as a whole.

1.1 Where a Statement of Work would result in:

- a variation of the Services procured under this Order Contract;
- an increase in the Charges agreed under this Order Contract; or
- a change in the economic balance between the Parties to the detriment of the Client that is not provided for in this Order Contract, the relevant term(s) will be dealt with as a proposed Variation to this Order Contract in accordance with the Variation procedure set out in Clause 24.

Project:

Project start Date

**Notice period for
cancellation**

**[Project Notice
Period]:**

<i>Start Date:</i> <i>End Date:</i> Primary Extension Period: Secondary Extension Period: Project Notice period: Project Cancellation period:

Goods or Services	
Project Plan:	
Contract Charges:	<p>The total spend for this Contract is estimated to be up to a maximum value of s [REDACTED] (excluding VAT) including extension.</p> <p>The Authority cannot make any guarantees for maximum, or minimum spend under this Contract. All spend will be agreed on a Campaign by Campaign basis and all costs will be agreed following the Supplier's Rate Card.</p>
Client Assets:	N/A
International locations:	N/A
Client Affiliates:	N/A
Special Terms:	N/A
Key Individuals:	N/A
Authorised Agency Approver:	
Authorised Client Approver:	TBC

Signed by.....

by (print name)

As Agency Authorised Approver for and on behalf of

[Agency]

Date.....

Signed by.....

by (print name).....

As Client Authorised Approver for and on behalf of

[Client]

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 Central Government 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;
 - 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;
- 1.3.12 where the Client is a Central Government Body it shall be treated as contracting with the Crown as a whole;
- 1.3.13 any reference in a Contract which immediately before Exit Day was a reference to (as it has effect from time to time):
- (a) any EU regulation, EU decision, EU tertiary legislation or provision of the EEA agreement ("**EU References**") which is to form part of domestic law by application of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 shall be read on and after Exit Day as a reference to the EU References as they form part of domestic law by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as modified by domestic law from time to time; and
 - (b) any EU institution or EU authority or other such EU body shall be read on and after Exit Day as a reference to the UK institution, authority or body to which its functions were transferred;
- 1.3.14 unless otherwise provided, references to "**Buyer**" or "**Client**" shall be construed as including Exempt Buyers; and
- 1.3.15 unless otherwise provided, references to "**Order Contract**" and "**Contract**" shall be construed as including Exempt Order Contracts.
- 1.4 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Achieve"	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 " Achieved ", " Achieving " and " Achievement " shall be construed accordingly;
"Additional Insurances"	insurance requirements relating to an Order Contract specified in the Order Form additional to those outlined in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements);
"Admin Fee"	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: http://CCS.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-am-supplier/management-information/admin-fees ;
"Advertising Regulations"	a present or future applicable code of practice or adjudication of the Committee of Advertising Practice, Broadcast Committee of Advertising Practice or the Advertising Standards Authority (including any applicable modification, extension

	or replacement thereof), together with other UK laws, statutes and regulations which are directly applicable to the Goods or Services;
"Affected Party"	the Party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event;
"Affiliates"	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;
"Agency"	the person, firm or company identified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"Agency Assets"	all assets and rights used by the Agency to provide the Goods or Services in accordance with the Order Contract but excluding the Client Assets;
"Agency Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Agency named in the DPS Appointment Form, or later defined in a Order Contract;
"Agency's Confidential Information"	<p>a) any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, IPR of the Agency (including the Agency Existing IPR) trade secrets, Know-How, and/or personnel of the Agency;</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 Agency's attention or into the Agency's possession in connection with a Contract;</p> <p>Information derived from any of (a) and (b) above;</p>
"Agency's Contract Manager"	the person identified in the Order Form appointed by the Agency to oversee the operation of the Order Contract and any alternative person whom the Agency intends to appoint to the role, provided that the Agency informs the Client prior to the appointment;
"Agency Equipment"	The Agency's hardware, computer and telecoms devices, equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Agency (but not hired, leased or loaned from the Client) in the performance of its obligations under this Order Contract;
"Agency Marketing Contact"	shall be the person identified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"Agency Non-Performance"	<p>where the Agency has failed to:</p> <p>a) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date;</p> <p>b) provide the Service and/or Goods in accordance with the Service Levels; and/or</p> <p>comply with an obligation under a Contract;</p>

"Agency Profit"	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;
"Agency Profit Margin"	in relation to a period or a Milestone (as the context requires), the Agency 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;
"Agency Staff"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Agency and/or of any Subcontractor engaged in the performance of the Agency's obligations under a Contract;
"Approval"	the prior written consent of the Client and "Approve" and "Approved" shall be construed accordingly;
"Audit"	<p>the Relevant Authority's right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) verify the accuracy of the Charges and any other amounts payable by a Client under an Order Contract (including proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with the Contract); b) verify the costs of the Agency (including the costs of all Subcontractors and any third-party suppliers) in connection with the provision of the Services; c) verify the Open Book Data; d) verify the Client's and each Subcontractor's compliance with the Contract and applicable Law; 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 Agency of the purpose or objective of its investigations; f) identify or investigate any circumstances which may impact upon the financial stability of the Agency, any Guarantor, and/or any Subcontractors or their ability to provide the Goods or Services; 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; h) review any books of account and the internal contract management accounts kept by the Agency in connection with each Contract including job or activity level accounts and reconciliations of estimated to actual Charges and costs (including the costs of all Subcontractors, any third-party suppliers,

	<p>any group or associated companies and any travel and subsistence costs recharged by the Agency);</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>k) monitor the performance of a Statement of Work against its objectives; or</p> <p>l) verify the accuracy and completeness of any Management Information delivered or required by the DPS Contract;</p>
"Auditor"	<p>a) the Relevant Authority's internal and external auditors;</p> <p>b) the Relevant Authority's statutory or regulatory auditors;</p> <p>c) the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and/or any appointed representatives of the National Audit Office;</p> <p>d) HM Treasury or the Cabinet Office or GCS;</p> <p>e) any party formally appointed by the Relevant Authority to carry out audit or similar review functions; and</p> <p>f) successors or assigns of any of the above;</p>
"Authorised Client Approver"	any personnel of the Client who have the authority to contractually bind the Buyer in all matters relating to an Order Contract. They must be named in the applicable Statement of Work, and the Agency must be notified if they change;
"Authorised Agency Approver"	any personnel of the Agency who have the authority to contractually bind the Agency in all matters relating to an Order Contract. They must be named in the applicable Statement of Work, and the Buyer must be notified if they change;
"Authority"	CCS and each Client;
"Authority Cause"	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 Agency;
"BACS"	the Bankers' Automated Clearing Services, which is a scheme for the electronic processing of financial transactions within the United Kingdom;
"Beneficiary"	a Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of an indemnity under this Contract;

"Branding Guidance"	the agency marketing toolkit which includes logos and guidance provided by CCS to the Agency;
"Brief"	a statement issued by the Client detailing its requirements in respect of Goods or Services issued in accordance with the Order Procedure and included as Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification);
"Buyer"	means the Client;
"CCS"	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;
"CCS Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by CCS from time to time in relation to the DPS Contract initially identified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"Central Government Body"	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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;
"Change in Law"	any change in Law which impacts on the supply of the Goods or Services and performance of the Contract which comes into force after the Start Date;
"Change of Control"	a change of control within the meaning of Section 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;
"Charges"	the prices (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Agency by the Client under the Order Contract, as set out in the Order Form, for the full and proper performance by the Agency of its obligations under the Order Contract less any Deductions and the GCS Management Charge;
"Claim"	any claim which it appears that a Beneficiary is, or may become, entitled to indemnification under this Contract;
"Client"	the relevant public sector purchaser identified as such in the Order Form;
"Client Assets"	the Client's infrastructure, data, software, materials, assets, equipment or other property owned by and/or licensed or leased to the Client and which is or may be used in connection with the provision of the Goods or Services which remain the property of the Client throughout the term of the Contract;

"Client Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Client from time to time in relation to the Order Contract initially identified in the Order Form;
"Client Premises"	premises owned, controlled or occupied by the Client which are made available for use by the Agency or its Subcontractors for the provision of the Goods or Services (or any of them);
"Commercially Sensitive Information"	the Confidential Information listed in the DPS Award Form or Order Form (if any) comprising of commercially sensitive information relating to the Agency, its IPR or its business or which the Agency has indicated to the Authority that, if disclosed by the Authority, would cause the Agency significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss;
"Comparable Supply"	the supply of Goods or Services to another Client of the Agency that are the same or similar to the Goods or Services;
"Compliance Officer"	the person(s) appointed by the Agency who is responsible for ensuring that the Agency complies with its legal obligations;
"Confidential Information"	means any information, however and whenever it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, Briefs, Know-How, personnel and suppliers of CCS, the Client or the Agency, 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 "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential;
"Conflict of Interest"	a conflict between the financial or personal duties of the Agency or the Agency Staff and the duties owed to CCS or any Client under a Contract, in the reasonable opinion of the Client or CCS;
"Contract"	either the DPS Contract or the Order Contract, as the context requires;
"Contract Period"	the term of either a DPS Contract or Order Contract on and from the earlier of the: a) applicable Start Date; or b) the Effective Date up to and including the applicable End Date;
"Contract Value"	the higher of the actual or expected total Charges paid or payable under a Contract where all obligations are met by the Agency;
"Contract Year"	a consecutive period of twelve (12) Months commencing on the Start Date or each anniversary thereof;
"Control"	control in either of the senses defined in sections 450 and 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and "Controlled" shall be construed accordingly;
"Controller"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR;

"Core Terms"	CCS' terms and conditions for common goods and services which govern how Agencies must interact with CCS and Clients under DPS Contracts and Order Contracts;
"Costs"	<p>the following costs (without double recovery) to the extent that they are reasonably and properly incurred by the Agency in providing the Goods or Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the cost to the Agency or the Key Subcontractor (as the context requires), calculated per Work Day, of engaging the Agency Staff, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) base salary paid to the Agency Staff; ii) employer's National Insurance contributions; iii) pension contributions; iv) car allowances; v) any other contractual employment benefits; vi) staff training; vii) work place accommodation; <p>work place IT equipment and tools reasonably necessary to provide the Goods or Services (but not including items included within limb (b) below); and</p> <p>reasonable recruitment costs, as agreed with the Client;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) costs incurred in respect of Agency 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 Agency Assets by the Agency to the Client or (to the extent that risk and title in any Agency Asset is not held by the Agency) any cost actually incurred by the Agency in respect of those Agency Assets; 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 Agency in the provision of the Goods or Services; and d) Reimbursable Expenses to the extent these have been specified as allowable in the Order Form and are incurred in delivering any Goods or Services; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> but excluding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Overhead; ii) financing or similar costs; e) maintenance and support costs to the extent that these relate to maintenance and/or support Goods or Services provided beyond the Order Contract Period whether in relation to Agency Assets or otherwise;

	<p>f) taxation;</p> <p>g) fines and penalties;</p> <p>h) amounts payable under Order Schedule 16 (Benchmarking) where such Schedule is used; and</p> <p>i) non-cash items (including depreciation, amortisation, impairments and movements in provisions);</p>
"CRTPA"	the Contract Rights of Third Parties Act 1999;
"Data Protection Impact Assessment"	an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged Processing on the protection of Personal Data;
"Data Protection Legislation"	The UK GDPR, 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;
"Data Protection Liability Cap"	the amount specified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"Data Protection Officer"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR;
"Data Subject"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR;
"Data Subject Access Request"	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;
"Deductions"	all Delay Payments (if applicable), or any other deduction which the Client is paid or is payable to the Client under a Order Contract;
"Default"	any breach of the obligations of the Agency (including abandonment of a Contract in breach of its terms) or any other default (including material default), act, omission, negligence or statement of the Agency, of its Subcontractors or any Agency Staff howsoever arising in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of a Contract and in respect of which the Agency is liable to the Relevant Authority;
"Default Management Charge"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.1.1 of DPS Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"Delay Payments"	the amounts (if any) payable by the Agency to the Client in respect of a delay in respect of a Milestone as specified in the Implementation Plan;
"Goods or Services"	Service and/or Goods that may be ordered under the Contract including the Documentation;
"Delivery"	delivery of the relevant Goods or Services or Milestone in accordance with the terms of an Order Contract as confirmed and accepted by the Client by the either (a) confirmation in writing to the Agency; or (b) where Order Schedule 13

	(Implementation Plan and Testing) is used issue by the Client of a Satisfaction Certificate. "Deliver" and "Delivered" shall be construed accordingly;
"Disclosing Party"	the Party directly or indirectly providing Confidential Information to the other Party in accordance with Clause 15 (What you must keep confidential);
"Dispute"	any claim, dispute or difference (whether contractual or non-contractual) arising 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;
"Dispute Resolution Procedure"	the dispute resolution procedure set out in Clause 34 (Resolving disputes);
"Documentation"	<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 Agency to the Client under a Contract as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) would reasonably be required by a competent third party capable of Good Industry Practice contracted by the Client to develop, configure, build, deploy, run, maintain, upgrade and test the individual systems that provide the Goods or Services b) is required by the Agency in order to provide the Goods or Services; and/or c) has been or shall be generated for the purpose of providing the Goods or Services;
"DOTAS"	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;
"DPA 2018"	the Data Protection Act 2018;
"DPS Appointment Form"	the document outlining the DPS Incorporated Terms and crucial information required for the DPS Contract, to be executed by the Agency and CCS;
"DPS Contract"	the DPS agreement established between CCS and the Agency in accordance with Regulation 33 by the DPS Appointment Form for the provision of the Goods or Services to Clients by the Agency pursuant to the FTS Notice;
"DPS Contract Period"	the period from the DPS Start Date until the End Date of the DPS Contract;

"DPS Expiry Date"	the scheduled date of the end of the DPS Contract as stated in the DPS Award Form;
"DPS Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the DPS Contract specified in the DPS Award Form;
"DPS Optional Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the DPS Contract Period may be extended as specified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"DPS Price(s)"	the price(s) applicable to the provision of the Goods or Services set out in DPS Schedule 3 (DPS Prices);
"DPS Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions specified in the DPS Appointment Form incorporated into the DPS Contract;
"DPS Start Date"	the date of start of the DPS Contract as stated in the DPS Appointment Form;
"DPS Suppliers"	all suppliers able to bid for work following the conclusion of the procurement under the FTS Notice;
"DPS Tender Response"	the tender submitted by the Agency to CCS and annexed to or referred to in DPS Schedule 2 (DPS Tender);
"Due Diligence Information"	any information supplied to the Agency by or on behalf of the Authority prior to the Start Date;
"Effective Date"	the date on which the final Party has signed the Contract;
"EIR"	the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
"Electronic Invoice"	an invoice which has been issued, transmitted and received in a structured electronic format which allows for its automatic and electronic processing and which complies with (a) the European standard and (b) any of the syntaxes published in Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1870;
"Employment Regulations"	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;
"End Date"	the earlier of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Expiry Date (as extended by any Extension Period exercised by the Relevant Authority under Clause 10.1.2); or b) if a Contract is terminated before the date specified in (a) above, the date of termination of the Contract;
"Environmental Policy"	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 Client;
"Equality and Human Rights Commission"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Estimated Year 1 Charges"	the anticipated total Charges payable by the Client in the first Contract Year specified in the Order Form;

"Estimated Yearly Charges"	<p>means for the purposes of calculating each Party's annual liability under clause 11.2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) in the first Contract Year, the Estimated Year 1 Charges; or ii) in the any subsequent Contract Years, the Charges paid or payable in the previous Order Contract Year; or iii) after the end of the Order Contract, the Charges paid or payable in the last Contract Year during the Order Contract Period;
"Exempt Buyer"	<p>a public sector purchaser that is:</p> <p>eligible to use the DPS Contract; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) is entering into an Exempt Order Contract that is not subject to (as applicable) any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the Regulations; ii) the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/273); iii) the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/274); iv) the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (SI 2011/1848); v) the Remedies Directive (2007/66/EC); vi) Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and Council; vii) Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and Council; viii) Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and Council; or ix) Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and Council;

"Exempt Order Contract"	the contract between the Exempt Buyer and the Agency for Services which consists of the terms set out and referred to in the Order Form incorporating and, where necessary, amending, refining or adding to the terms of the DPS Contract;
"Exempt Procurement Amendments"	any amendments, refinements or additions to any of the terms of the DPS Contract made through the Exempt Order Contract to reflect the specific needs of an Exempt Buyer to the extent permitted by and in accordance with any legal requirements applicable to that Exempt Buyer;

"Existing IPR"	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);
"Exit Day"	shall have the meaning in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018;
"Expiry Date"	the DPS Expiry Date or the Order Expiry Date (as the context dictates);
"Extension Period"	the DPS Optional Extension Period or the Order Optional Extension Period as the context dictates;
"Filter Categories"	The number of Categories specified in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification), if applicable;
"FOIA"	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;
"Force Majeure Event"	<p>any event outside the reasonable control of either Party affecting its performance of its obligations under the Contract arising from acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond its reasonable control and which are not attributable to any wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable preventative action by that Party, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) riots, civil commotion, war or armed conflict; b) acts of terrorism; c) acts of government, local government or regulatory bodies; d) fire, flood, storm or earthquake or other natural disaster, <p>but excluding any industrial dispute relating to the Agency, the Agency Staff or any other failure in the Agency or the Subcontractor's supply chain;</p>
"Force Majeure Notice"	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;

"Further Competition Procedure"	the further competition procedure described in DPS Schedule 7 (Order Award Procedure);
"GCS"	the professional body for public service communicators working in government departments, agencies and arm's length bodies;
"GCS Management Charge"	the sum specified in the DPS Appointment Form payable by Central Government Bodies to the Agency on behalf of CCS;
"General Anti-Abuse Rule"	<p>a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013 and; and</p> <p>b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract Tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid National Insurance contributions;</p>
"General Change in Law"	a Change in Law where the change is of a general legislative nature (including Tax or duties of any sort affecting the Agency) or which affects or relates to a Comparable Supply;
"Goods"	goods made available by the Agency as specified in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to an Order Contract as specified in the Order Form;
"Good Industry Practice"	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;
"Government"	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;
"Government Data"	<p>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:</p> <p>i) are supplied to the Agency by or on behalf of the Authority; or</p> <p>ii) the Agency is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to a Contract;</p>
"Guarantor"	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;
"Halifax Abuse Principle"	the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;
"HMRC"	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;

"ICT Policy"	the Client'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 Agency), as updated from time to time in accordance with the Variation Procedure;
"Impact Assessment"	<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"> a) details of the impact of the proposed Variation on the Goods or Services and the Agency's ability to meet its other obligations under the Contract; b) details of the cost of implementing the proposed Variation; c) details of the ongoing costs required by the proposed Variation when implemented, including any increase or decrease in the DPS Prices/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; d) a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the Variation; and e) such other information as the Relevant Authority may reasonably request in (or in response to) the Variation request;
"Implementation Plan"	the plan for provision of the Goods or Services set out in Order Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) where that Schedule is used or otherwise as agreed between the Agency and the Client;
"Indemnifier"	a Party from whom an indemnity is sought under this Contract;
"Independent Control"	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 "Independent Controller" shall be construed accordingly;
"Indexation"	the adjustment of an amount or sum in accordance with DPS Schedule 3 (DPS Prices) and the relevant Order Form;
"Information"	has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
"Information Commissioner"	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;
"Initial Period"	the initial term of a Contract specified in the DPS Appointment Form or the Order Form, as the context requires;
"Insolvency Event"	with respect to any person, means:

	<p>(a) that person suspends, or threatens to suspend, payment of its debts, or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or admits inability to pay its debts, or:</p> <p>(i) (being a company or a LLP) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or</p> <p>(ii) (being a partnership) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 222 of the Insolvency Act 1986;</p> <p>(b) that person commences negotiations with one or more of its creditors (using a voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) with a view to rescheduling any of its debts, or makes a proposal for or enters into any compromise or arrangement with one or more of its creditors or takes any step to obtain a moratorium pursuant to Section 1A and Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 other than (in the case of a company, a LLP or a partnership) for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of that person with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of that person;</p> <p>(c) another person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver over the assets of that person or a receiver is appointed over the assets of that person;</p> <p>(d) a creditor or encumbrancer of that person attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of that person's assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days;</p> <p>(e) that person suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, carrying on all or a substantial part of its business;</p> <p>(f) where that person is a company, a LLP or a partnership:</p> <p>(i) a petition is presented (which is not dismissed within 14 days of its service), a notice is given, a resolution is passed, or an order is made, for or in connection with the winding up of that person other than for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of that person with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of that person;</p> <p>(ii) an application is made to court, or an order is made, for the appointment of an administrator, or if a notice of intention to appoint an administrator is filed at Court or given or if an administrator is appointed, over that person;</p> <p>(iii) (being a company or a LLP) the holder of a qualifying floating charge over the assets of that person has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an administrative receiver; or</p> <p>(iv) (being a partnership) the holder of an agricultural floating charge over the assets of that person has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an agricultural receiver; or</p>
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	(g) any event occurs, or proceeding is taken, with respect to that person in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the events mentioned above;
"Intellectual Property Rights" or "IPR"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 business names, goodwill, designs, Know-How, trade secrets and other rights in Confidential Information; 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 c) all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction;
"Invoicing Address"	the address to which the Agency shall invoice the Client as specified in the Order Form;
"IPR Claim"	any claim of infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such infringement or alleged infringement) of any IPR, used to provide the Goods or Services or otherwise provided and/or licensed by the Agency (or to which the Agency has provided access) to the Relevant Authority in the fulfilment of its obligations under a Contract;
"IR35"	the off-payroll rules requiring individuals who work through their company pay the same income tax and National Insurance contributions as an employee which can be found online at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ir35-find-out-if-it-applies ;
"Joint Controller Agreement"	the agreement (if any) entered into between the Relevant Authority and the Agency substantially in the form set out in Annex 2 of Joint Schedule 11 (<i>Processing Data</i>);
"Joint Controllers"	where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of Processing;
"Key Performance Indicators" or "KPIs"	the performance measurements and targets in respect of the Agency's performance of the DPS Contract set out in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management);
"Key Staff"	the individuals (if any) identified as such in the Order Form;
"Key Sub-Contract"	each Sub-Contract with a Key Subcontractor;
"Key Subcontractor"	<p>any Subcontractor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) which is relied upon to deliver any work package within the Goods or Services in their entirety; and/or

	<p>b) which, in the opinion of CCS or the Client performs (or would perform if appointed) a critical role in the provision of all or any part of the Goods or Services; 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,</p> <p>and the Agency shall list all such Key Subcontractors on the Platform and in the Key Subcontractor Section in the Order Form;</p>
"Know-How"	all ideas, concepts, schemes, information, knowledge, techniques, methodology, and anything else in the nature of know-how relating to the Goods or Services but excluding know-how already in the other Party's possession before the applicable Start Date;
"Law"	any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, 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;
"Letter of Appointment Template"	the template in DPS Schedule 6 (Letter of Appointment Template and Order Schedules);
"Losses"	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 "Loss" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"Management Charge"	the sum specified on the Platform payable by the Agency to CCS in accordance with DPS Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"Management Information" or "MI"	the management information specified in DPS Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"MI Default"	means when two (2) MI Reports are not provided in any rolling six (6) month period;
"MI Failure"	<p>means when an MI report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) contains any material errors or material omissions or a missing mandatory field; or b) is submitted using an incorrect MI reporting Template; or c) is not submitted by the reporting date (including where a declaration of no business should have been filed);
"MI Report"	means a report containing Management Information submitted to the Authority in accordance with DPS Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);

"MI Reporting Template"	means the form of report set out in the Annex to DPS Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information) setting out the information the Agency is required to supply to the Authority;
"Milestone"	an event or task described in the Implementation Plan;
"Milestone Date"	the target date set out against the relevant Milestone in the Implementation Plan by which the Milestone must be Achieved;
"Month"	a calendar month and "Monthly" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"Moral Rights"	all rights described in Part I, Chapter IV of the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 and any similar rights of authors anywhere in the world;
"National Insurance"	contributions required by the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and made in accordance with the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1004);
"New IPR"	<p>a) IPR in items created by the Agency (or by a third party on behalf of the Agency) 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 Agency's obligations under a Contract and all updates and amendments to the same;</p> <p>but shall not include the Agency's Existing IPR;</p>
"Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance"	<p>where:</p> <p>a) any Tax return of the Agency submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 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 Agency 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;</p> <p>ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Agency 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>b) any Tax return of the Agency 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>

"Open Book Data"	<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"> a) the Agency'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 Goods or Services; b) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Goods or Services including an analysis showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the unit costs and quantity of Goods and any other consumables and bought-in Goods or Services; ii) staff costs broken down into the number and grade/role of all Agency Staff (free of any contingency) together with a list of actual hours worked from the time recording system and agreed rates against each grade; iii) a list of Costs underpinning those rates for each grade, being the agreed rate less the Agency Profit Margin; and iv) Reimbursable Expenses, if allowed under the Order Form; c) Overheads; d) all interest, expenses and any other third-party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Goods or Services; e) the Agency Profit achieved over the DPS Contract Period and on an annual basis; 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 Agency; g) an explanation of the type and value of risk and contingencies associated with the provision of the Goods or Services, including the amount of money attributed to each risk and/or contingency; and h) the actual Costs profile for each Service Period;
"Order"	means an order for the provision of the Goods or Services placed by a Client with the Agency under a Contract;
"Order Contract"	the contract between the Client and the Agency (entered into pursuant to the provisions of the DPS Contract), which consists of the terms set out and referred to in the Order Form including any subsequently agreed Statements of Work;
"Order Contract Period"	the Contract Period in respect of the Order Contract;

"Order Expiry Date"	the scheduled date of the end of a Order Contract as stated in the Order Form;
"Order Form"	a completed Letter of Appointment Template (or equivalent information issued by the Client) used to create a Order Contract;
"Order Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the Order Contract specified under the relevant heading in the Order Form;
"Order Initial Period"	the Initial Period of an Order Contract specified in the Order Form;
"Order Optional Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the Order Initial Period may be extended as specified in the Order Form;
"Order Procedure"	the process for awarding an Order Contract pursuant to Clause 2 (How the contract works) and DPS Schedule 7 (Order Award Procedure);
"Order Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions specified in the Order Form incorporated into the applicable Order Contract;
"Order Start Date"	the date of start of an Order Contract as stated in the Order Form;
"Other Contracting Authority"	any actual or potential Client under the DPS Contract;
"Overhead"	those amounts which are intended to recover a proportion of the Agency'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 Agency Staff and accordingly included within limb (a) of the definition of "Costs";
"Parliament"	takes its natural meaning as interpreted by Law;
"Party"	in the context of the DPS Contract, CCS or the Agency, and in the context of an Order Contract the Client or the Agency. "Parties" shall mean both of them where the context permits;
"Personal Data"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR;
"Personal Data Breach"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR;
"Personnel"	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;
"Platform"	The online application operated on behalf of CCS to facilitate the technical operation of the DPS;
"Prescribed Person"	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:

	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies--2/whistleblowing-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies ;
"Processing"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Processor"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Progress Meeting"	a meeting between the Client Authorised Representative and the Agency Authorised Representative;
"Progress Meeting Frequency"	the frequency at which the Agency shall conduct a Progress Meeting in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;
"Progress Report"	a report provided by the Agency indicating the steps taken to achieve Milestones or delivery dates;
"Progress Report Frequency"	the frequency at which the Agency shall deliver Progress Reports in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;
"Prohibited Acts"	<p>a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by a Client or any other public body a financial or other advantage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or ii) reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity; <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"> i) under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act); or ii) under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts; or iii) defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud a Buyer or other public body; or <p>d) 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;</p>
"Proposal"	the tender submitted by the Agency in response to the Client's Brief following a Further Competition Procedure and set out at Order Schedule 4 (Order Proposal);

"Protective Measures"	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 Scheme), if applicable, in the case of the DPS Contract or Order Schedule 9 (Security), if applicable, in the case of an Order Contract.
"Recall"	a request by the Agency to return Goods to the Agency 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;
"Recipient Party"	the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information;
"Rectification Plan"	The Agency's plan (or revised plan) to rectify its breach using the template in Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan) which shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) full details of the Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis; b) the actual or anticipated effect of the Default; and c) the steps which the Agency 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);
"Rectification Plan Process"	the process set out in Clause 10.3.1 to 10.3.4 (Rectification Plan Process);
"Regulations"	the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and/or the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (as the context requires);
"Reimbursable Expenses"	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 Client's expenses policy current from time to time, but not including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) travel expenses incurred as a result of Agency 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 b) subsistence expenses incurred by Agency 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;
"Relevant Authority"	the Authority which is party to the Contract to which a right or obligation is owed, as the context requires;

"Relevant Authority's Confidential Information"	<p>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);</p> <p>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</p> <p>information derived from any of the above;</p>
"Relevant Requirements"	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;
"Relevant Tax Authority"	HMRC, or, if applicable, the tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Agency is established;
"Reminder Notice"	a notice sent in accordance with Clause 10.5 given by the Agency to the Client providing notification that payment has not been received on time;
"Replacement Agency"	any third-party provider of Replacement Goods or Services appointed by or at the direction of the Client from time to time or where the Client is providing Replacement Goods or Services for its own account, shall also include the Client;
"Replacement Goods or Services"	any deliverables which are substantially similar to any of the Goods or Services and which the Client receives in substitution for any of the Goods or Services following the Order Expiry Date, whether those goods are provided by the Client internally and/or by any third party;
"Replacement Subcontractor"	a Subcontractor of the Replacement Agency to whom Transferring Agency Employees will transfer on a Service Transfer Date (or any Subcontractor of any such Subcontractor);
"Request For Information"	a request for information or an apparent request relating to a Contract for the provision of the Goods or Services or an apparent request for such information under the FOIA or the EIRs;
"Required Insurances"	the insurances required by Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) or any additional insurances specified in the Order Form;
"Satisfaction Certificate"	the certificate (materially in the form of the document contained in of 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 Agency has met all of the requirements of an Order, Achieved a Milestone or a Test;

"Security Management Plan"	the Agency's security management plan prepared pursuant to Order Schedule 9 (Security) (if applicable);
"Security Policy"	the Client'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 Agency) , as updated from time to time and notified to the Agency;
"Self Audit Certificate"	means the certificate in the form as set out in DPS Schedule 8 (Self Audit Certificate);
"Serious Fraud Office"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Service Levels"	any service levels applicable to the provision of the Goods or Services under the Call Off Contract (which, where Call Off Schedule 14 (Service Levels) is used in this Contract, are specified in the Annex to Part A of such Schedule);
"Service Period"	has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;
"Services"	services made available by the Agency as specified in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to a Order Contract as specified in the Order Form;
"Service Transfer"	any transfer of the Goods or Services (or any part of the Goods or Services), for whatever reason, from the Agency or any Subcontractor to a Replacement Agency or a Replacement Subcontractor;
"Service Transfer Date"	the date of a Service Transfer;
"Sites"	any premises (including the Client Premises, the Agency's premises or third party premises) from, to or at which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Goods or Services are (or are to be) provided; or b) the Agency manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Goods or Services;
"SME"	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;
"Special Terms"	any additional Clauses set out in the DPS Appointment Form or Order Form which shall form part of the respective Contract;
"Specific Change in Law"	a Change in Law that relates specifically to the business of the Client and which would not affect a Comparable Supply where the effect of that Specific Change in Law on the Goods or Services is not reasonably foreseeable at the Start Date;
"Specification"	the specification set out in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification), as may, in relation to an Order Contract, be supplemented by the Order Form;

"Standards"	<p>any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Agency would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with; b) standards detailed in the specification in DPS Schedule 1 (Specification); c) standards detailed by the Client in the Order Form or agreed between the Parties from time to time; d) relevant Government codes of practice and guidance applicable from time to time;
"Start Date"	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;
"Statement of Work"	a supplemental Order under an Order Contract to refine the Goods or Services needed to complete the Brief;
"Storage Media"	the part of any device that is capable of storing and retrieving data;
"Sub-Contract"	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provides the Goods or Services (or any part of them); b) provides facilities or services necessary for the provision of the Goods or Services (or any part of them); and/or c) is responsible for the management, direction or control of the provision of the Goods or Services (or any part of them);
"Subcontractor"	any person other than the Agency, who is a party to a Sub-Contract and the servants or agents of that person;
"Subprocessor"	any third party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of that Processor related to a Contract;
"Supplier"	means the Agency;
"Supplier Assets"	all assets and rights used by the Agency to provide the Goods or Services in accordance with the Order Contract but excluding the Client Assets;
"Supplier Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Agency named in the DPS Appointment Form, or later defined in an Order Contract;

"Supplier's Confidential Information"	<p>c) any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, IPR of the Agency (including the Agency Existing IPR) trade secrets, Know-How, and/or personnel of the Agency;</p> <p>d) 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 Agency's attention or into the Agency's possession in connection with a Contract;</p> <p>e) Information derived from any of (a) and (b) above;</p>
"Supplier's Contract Manager"	the person identified in the Order Form appointed by the Agency to oversee the operation of the Order Contract and any alternative person whom the Agency intends to appoint to the role, provided that the Agency informs the Buyer prior to the appointment;
"Supplier Equipment"	the Agency's hardware, computer and telecoms devices, equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Agency (but not hired, leased or loaned from the Client) in the performance of its obligations under this Order Contract;
"Supplier Marketing Contact"	shall be the person identified in the DPS Appointment Form;
"Supplier Non-Performance"	<p>where the Agency has failed to:</p> <p>c) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date;</p> <p>d) provide the Goods and/or Services in accordance with the Service Levels; and/or</p> <p>e) comply with an obligation under a Contract;</p>
"Supplier Profit"	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 a Order Contract for the relevant period;
"Supplier Profit Margin"	in relation to a period or a Milestone (as the context requires), the Agency 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;
"Supporting Documentation"	sufficient information in writing to enable the Client 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;
"Tax"	a) all forms of taxation whether direct or indirect;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) national insurance contributions in the United Kingdom and similar contributions or obligations in any other jurisdiction; c) all statutory, governmental, state, federal, provincial, local government or municipal charges, duties, imports, contributions, levies or liabilities (other than in return for goods or services supplied or performed or to be performed) and withholdings; and d) any penalty, fine, surcharge, interest, charges or costs relating to any of the above, <p>in each case wherever chargeable and whether of the United Kingdom and any other jurisdiction;</p>
"Termination Notice"	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;
"Test Issue"	any variance or non-conformity of the Goods or Services from their requirements as set out in an Order Contract;
"Test Plan"	<p>a plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) for the Testing of the Goods or Services; and b) setting out other agreed criteria related to the achievement of Milestones;
"Tests"	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 "Tested" and "Testing" shall be construed accordingly;
"Third Party IPR"	Intellectual Property Rights owned by a third party which is or will be used by the Agency for the purpose of providing the Goods or Services;
"Transferring Supplier Employees"	those employees of the Agency and/or the Agency's Subcontractors to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Service Transfer Date;
"Transparency Information"	<p>the Transparency Reports and the content of a Contract, including any changes to this Contract agreed from time to time, except for –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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;

"Transparency Reports"	the information relating to the Goods or Services and performance of the Contracts which the Agency is required to provide to the Buyer in accordance with the reporting requirements in Order Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports);
"UK GDPR"	the retained EU law version of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679);
"Variation"	any change to a Contract;
"Variation Form"	the form set out in Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form);
"Variation Procedure"	the procedure set out in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);
"VAT"	value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;
"VCSE"	a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives;
"Worker"	any one of the Agency Staff which the Client, in its reasonable opinion, considers is an individual to which Procurement Policy Note 08/15 (Tax Arrangements of Public Appointees) (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0815-tax-arrangements-of-appointees) applies in respect of the Goods or Services;
"Working Day"	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;
"Work Day"	8.0 Work Hours, whether or not such hours are worked consecutively and whether or not they are worked on the same day; and
"Work Hours"	the hours spent by the Agency Staff properly working on the provision of the Goods or Services including time spent travelling (other than to and from the Agency's offices, or to and from the Sites) but excluding lunch breaks.

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:	[delete as applicable: CCS / Client] ("CCS" "the Client") And [insert name of Agency] ("the Agency")
Contract name:	[insert name of contract to be changed] ("the Contract")
Contract reference number:	[insert contract reference number]
Details of Proposed Variation	
Variation initiated by:	[delete as applicable: CCS/Client/Agency]
Variation number:	[insert variation number]
Date variation is raised:	[insert date]
Proposed variation	
Reason for the variation:	[insert reason]
An Impact Assessment shall be provided within:	[insert number] days
Impact of Variation	
Likely impact of the proposed variation:	[Agency to insert assessment of impact]
Outcome of Variation	

Contract variation:	This Contract detailed above is varied as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [CCS/Client to insert] original Clauses or Paragraphs to be varied and the changed clause] 	
Financial variation:	Original Contract Value:	£ [insert amount]
	Additional cost due to variation:	£ [insert amount]
	New Contract value:	£ [insert 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 / Client]
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.

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

Signature

Date

Name (in Capitals)

Address

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

Signature

Date

Name (in Capitals)

Address

Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)

1. The insurance you need to have

1.1 The Agency 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 a 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Goods or Services and for which the Agency is legally liable.

2. How to manage the insurance

1.4 Without limiting the other provisions of this Contract, the Agency shall:

1.4.1 take or procure the taking of all reasonable risk management and risk control measures in relation to Goods or Services 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;

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

1.4.3 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.

3.What happens if you aren't insured

- 1.5 The Agency 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.
- 1.6 Where the Agency 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 Agency to purchase the relevant Insurances and recover the reasonable premium and other reasonable costs incurred in connection therewith as a debt due from the Agency.

4.Evidence of insurance you must provide

- 1.7 The Agency 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.

5.Making sure you are insured to the required amount

- 1.8 The Agency 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 Agency shall notify the Relevant Authority and provide details of its proposed solution for maintaining the minimum limit of indemnity.

6.Cancelled Insurance

- 1.9 The Agency shall notify the Relevant Authority in writing at least five (5) Working Days prior to the cancellation, suspension, termination or non-renewal of any of the Insurances.
- 1.10 The Agency 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 Agency shall use all reasonable endeavours to notify the Relevant Authority (subject to third party confidentiality obligations) as soon as 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.

7.Insurance claims

- 1.11 The Agency shall promptly notify to insurers any matter arising from, or in relation to, the Goods or Services, 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 Goods or Services, the Agency 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.
- 1.12 Except where the Relevant Authority is the claimant party, the Agency 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 Goods or Services 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.

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

1.14 Where any Insurance is subject to an excess or deductible below which the indemnity from insurers is excluded, the Agency shall be liable for such excess or deductible. The Agency 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.

ANNEX: REQUIRED INSURANCES

The Agency shall hold the following standard insurance cover from the DPS Start Date in accordance with this Schedule:

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 (██████████);
2. public liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than two million pounds (██████████); and
3. employers' liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) with a minimum limit of indemnity as required by Law.

Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)

What is the Commercially Sensitive Information?

1. In this Schedule the Parties have sought to identify the Agency'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.
2. 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).
3. 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	Date of contract commencement	Agency's Bid Submission and rate information	Duration of the contract

Joint Schedule 6 (Key Subcontractors)

1. Restrictions on certain subcontractors

- 1.1 The Agency is entitled to sub-contract its obligations under the DPS Contract to the Key Subcontractors identified on the Platform but this does not remove or reduce the Agency's liability for its performance of the Contract.
- 1.2 The Agency 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 but this does not remove or reduce the Agency's liability for its performance of the Contract.
- 1.3 Where during the Contract Period the Agency 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 Client and the Agency shall, at the time of requesting such consent, provide CCS and the Client with the information detailed in Paragraph 1.4. The decision of CCS and the Client 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 Client 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 Client 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 Goods or Services 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 Agency shall provide CCS and the Client 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 Goods or Services to be provided by the proposed Key Subcontractor;
 - 1.4.3 where the proposed Key Subcontractor is an Affiliate of the Agency, evidence that demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the CCS and the Client that the proposed Key Sub-Contract has been agreed on "arm's-length" terms;
 - 1.4.4 for the Client, the Key Sub-Contract price expressed as a percentage of the total projected Charges over the Order Contract Period; and
 - 1.4.5 (where applicable) Credit Rating Threshold (as defined in Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Distress)) of the Key Subcontractor.
- 1.5 If requested by CCS and/or the Client, within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of the information provided by the Agency pursuant to Paragraph 1.4, the Agency 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 Client.

1.6 The Agency shall ensure that each new or replacement Key Sub-Contract shall include:

- 1.6.1 provisions which will enable the Agency to discharge its obligations under the Contracts including without limitation Order Schedule 15 (Order Contract Management);
- 1.6.2 a right under CRTPA for CCS and the Client to enforce any provisions under the Key Sub-Contract which confer a benefit upon CCS and the Client respectively;
- 1.6.3 a provision enabling CCS and the Client to enforce the Key Sub-Contract as if it were the Agency;
- 1.6.4 a provision enabling the Agency to assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights and/or obligations under the Key Sub-Contract to CCS and/or the Client;
- 1.6.5 obligations no less onerous on the Key Subcontractor than those imposed on the Agency under the DPS Contract in respect of:
 - (a) the data protection requirements set out in Clause 14 (Data protection);
 - (b) the confidentiality requirements set out in Clause 15 (What you must keep confidential);
 - (c) the FOIA and other access request requirements set out in Clause 16 (When you can share information);
 - (d) the obligation not to embarrass CCS or the Client or otherwise bring CCS or the Client into disrepute;
 - (e) 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
 - (f) the conduct of audits set out in Clause 6 (Record keeping and reporting);
- 1.6.6 provisions enabling the Agency to terminate the Key Sub-Contract on notice on terms no more onerous on the Agency than those imposed on CCS and the Client under Clauses 10.4 (When CCS or the Client 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 Goods or Services provided to the Agency under the Key Sub-Contract without first seeking the written consent of CCS and the Client.

Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)

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/Client]:		Date:	
Agency [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:	Steps	Timescale	
	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	Steps	Timescale	
	1.	[date]	
	2.	[date]	
	3.	[date]	
	4.	[date]	
	[...]	[date]	
Signed by the Agency:		Date:	
Review of Rectification Plan [CCS/Client]			

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Outcome of review	[Plan Accepted] [Plan Rejected] [Revised Plan Requested]		
Reasons for Rejection (if applicable)	[add reasons]		
Signed by [CCS/Client]		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;
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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;
 - (b) an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the Processing in relation to the Goods or Services;
 - (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 Agency 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;
- (d) not transfer Personal Data outside of the 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 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.
 - 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 Agency 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
 - (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;
 - (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 Agency 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.

1.1.1.1 Email: [REDACTED]

1.1.1.2 The contact details of the Supplier's Data Protection Officer are: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1.1.1.3 The Processor shall comply with any further written instructions with respect to Processing by the Controller.

1.1.1.4 Any such further instructions shall be incorporated into this Annex.

Description	Details
Identity of Controller for each Category of Personal Data	<p>The Parties are Joint Controllers</p> <p><i>The Parties acknowledge that they are Joint Controllers for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation in respect of personal data:</i></p> <p><i>The Parties acknowledge that they are joint Controllers for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation in respect of personal data collected by the Agency on behalf of the Client</i></p>
Duration of the Processing	The duration of the processing may be for up to as long as the duration of the Contract.
Nature and purposes of the Processing	<p><i>The nature of the Processing means any operation such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction of data (whether or not by automated means) etc.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose might include: employment processing, statutory obligation, recruitment assessment etc].</i></p> <p><i>The nature of the processing may include collection, ordering, dissemination of, storage and erasure of personal data.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose may include but not be limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Events- Mailing lists- Managing online communities- Content creation- Case studies

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Media interviews</i> - <i>Customer insight</i> - <i>Workforce data insight</i>
Type of Personal Data	Types of data may include but not be limited to: Name, address, DOB, nationality, email address, telephone number, images
Categories of Data Subject	Categories may include but not be limited to: Members of the public, users of campaign websites, employees of organisations we are partnering with, users of community groups, influencers
Plan for return and destruction of the data once the Processing is complete UNLESS requirement under Union or Member State law to preserve that type of data	<p><i>[Describe how long the data will be retained for, how it be returned or destroyed]</i></p> <p>Home Office personal data files, research and insight reports (Information Assets) shared between the ‘joint controllers’ are to be stored securely for the duration of the Contract. Access to Personal data is restricted to the authorised project team. Personal data is to be retained for auditing purposes and in-line with the Home Office retention and disposal standards retention period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.4 Projects and research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Routine projects/committees/groups (destroy 7 years) ○ High profile research/reports (review after 15 years). <p>This will be monitored annually by the Information Asset Manager & Information Asset Owner within the Home Office responsible for the Information Assets.</p>

Annex 2 - Joint Controller Agreement

1. Joint Controller Status and Allocation of Responsibilities

1.1 With respect to Personal Data under Joint Control of the Parties, the Parties envisage that they shall each be a Data Controller in respect of that Personal Data in accordance with the terms of this Annex 2 (Joint Controller Agreement) in replacement of paragraphs 2-15 of Joint Schedule 11 (Where one Party is Controller and the other Party is Processor) and paragraphs 7-27 of Joint Schedule 11 (Independent Controllers of Personal Data). Accordingly, the Parties each undertake to comply with the applicable Data Protection Legislation in respect of their Processing of such Personal Data as Data Controllers.

1.2 The Parties agree that 23 RED and the Home Office:

- (a) is the exclusive point of contact for Data Subjects and is responsible for all steps necessary to comply with the UK GDPR regarding the exercise by Data Subjects of their rights under the UK GDPR;
- (b) shall direct Data Subjects to its Data Protection Officer or suitable alternative in connection with the exercise of their rights as Data Subjects and for any enquiries concerning their Personal Data or privacy;
- (c) is solely responsible for the Parties' compliance with all duties to provide information to Data Subjects under Articles 13 and 14 of the UK GDPR;
- (d) is responsible for obtaining the informed consent of Data Subjects, in accordance with the UK GDPR, for Processing in connection with the Goods or Services where consent is the relevant legal basis for that Processing; and
- (e) shall make available to Data Subjects the essence of this Annex (and notify them of any changes to it) concerning the allocation of responsibilities as Joint Controller and its role as exclusive point of contact, the Parties having used their best endeavours to agree the terms of that essence. This must be outlined in the [Agency's/Relevant Authority's] privacy policy (which must be readily available by hyperlink or otherwise on all of its public facing services and marketing).

1.3 Notwithstanding the terms of clause 1.2, the Parties acknowledge that a Data Subject has the right to exercise their legal rights under the Data Protection Legislation as against the relevant Party as Controller.

2. Undertakings of both Parties

1.1.2.1 The Agency and the Relevant Authority each undertake that they shall:

- (a) report to the other Party every 12 months on:
 - (i) the volume of Data Subject Access Request (or purported Data Subject Access Requests) from Data Subjects (or third parties on their behalf);
 - (ii) the volume of requests from Data Subjects (or third parties on their behalf) to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data;
 - (iii) any other requests, complaints or communications from Data Subjects (or third parties on their behalf) relating to the other Party's obligations under applicable Data Protection Legislation;

- (iv) any communications from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data; and
- (v) any requests from any third party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by Law,

that it has received in relation to the subject matter of the Contract during that period;

- (b) notify each other immediately if it receives any request, complaint or communication made as referred to in Clauses 2.1(a)(i) to (v);
- (c) provide the other Party with full cooperation and assistance in relation to any request, complaint or communication made as referred to in Clauses 2.1(a)(iii) to (v) to enable the other Party to comply with the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation;
- (d) not disclose or transfer the Personal Data to any third party unless necessary for the provision of the Goods or Services and, for any disclosure or transfer of Personal Data to any third party, (save where such disclosure or transfer is specifically authorised under the Contract or is required by Law) ensure consent has been obtained from the Data Subject prior to disclosing or transferring the Personal Data to the third party. For the avoidance of doubt, the third party to which Personal Data is transferred must be subject to equivalent obligations which are no less onerous than those set out in this Annex;
- (e) request from the Data Subject only the minimum information necessary to provide the Goods or Services and treat such extracted information as Confidential Information;
- (f) ensure that at all times it has in place appropriate Protective Measures to guard against unauthorised or unlawful Processing of the Personal Data and/or accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data and unauthorised or unlawful disclosure of or access to the Personal Data;
- (g) take all reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and integrity of any of its Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and ensure that its Personnel:
 - (i) are aware of and comply with their duties under this Annex 2 (Joint Controller Agreement) and those in respect of Confidential Information;
 - (ii) are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data, are subject to appropriate obligations of confidentiality and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party where the that Party would not be permitted to do so; and
 - (iii) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of personal data as required by the applicable Data Protection Legislation;
- (h) ensure that it has in place Protective Measures as appropriate to protect against a Personal Data Breach 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;
- (i) ensure that it has the capability (whether technological or otherwise), to the extent required by Data Protection Legislation, to provide or correct or delete at the request of a Data Subject all the Personal Data relating to that Data Subject that it holds; and
- (j) ensure that it notifies the other Party as soon as it becomes aware of a Personal Data Breach.

1.1.2.2 Each Joint Controller shall use its reasonable endeavours to assist the other Controller to comply with any obligations under applicable Data Protection Legislation and shall not perform its obligations under this Annex in such a way as to cause the other Joint Controller to breach any of its obligations under applicable Data Protection Legislation to the extent it is aware, or ought reasonably to have been aware, that the same would be a breach of such obligations.

3. **Data Protection Breach**

1.1.3.1 Without prejudice to clause 3.2, each Party shall notify the other Party promptly and without undue delay, and in any event within 48 hours, upon becoming aware of any Personal Data Breach or circumstances that are likely to give rise to a Personal Data Breach, providing the other Party and its advisors with:

- (a) sufficient information and in a timescale, which allows the other Party to meet any obligations to report a Personal Data Breach under the Data Protection Legislation; and
- (b) all reasonable assistance, including:
 - (i) co-operation with the other Party and the Information Commissioner investigating the Personal Data Breach and its cause, containing and recovering the compromised Personal Data and compliance with the applicable guidance;
 - (ii) co-operation with the other Party including taking such reasonable steps as are directed by the other Party to assist in the investigation, mitigation and remediation of a Personal Data Breach;
 - (iii) co-ordination with the other Party regarding the management of public relations and public statements relating to the Personal Data Breach; and/or
 - (iv) providing the other Party and to the extent instructed by the other Party to do so, and/or the Information Commissioner investigating the Personal Data Breach, with complete information relating to the Personal Data Breach, including, without limitation, the information set out in Clause 3.2.

1.1.3.2 Each Party shall take all steps to restore, re-constitute and/or reconstruct any Personal Data where it has lost, damaged, destroyed, altered or corrupted as a result of a Personal Data Breach as it was that Party's own data at its own cost with all possible speed and shall provide the other Party with all reasonable assistance in respect of any such Personal Data Breach, including providing the other Party, as soon as possible and within 48 hours of the Personal Data Breach relating to the Personal Data Breach, in particular:

- (a) the nature of the Personal Data Breach;
- (b) the nature of Personal Data affected;
- (c) the categories and number of Data Subjects concerned;
- (d) the name and contact details of the Agency's Data Protection Officer or other relevant contact from whom more information may be obtained;
- (e) measures taken or proposed to be taken to address the Personal Data Breach; and
- (f) describe the likely consequences of the Personal Data Breach.

4. Audit

1.1.4.1 The Agency shall permit:

- (a) the Relevant Authority, or a third-party auditor acting under the Relevant Authority's direction, to conduct, at the Relevant Authority's cost, data privacy and security audits, assessments and inspections concerning the Agency's data security and privacy procedures relating to Personal Data, its compliance with this Annex 2 and the Data Protection Legislation; and/or
- (b) the Relevant Authority, or a third-party auditor acting under the Relevant Authority's direction, access to premises at which the Personal Data is accessible or at which it is able to inspect any relevant records, including the record maintained under Article 30 UK GDPR by the Agency so far as relevant to the Contract, and procedures, including premises under the control of any third party appointed by the Agency to assist in the provision of the Goods or Services.

1.1.4.2 The Relevant Authority may, in its sole discretion, require the Agency to provide evidence of the Agency's compliance with Clause 4.1 in lieu of conducting such an audit, assessment or inspection.

5. Impact Assessments

1.1.5.1 The Parties shall:

- (a) provide all reasonable assistance to each other to prepare any Data Protection Impact Assessment as may be required (including provision of detailed information and assessments in relation to Processing operations, risks and measures); and
- (b) maintain full and complete records of all Processing carried out in respect of the Personal Data in connection with the Contract, in accordance with the terms of Article 30 UK GDPR.

6. ICO Guidance

The Parties agree to take account of any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner and/or any relevant Central Government Body. The Relevant Authority may on not less than thirty (30)

Working Days' notice to the Agency amend the Contract to ensure that it complies with any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner and/or any relevant Central Government Body.

7. Liabilities for Data Protection Breach

1.1.7.1 If financial penalties are imposed by the Information Commissioner on either the Relevant Authority or the Agency for a Personal Data Breach ("**Financial Penalties**") then the following shall occur:

- (a) if in the view of the Information Commissioner, the Relevant Authority is responsible for the Personal Data Breach, in that it is caused as a result of the actions or inaction of the Relevant Authority, its employees, agents, contractors (other than the Agency) or systems and procedures controlled by the Relevant Authority, then the Relevant Authority shall be responsible for the payment of such Financial Penalties. In this case, the Relevant Authority will conduct an internal audit and engage at its reasonable cost when necessary, an independent third party to conduct an audit of any such Personal Data Breach. The Agency shall provide to the Relevant Authority and its third party investigators and auditors, on request and at the Agency's reasonable cost, full cooperation and access to conduct a thorough audit of such Personal Data Breach;
- (b) if in the view of the Information Commissioner, the Agency is responsible for the Personal Data Breach, in that it is not a Personal Data Breach that the Relevant Authority is responsible for, then the Agency shall be responsible for the payment of these Financial Penalties. The Agency will provide to the Relevant Authority and its auditors, on request and at the Agency's sole cost, full cooperation and access to conduct a thorough audit of such Personal Data Breach; or
- (c) if no view as to responsibility is expressed by the Information Commissioner, then the Relevant Authority and the Agency shall work together to investigate the relevant Personal Data Breach and allocate responsibility for any Financial Penalties as outlined above, or by agreement to split any financial penalties equally if no responsibility for the Personal Data Breach can be apportioned. In the event that the Parties do not agree such apportionment then such Dispute shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Procedure set out in Clause 34 of the Core Terms (Resolving disputes).

1.1.7.2 If either the Relevant Authority or the Agency is the defendant in a legal claim brought before a court of competent jurisdiction ("Court") by a third party in respect of a Personal Data Breach, then unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Party that is determined by the final decision of the court to be responsible for the Personal Data Breach shall be liable for the losses arising from such Personal Data Breach. Where both Parties are liable, the liability will be apportioned between the Parties in accordance with the decision of the Court.

1.1.7.3 In respect of any losses, cost claims or expenses incurred by either Party as a result of a Personal Data Breach (the "Claim Losses"):

- (a) if the Relevant Authority is responsible for the relevant Personal Data Breach, then the Relevant Authority shall be responsible for the Claim Losses;
- (b) if the Agency is responsible for the relevant Personal Data Breach, then the Agency shall be responsible for the Claim Losses: and

- (c) if responsibility for the relevant Personal Data Breach is unclear, then the Relevant Authority and the Agency shall be responsible for the Claim Losses equally.

1.1.7.4 Nothing in either clause 7.2 or clause 7.3 shall preclude the Relevant Authority and the Agency reaching any other agreement, including by way of compromise with a third party complainant or claimant, as to the apportionment of financial responsibility for any Claim Losses as a result of a Personal Data Breach, having regard to all the circumstances of the Personal Data Breach and the legal and financial obligations of the Relevant Authority.

8. Termination

If the Agency is in material Default under any of its obligations under this Annex 2 (*Joint Controller Agreement*), the Relevant Authority shall be entitled to terminate the Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Agency in accordance with Clause 10 of the Core Terms (*Ending the contract*).

9. Sub-Processing

1.1.9.1 In respect of any Processing of Personal Data performed by a third party on behalf of a Party, that Party shall:

- (a) carry out adequate due diligence on such third party to ensure that it is capable of providing the level of protection for the Personal Data as is required by the Contract, and provide evidence of such due diligence to the other Party where reasonably requested; and
- (b) ensure that a suitable agreement is in place with the third party as required under applicable Data Protection Legislation.

10. Data Retention

The Parties agree to erase Personal Data from any computers, storage devices and storage media that are to be retained as soon as practicable after it has ceased to be necessary for them to retain such Personal Data under applicable Data Protection Legislation and their privacy policy (save to the extent (and for the limited period) that such information needs to be retained by the a Party for statutory compliance purposes or as otherwise required by the Contract), and taking all further actions as may be necessary to ensure its compliance with Data Protection Legislation and its privacy policy.

Order Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)

1.1 The Agency recognises that the Client 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 Agency shall comply with the provisions of this Schedule in order to assist the Client with its compliance with its obligations under that PPN.

1.2 Without prejudice to the Agency's reporting requirements set out in the DPS Contract, within three (3) Months of the Start Date the Agency shall submit to the Client 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 Client rejects any proposed Transparency Report submitted by the Agency, the Agency 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 Client. If the Parties fail to agree on a draft Transparency Report the Client shall determine what should be included. Any other disagreement in connection with Transparency Reports shall be treated as a Dispute.

1.4 The Agency shall provide accurate and up-to-date versions of each Transparency Report to the Client at the frequency referred to in the Annex of this Schedule.

Annex A: List of Transparency Reports

Title	Content	Format	Frequency
[Performance]	[]	[]	[]
[Order Contract Charges]	[]	[]	[]
[Key Subcontractors]	[]	[]	[]
[Technical]	[]	[]	[]
[Performance management]	[]	[]	[]

Order Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer)

[Guidance note: Clients will need to take their own legal advice on this Schedule 2 and, in particular, on Part D (Pensions)].

Clients will need to ensure that appropriate provisions are included to deal with staff transfer on both entry and exit, and, irrespective of whether TUPE does apply on entry if there are employees eligible for New Fair Deal pension protection then the appropriate pensions provisions will also need to be selected.

If there is a staff transfer from the Client on entry (1st generation) then Part A shall apply.

If there is a staff transfer from former/incumbent supplier on entry (2nd generation), Part B shall apply.

If there is both a 1st and 2nd generation staff transfer on entry, then both Part A and Part B shall apply.

If either Part A and/or Part B apply, then consider whether Part D (Pensions) shall apply and the Client shall indicate on the Order Form which Annex shall apply (either D1 (CSPS), D2 (NHSPS), D3 (LGPS) or D4 (Other Schemes)). Part D pensions may also apply where there is not a TUPE transfer for example where the incumbent provider is successful.

If there is no staff transfer (either 1st generation or 2nd generation) at the Start Date then Part C shall apply and Part D pensions may also apply where there is not a TUPE transfer for example where the incumbent provider is successful.

If the position on staff transfers is not known at the bid stage, include Parts A, B, C and D at the bid stage and then update the Client Contract Details before signing to specify whether Parts A and/or B, or C and D apply to the Contract.

Part E (dealing with staff transfer on exit) shall apply to every Contract.

For further guidance on this Schedule contact Government Legal Department's Employment Law Group]

1. Definitions

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

"Acquired Rights Directive" 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;

"Employee Liability" 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:

- a) redundancy payments including contractual or enhanced redundancy costs, termination costs and notice payments;
- b) unfair, wrongful or constructive dismissal compensation;
- 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;
- d) compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed term employees;
- e) outstanding employment debts and unlawful deduction of wages including any PAYE and National Insurance Contributions;
- 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;

"Former Agency"

a supplier supplying services to the Client 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);

"New Fair Deal"

the revised Fair Deal position set out in the HM Treasury guidance: "*Fair Deal for Staff Pensions: Staff Transfer from Central Government*" issued in October 2013 including:

- (i) any amendments to that document immediately prior to the Relevant Transfer Date; and
- (ii) any similar pension protection in accordance with the Annexes D1-D3 inclusive to Part D of this Schedule as notified to the Agency by the Client;

"Old Fair Deal"	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;
"Partial Termination"	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 Client can end this contract) or 10.6 (When the Agency can end the contract);
"Relevant Transfer"	a transfer of employment to which the Employment Regulations applies;
"Relevant Transfer Date"	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 Agency or a Subcontractor was the Former Agency and there is no Relevant Transfer of the Fair Deal Employees because they remain continuously employed by the Agency (or Subcontractor), references to the Relevant Transfer Date shall become references to the Start Date;
"Staffing Information"	<p>in relation to all persons identified on the Agency's Provisional Agency Personnel List or Agency's Final Agency Personnel List, as the case may be, such information as the Client may reasonably request (subject to all applicable provisions of the Data Protection Legislation), but including in an anonymised format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) their ages, dates of commencement of employment or engagement, gender and place of work;(b) details of whether they are employed, self-employed contractors or consultants, agency workers or otherwise;(c) the identity of the employer or relevant contracting Party;(d) their relevant contractual notice periods and any other terms relating to termination of employment, including redundancy procedures, and redundancy payments;(e) their wages, salaries, bonuses and profit sharing arrangements as applicable;(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;

- (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;

"Agency's Final Agency Personnel List"	a list provided by the Agency of all Agency Staff whose will transfer under the Employment Regulations on the Service Transfer Date;
"Agency's Provisional Agency Personnel List"	a list prepared and updated by the Agency of all Agency 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 Agency;
"Term"	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;
"Transferring Client Employees"	those employees of the Client to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date;
"Transferring Former Agency Employees"	in relation to a Former Agency, those employees of the Former Agency to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Where a provision in this Schedule imposes any obligation on the Agency including (without limit) to comply with a requirement or provide an indemnity, undertaking or warranty, the Agency shall procure that each of its Subcontractors shall comply with such obligation and provide such indemnity, undertaking or warranty to CCS, the Client, Former Agency, Replacement Agency or Replacement Subcontractor, as the case may be and where the Subcontractor fails to satisfy any claims under such indemnities the Agency 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 Client, which may, if given, be given on and subject to such terms as the Client 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 Order Contract:

[Delete if not applicable to the Order Contract]

- c) [Part A (Staff Transfer at the Start Date – Outsourcing from the Client)]
- d) [Part B (Staff Transfer at the Start Date – Transfer from a Former Agency)]
- e) [Part C (No Staff Transfer on the Start Date)]
- f) [Part D (Pensions)]
 - (1) [- Annex D1 (CSPS)]
 - (2) [- Annex D2 (NHSPS)]
 - (3) [- Annex D3 (LGPS)]
 - (4) [- Annex D4 (Other Schemes)]
- g) Part E (Staff Transfer on Exit)

Part A: Staff Transfer at the Start Date

Outsourcing from the Client

1. What is a relevant transfer

1.1 The Client and the Agency agree that:

- 1.1.1 the commencement of the provision of the Services or of each relevant part of the Services will be a Relevant Transfer in relation to the Transferring Client Employees; and
- 1.1.2 as a result of the operation of the Employment Regulations, the contracts of employment between the Client and the Transferring Client Employees (except in relation to any terms disapplied through operation of regulation 10(2) of the Employment Regulations) will have effect on and from the Relevant Transfer Date as if originally made between the Agency and/or any Sub-contractor and each such Transferring Client Employee.

- 1.2 The Client shall comply with all its obligations under the Employment Regulations and shall perform and discharge all its obligations in respect of the Transferring Client Employees in respect of the period arising up to (but not including) the Relevant Transfer Date (including (without limit) 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 which in any case are attributable in whole or in part to the period up to (but not including) the Relevant Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments shall be made between: (i) the Client; and (ii) the Agency and/or any Subcontractor (as appropriate).

2. Indemnities the Client must give

- 2.1 Subject to Paragraph 2.2, the Client shall indemnify the Agency and any Subcontractor against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:
- 2.1.1 any act or omission by the Client in respect of any Transferring Client Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Client Employee occurring before the Relevant Transfer Date;
 - 2.1.2 the breach or non-observance by the Client before the Relevant Transfer Date of:
 - (a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Client Employees; and/or
 - (b) any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Client Employees which the Client is contractually bound to honour;
 - 2.1.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing the Transferring Client Employees arising from or connected with any failure by the Client to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising before the Relevant Transfer Date;
 - 2.1.4 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:
 - (a) in relation to any Transferring Client Employee, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising before the Relevant Transfer Date; and
 - (b) in relation to any employee who is not a Transferring Client Employee 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 Client to the Agency and/or any Subcontractor as appropriate, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by the HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising before the Relevant Transfer Date.
 - 2.1.5 a failure of the Client 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 Client Employees arising before the Relevant Transfer Date;

2.1.6 any claim made by or in respect of any person employed or formerly employed by the Client other than a Transferring Client Employee for whom it is alleged the Agency and/or any Subcontractor as appropriate may be liable by virtue of the Employment Regulations and/or the Acquired Rights Directive; and

2.1.7 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Client Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Client Employee relating to any act or omission of the Client 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 Agency or any Subcontractor to comply with regulation 13(4) of the Employment Regulations.

2.2 The indemnities in Paragraph 2.1 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Agency or any Subcontractor whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Relevant Transfer Date including any Employee Liabilities:

2.2.1 arising out of the resignation of any Transferring Client Employee before the Relevant Transfer Date on account of substantial detrimental changes to his/her working conditions proposed by the Agency and/or any Subcontractor to occur in the period from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date; or

2.2.2 arising from the failure by the Agency or any Subcontractor to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.

2.3 If any person who is not identified by the Client as a Transferring Client Employee claims, or it is determined in relation to any person who is not identified by the Client as a Transferring Client Employee, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Client to the Agency and/or any Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations or the Acquired Rights Directive then:

2.3.1 the Agency shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Client in writing; and

2.3.2 the Client may offer (or may procure that a third party may offer) employment to such person, or take such other reasonable steps as the Client considers appropriate to deal with the matter provided always that such steps are in compliance with Law, within 15 Working Days of receipt of notice from the Agency and/or any Subcontractor.

2.4 If an offer referred to in Paragraph 2.3.2 is accepted, or if the situation has otherwise been resolved by the Client, the Agency shall, or shall procure that a Subcontractor shall, immediately release the person from his/her employment or alleged employment;

2.5 If by the end of the 15 Working Day period referred to in Paragraph 2.3.2:

2.5.1 no such offer of employment has been made;

2.5.2 such offer has been made but not accepted; or

2.5.3 the situation has not otherwise been resolved,

the Agency and/or any Subcontractor may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment or alleged employment of such person.

2.6 Subject to the Agency and/or any Subcontractor acting in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5 and in accordance with all applicable proper employment procedures set out in applicable Law and subject also to Paragraph 2.7, the Client will indemnify the Agency and/or the relevant Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 2.5 provided that the Agency takes, or procures that the Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities.

2.7 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.6:

2.7.1 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 Agency and/or any Subcontractor; or

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

2.7.2 shall apply only where the notification referred to in Paragraph 2.3.1 is made by the Agency and/or any Subcontractor (as appropriate) to the Client within 6 months of the Start Date

2.8 If any such person as is referred to in Paragraph 2.3 is neither re-employed by the Client nor dismissed by the Agency and/or any Subcontractor within the time scales set out in Paragraph 2.5, such person shall be treated as having transferred to the Agency and/or any Subcontractor and the Agency shall, or shall procure that the relevant Subcontractor shall, comply with such obligations as may be imposed upon it under applicable Law.

3. **Indemnities the Agency must give and its obligations**

- 3.1 Subject to Paragraph 3.2, the Agency shall indemnify the Client against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:
- 3.1.1 any act or omission by the Agency or any Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Client Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Client Employee whether occurring before, on or after the Relevant Transfer Date;
 - 3.1.2 the breach or non-observance by the Agency or any Subcontractor on or after the Relevant Transfer Date of:
 - (a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Client Employees; and/or
 - (b) any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Client Employees which the Agency or any Subcontractor is contractually bound to honour;
 - 3.1.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing any Transferring Client Employees arising from or connected with any failure by the Agency or any Subcontractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising on or after the Relevant Transfer Date;
 - 3.1.4 any proposal by the Agency or a Subcontractor made before the Relevant Transfer Date to make changes to the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any Transferring Client Employees to their material detriment on or after their transfer to the Agency or the relevant Subcontractor (as the case may be) on the Relevant Transfer Date, or to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any person who would have been a Transferring Client Employee but for their resignation (or decision to treat their employment as terminated under regulation 4(9) of the Employment Regulations) before the Relevant Transfer Date as a result of or for a reason connected to such proposed changes;
 - 3.1.5 any statement communicated to or action undertaken by the Agency or any Subcontractor to, or in respect of, any Transferring Client Employee before the Relevant Transfer Date regarding the Relevant Transfer which has not been agreed in advance with the Client in writing;
 - 3.1.6 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 Client Employee, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on or after the Relevant Transfer Date; and
 - (b) in relation to any employee who is not a Transferring Client Employee, 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 Client to the Agency or a Subcontractor, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on or after the Relevant Transfer Date;

- 3.1.7 a failure of the Agency 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 Author Client ity Employees in respect of the period from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date;
 - 3.1.8 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Client Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Client Employee relating to any act or omission of the Agency or any Subcontractor in relation to their obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations, except to the extent that the liability arises from the Client's failure to comply with its obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations; and
 - 3.1.9 a failure by the Agency or any Sub-contractor to comply with its obligations under paragraph 2.8 above.
- 3.2 The indemnities in Paragraph 3.1 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Client whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Relevant Transfer Date including, without limitation, any Employee Liabilities arising from the Client's failure to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.
- 3.3 The Agency shall comply, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall comply, with all its obligations under the Employment Regulations (including its obligation to inform and consult in accordance with regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations) and shall perform and discharge, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall perform and discharge, all its obligations in respect of the Transferring Client Employees, from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date (including (without limit) 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 which in any case are attributable in whole or in part to the period from and including the Relevant Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments shall be made between the Client and the Agency.

4. Information the Agency must provide

4.1 The Agency shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, promptly provide to the Client in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Client to carry out its duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations. The Client shall promptly provide to the Agency and any Subcontractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Agency and any Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.

5. Cabinet Office requirements

- 5.1 The Parties agree that the Principles of Good Employment Practice issued by the Cabinet Office in December 2010 apply to the treatment by the Agency of employees whose employment begins after the Relevant Transfer Date, and the Agency undertakes to treat such employees in accordance with the provisions of the Principles of Good Employment Practice.
- 5.2 The Agency shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, comply with any requirement notified to it by the Client relating to pensions in respect of any Transferring Client Employee as set down in:
- 5.2.1 the Cabinet Office Statement of Practice on Staff Transfers in the Public Sector of January 2000, revised December 2013;
 - 5.2.2 Old Fair Deal; and/or
 - 5.2.3 The New Fair Deal.
- 5.3 Any changes embodied in any statement of practice, paper or other guidance that replaces any of the documentation referred to in Paragraphs 5.1 or 5.2 shall be agreed in accordance with the Variation Procedure.
- 6. Pensions**
- 6.1 The Agency shall, and/or shall procure that each of its Subcontractors shall, comply with:
- 6.1.1 the requirements of Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2008, section 258 of the Pensions Act 2004 and the Transfer of Employment (Pension Protection) Regulations 2005 for all transferring staff; and
 - 6.1.2 Part D: Pensions (and its Annexes) to this Schedule.

Part B: Staff transfer at the Start Date

Transfer from a Former Agency

1. What is a relevant transfer

- 1.1 The Client and the Agency agree that:
- 1.1.1 the commencement of the provision of the Services or of any relevant part of the Services will be a Relevant Transfer in relation to the Transferring Former Agency Employees; and
 - 1.1.2 as a result of the operation of the Employment Regulations, the contracts of employment between each Former Agency and the Transferring Former Agency Employees (except in relation to any terms disapplied through the operation of regulation 10(2) of the Employment Regulations) shall have effect on and from the Relevant Transfer Date as if originally made between the Agency and/or any Subcontractor and each such Transferring Former Agency Employee.

- 1.2 The Client shall procure that each Former Agency shall comply with all its obligations under the Employment Regulations and shall perform and discharge all its obligations in respect of all the Transferring Former Agency Employees in respect of the period up to (but not including) the Relevant Transfer Date (including (without limit) 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 which in any case are attributable in whole or in part in respect of the period up to (but not including) the Relevant Transfer Date) and the Agency shall make, and the Client shall procure that each Former Agency makes, any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments.

2. Indemnities given by the Former Agency

- 2.1 Subject to Paragraph 2.2, the Client shall procure that each Former Agency shall indemnify the Agency and any Subcontractor against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:

- 2.1.1 any act or omission by the Former Agency in respect of any Transferring Former Agency Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Former Agency Employee arising before the Relevant Transfer Date;
- 2.1.2 the breach or non-observance by the Former Agency arising before the Relevant Transfer Date of:
 - (a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Former Agency Employees; and/or
 - (b) any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Former Agency Employees which the Former Agency is contractually bound to honour;
- 2.1.3 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 Former Agency Employee, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising before the Relevant Transfer Date; and
 - (b) in relation to any employee who is not a Transferring Former Agency Employee 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 Former Agency to the Agency and/or any Subcontractor as appropriate, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations in respect of the period to (but excluding) the Relevant Transfer Date;
- 2.1.4 a failure of the Former Agency 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 Former Agency Employees in respect of the period to (but excluding) the Relevant Transfer Date;

- 2.1.5 any claim made by or in respect of any person employed or formerly employed by the Former Agency other than a Transferring Former Agency Employee for whom it is alleged the Agency and/or any Subcontractor as appropriate may be liable by virtue of the relevant Contract and/or the Employment Regulations and/or the Acquired Rights Directive; and
- 2.1.6 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Former Agency Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Former Agency Employee relating to any act or omission of the Former Agency 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 Agency or any Subcontractor to comply with regulation 13(4) of the Employment Regulations.

2.2 The indemnities in Paragraph 2.1 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Agency or any Subcontractor whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Relevant Transfer Date including, without limitation, any Employee Liabilities:

- 2.2.1 arising out of the resignation of any Transferring Former Agency Employee before the Relevant Transfer Date on account of substantial detrimental changes to his/her working conditions proposed by the Agency or any Subcontractor to occur in the period from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date; or
- 2.2.2 arising from the failure by the Agency and/or any Subcontractor to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.

2.3 If any person who is not identified by the Former Agency as a Transferring Former Agency Employee claims, or it is determined in relation to any person who is not identified by the Former Agency as a Transferring Former Agency Employee, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from a Former Agency to the Agency and/or any Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations or the Acquired Rights Directive then:

- 2.3.1 the Agency shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Client and in writing and, where required by the Client, notify the relevant Former Agency in writing; and
- 2.3.2 the Former Agency may offer (or may procure that a third party may offer) employment to such person, or take such other steps as the Former Agency considers appropriate to deal with the matter provided always that such steps are in compliance with applicable Law, within 15 Working Days of receipt of notice from the Agency and/or the Subcontractor (as appropriate).

2.4 If an offer referred to in Paragraph 2.3.2 is accepted, , or if the situation has otherwise been resolved by the Former Agency and/or the Client, the Agency shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall, immediately release the person from his/her employment or alleged employment.

2.5 If by the end of the 15 Working Day period referred to in Paragraph 2.3.2:

2.5.1 no such offer of employment has been made;

2.5.2 such offer has been made but not accepted; or

2.5.3 the situation has not otherwise been resolved,

the Agency and/or any Subcontractor may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment or alleged employment of such person;

2.6 Subject to the Agency and/or any Subcontractor acting in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5 and in accordance with all applicable proper employment procedures set out in Law and subject also to Paragraph 2.7, the Client shall procure that the Former Agency will indemnify the Agency and/or the relevant Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 2.5 provided that the Agency takes, or shall procure that the Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities.

2.7 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.6:

2.7.1 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 Agency and/or any Subcontractor; or

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

2.7.2 shall apply only where the notification referred to in Paragraph 2.3.1 is made by the Agency and/or any Subcontractor (as appropriate) to the Client and, if applicable, the Former Agency, within 6 months of the Start Date.

2.8 If Subcontractor any such person as is described in Paragraph 2.3 is neither re-employed by the Former Agency nor dismissed by the Agency and/or any Subcontractor within the time scales set out in Paragraph 2.5, such person shall be treated as having transferred to the Agency and/or any Subcontractor and the Agency shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall, comply with such obligations as may be imposed upon it under applicable Law.

3. **Indemnities the Agency must give and its obligations**

- 3.1 Subject to Paragraph 3.2, the Agency shall indemnify the Client and/or the Former Agency against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:
- 3.1.1 any act or omission by the Agency or any Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Former Agency Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Former Agency Employee whether occurring before, on or after the Relevant Transfer Date;
 - 3.1.2 the breach or non-observance by the Agency or any Subcontractor on or after the Relevant Transfer Date of:
 - (a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Former Agency Employee; and/or
 - (b) any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Former Agency Employees which the Agency or any Subcontractor is contractually bound to honour;
 - 3.1.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing any Transferring Former Agency Employees arising from or connected with any failure by the Agency or a Subcontractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising on or after the Relevant Transfer Date;
 - 3.1.4 any proposal by the Agency or a Subcontractor prior to the Relevant Transfer Date to make changes to the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any Transferring Former Agency Employees to their material detriment on or after their transfer to the Agency or a Subcontractor (as the case may be) on the Relevant Transfer Date, or to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any person who would have been a Transferring Former Agency Employee but for their resignation (or decision to treat their employment as terminated under regulation 4(9) of the Employment Regulations) before the Relevant Transfer Date as a result of or for a reason connected to such proposed changes;
 - 3.1.5 any statement communicated to or action undertaken by the Agency or a Subcontractor to, or in respect of, any Transferring Former Agency Employee before the Relevant Transfer Date regarding the Relevant Transfer which has not been agreed in advance with the Client and/or the Former Agency in writing;
 - 3.1.6 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 Former Agency Employee, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on or after the Relevant Transfer Date; and

- (b) in relation to any employee who is not a Transferring Former Agency Employee, 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 Former Agency to the Agency or a Subcontractor, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by the HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on or after the Relevant Transfer Date;
- 3.1.7 a failure of the Agency 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 Former Agency Employees in respect of the period from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date;
 - 3.1.8 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Former Agency Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Former Agency Employee relating to any act or omission of the Agency or any Subcontractor in relation to obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations, except to the extent that the liability arises from the Former Agency's failure to comply with its obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations; and
 - 3.1.9 a failure by the Agency or any Subcontractor to comply with its obligations under Paragraph 2.8 above
- 3.2 The indemnities in Paragraph 3.1 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Former Agency whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Relevant Transfer Date including, without limitation, any Employee Liabilities arising from the Former Agency's failure to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.
- 3.3 The Agency shall comply, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall comply, with all its obligations under the Employment Regulations (including without limitation its obligation to inform and consult in accordance with regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations) and shall perform and discharge all its obligations in respect of all the Transferring Former Agency Employees, on and from the Relevant Transfer Date (including (without limit) 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 all such sums due under the Admission Agreement which in any case are attributable in whole or in part to the period from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments shall be made between the Agency and the Former Agency.
- 4. **Information the Agency must give**

The Agency shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, promptly provide to the Client and/or at the Client's direction, the Former Agency, in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Client and/or the Former Agency to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations. The Client shall procure that the Former Agency shall promptly

provide to the Agency and any Subcontractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Agency and any Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.

5. Cabinet Office requirements

5.1 The Agency shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, comply with any requirement notified to it by the Client relating to pensions in respect of any Transferring Former Agency Employee as set down in:

5.1.1 the Cabinet Office Statement of Practice on Staff Transfers in the Public Sector of January 2000, revised 2007;

5.1.2 Old Fair Deal; and/or

5.1.3 The New Fair Deal.

5.2 Any changes embodied in any statement of practice, paper or other guidance that replaces any of the documentation referred to in Paragraph 5.1 shall be agreed in accordance with the Variation Procedure.

6. Limits on the Former Agency's obligations

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Part B, where in this Part B the Client accepts an obligation to procure that a Former Agency does or does not do something, such obligation shall be limited so that it extends only to the extent that the Client's contract with the Former Agency contains a contractual right in that regard which the Client may enforce, or otherwise so that it requires only that the Client must use reasonable endeavours to procure that the Former Agency does or does not act accordingly.

7. Pensions

7.1 The Agency shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, comply with:

7.1.1 the requirements of Part 1 of the Pensions Act 2008, section 258 of the Pensions Act 2004 and the Transfer of Employment (Pension Protection) Regulations 2005 for all transferring staff; ; and

7.1.2 Part D: Pensions (and its Annexes) to this Schedule.

Part C: No Staff Transfer on the Start Date

1. What happens if there is a staff transfer

1.1 The Client and the Agency 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 Client and/or any Former Agency.

1.2 If any employee of the Client and/or a Former Agency claims, or it is determined in relation to any employee of the Client and/or a Former Agency, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Client and/or the Former Agency to the Agency and/or any

Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations or the Acquired Rights Directive then:

- 1.2.1 the Agency shall, and shall procure that the relevant Subcontractor shall, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Client in writing and, where required by the Client, notify the Former Agency in writing; and
 - 1.2.2 the Client and/or the Former Agency may offer (or may procure that a third party may offer) employment to such person within 15 Working Days of the notification from the Agency or the Subcontractor (as appropriate) or take such other reasonable steps as the Client or Former Agency (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 Client and/or the Former Agency),, the Agency 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 Agency may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment or alleged employment of such person.
- 1.5 Subject to the Agency 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 Client shall:
 - 1.5.1 indemnify the Agency and/or the relevant Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Client's employees referred to in Paragraph 1.2 made pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1.4 provided that the Agency takes, or shall procure that the Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities; and
 - 1.5.2 procure that the Former Agency indemnifies the Agency and/or any Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of termination of the employment of the employees of the Former Agency referred to in Paragraph 1.2 made pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1.4 provided that the Agency 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 Client and/or the Former Agency as appropriate nor dismissed by the Agency 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 Agency and/or the Subcontractor (as appropriate) and the Agency 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 Agency and/or any Subcontractor pursuant to Paragraph 1.6, all Employee Liabilities in relation to such employee shall remain with the Agency and/or the Subcontractor and the Agency shall indemnify the Client and any Former Agency, and shall procure that the Subcontractor shall indemnify the Client and any Former Agency, against any Employee Liabilities that either of them may incur in respect of any such employees of the Agency 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 Agency and/or Subcontractor; or

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

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

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

2. Limits on the Former Agency's obligations

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

Part D: Pensions

[Guidance: You should take specific legal advice on this Part D. Please also note that this Part D is drafted to reflect the requirements of New Fair Deal. Accordingly, where a contracting authority is

a best value authority it will be subject to the requirements of the Best Value Authorities Staff Transfers (Pensions) Direction 2007 (or the Welsh Authorities Staff Transfers (Pensions) Direction 2012 if appropriate) and should take further specific legal advice to ensure compliance with those Directions.]

m) 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:

"Actuary"	a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries;
"Admission Agreement"	either or both of the CSPS Admission Agreement (as defined in Annex D1: CSPA) or the LGPS Admission Agreement (as defined in Annex D3: LGPS), as the context requires;
"Best Value Direction"	the Best Value Authorities Staff Transfers (Pensions) Direction 2007 or the Welsh Authorities Staff Transfers (Pensions) Direction 2012 (as appropriate);
"Broadly Comparable"	<p>(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</p> <p>(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,</p> <p>and "Broad Comparability" shall be construed accordingly;</p>
"CSPA"	the schemes as defined in Annex D1 to this Part D;
"Direction Letter/Determination"	has the meaning in Annex D2 to this Part D;
"Fair Deal Eligible Employees"	each of the CSPA Eligible Employees, the NHSPA 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);

"Fair Deal Employees"

any of:

- (a) Transferring Client Employees;
- (b) Transferring Former Agency Employees;
- (c) employees who are not Transferring Client Employees or Transferring Former Agency Employees but to whom the Employment Regulations apply on the Relevant Transfer Date to transfer their employment to the Agency 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 Agency or a Subcontractor was the Former Agency, the employees of the Agency (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 Client;

"Fund Actuary"

a Fund Actuary as defined in Annex D3 to this Part D;

"LGPS"

the scheme as defined in Annex D3 to this Part D;

"NHSPS"

the schemes as defined in Annex D2 to this Part D;

(a)

(b)

"Statutory Schemes"

means the CSPA, NHSPS or LGPS.

n) Agency obligations to participate in the pension schemes

- a) 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.
- b) The Agency 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 Agency to participate in the appropriate Statutory Scheme in respect of the Fair Deal Employees and shall bear its own costs in such regard.

- c) The Agency undertakes:
- i) 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
 - ii) 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.
- d) Where the Agency is the Former Agency (or a Subcontractor is a Subcontractor of the Former Agency) and there is no Relevant Transfer of the Fair Deal Employees because they remain continuously employed by the Agency (or Subcontractor) at the Start Date, this Part D and its Annexes shall be modified accordingly so that the Agency (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 Agency (or Sub- contractor) 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 Client¹.

o) Agency obligation to provide information

- a) The Agency undertakes to the Client:
- i) to provide all information which the Client may reasonably request concerning matters referred to in this Part D as expeditiously as possible; and
 - ii) 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 Client (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);
 - iii) 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.

p) Indemnities the Agency must give

- a) The Agency shall indemnify and keep indemnified CCS, [NHS Pensions], the Client and/or any Replacement Agency and/or any Replacement Subcontractor on demand from and against all and any Losses whatsoever suffered or incurred by it or them which:
- i) 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

¹ We recommend that you seek specific legal advice on this clause.

any breach by the Agency of this Part D, and/or the CSPA Admission Agreement and/or the Direction Letter/Determination and/or the LGPS Admission Agreement;

- ii) 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 Agency 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;
- iii) relate to claims by Fair Deal Employees of the Agency 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:

- (1) 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
- (2) arise out of the failure of the Agency 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
- iv) arise out of or in connection with the Agency (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.

b) The indemnities in this Part D and its Annexes:

- i) shall survive termination of the relevant Contract; and
- ii) shall not be affected by the caps on liability contained in Clause 11 (How much you can be held responsible for).

q) What happens if there is a dispute

- a) The Dispute Resolution Procedure will not apply to any dispute (i) between the CCS and/or the Client and/or the Agency 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 Client and/or the Agency be referred to an independent Actuary:
 - i) who will act as an expert and not as an arbitrator;
 - ii) whose decision will be final and binding on the CCS and/or the Client and/or the Agency; and
 - iii) whose expenses shall be borne equally by the CCS and/or the Client and/or the Agency 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.

r) Other people's rights

- a) 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 Agency under this Part D, in his or her or its own right under section 1(1) of the CRTPA.
- b) Further, the Agency 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.

s) What happens if there is a breach of this Part D

- a) The Agency agrees to notify the Client should it breach any obligations it has under this Part D and agrees that the Client shall be entitled to terminate its Contract for material Default in the event that the Agency:
 - i) commits an irremediable breach of any provision or obligation it has under this Part D; or
 - ii) 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 Client giving particulars of the breach and requiring the Agency to remedy it.

t) Transferring Fair Deal Employees

- a) 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 Agency shall or shall procure that any relevant Sub-contractor shall:
 - i) notify the Client as far as reasonably practicable in advance of the transfer to allow the Client to make the necessary arrangements for participation with the relevant Statutory Scheme(s);
 - ii) consult with about, and inform those Fair Deal Eligible Employees of the pension provisions relating to that transfer; and
 - iii) 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 "Agency" 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.

u) What happens to pensions if this Contract ends

- a) The provisions of Part E: Staff Transfer On Exit (Mandatory) apply in relation to pension issues on expiry or termination of the relevant Contract.
- b) The Agency 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 Agency and/or NHS Pension and/or CSPA and/or the relevant Administering Client and/or the Client may reasonably require, to enable the Replacement Agency 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.

v) Broadly Comparable Pension Schemes on the Relevant Transfer Date

- a) If the terms of any of paragraphs 4 of Annex D2: NHSPS or 3.1 of Annex D3: LGPS applies, the Agency 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 Client.
- b) Such Broadly Comparable pension scheme must be:
 - i) established by the Relevant Transfer Date²;
 - ii) a registered pension scheme for the purposes of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004;
 - iii) capable of receiving a bulk transfer payment from the relevant Statutory Scheme or from a Former Agency's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (unless otherwise instructed by the Client);
 - iv) capable of paying a bulk transfer payment to the Replacement Agency's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) (unless otherwise instructed by the Client); and
 - v) maintained until such bulk transfer payments have been received or paid (unless otherwise instructed by the Client).
- c) Where the Agency has set up a Broadly Comparable pension scheme pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph 10, the Agency shall (and shall procure that any of its Subcontractors shall):
 - i) supply to the Client 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

²We recommend that you seek specific legal advice on this clause.

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;

- ii) 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;
 - iii) 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 Agency'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 Client (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 transfer³; and
 - iv) 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 Agency and/or relevant Subcontractor and are still eligible for New Fair Deal protection in the event that the Agency 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).
- d) Where the Agency has provided a Broadly Comparable pension scheme pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 10, the Agency shall (and shall procure that any of its Subcontractors shall) prior to the termination of the relevant Contract:
- i) 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 Agency'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 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

³ We recommend that you seek specific legal advice on this clause.

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 Agency or Subcontractor (as appropriate) as the date used to determine the actuarial assumptions; and

- ii) 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 Agency'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 Agency shall (or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall) pay the amount of the difference to the Replacement Agency's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) or as the Client shall otherwise direct. The Agency shall indemnify the Client or the Replacement Agency's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) (as the Client directs) for any failure to pay the difference as required under this paragraph.

w) Broadly Comparable Pension Scheme in Other Circumstances

- a) If the terms of any of paragraphs 2.2 of Annex D1: CSPS, 5.2 of Annex D2: NHSPS and/or 3.2 of Annex D3: LGPS apply, the Agency 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 Client.
- b) Such Broadly Comparable pension scheme must be:
 - i) established by the date of cessation of participation in the Statutory Scheme⁴;
 - ii) a registered pension scheme for the purposes of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004;
 - iii) capable of receiving a bulk transfer payment from the relevant Statutory Scheme (where instructed to do so by the Client);
 - iv) capable of paying a bulk transfer payment to the Replacement Agency's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) (unless otherwise instructed by the Client); and
 - v) maintained until such bulk transfer payments have been received or paid (unless otherwise instructed by the Client).

⁴ We recommend that you seek specific legal advice on this clause.

- c) Where the Agency has provided a Broadly Comparable pension scheme pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 11, the Agency shall (and shall procure that any of its Subcontractors shall):
- i) supply to the Client 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;
 - ii) 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;
 - iii) where required to do so by the Client, 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 Client (where applicable). The Agency 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 Agency shall be fully responsible for any costs of providing those credits in excess of the bulk transfer payment received by the Broadly Comparable pension scheme⁵; and
 - iv) 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 Agency and/or relevant Subcontractor and are still eligible for New Fair Deal protection in the event that the Agency and/or Subcontractor's Broadly Comparable pension scheme is closed 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).
- d) Where the Agency has provided a Broadly Comparable pension scheme pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 11, the Agency 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

⁵ We recommend that you seek specific legal advice on this clause.

Replacement Agency'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 Agency'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 Agency's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) to fund the required credits ("**the Shortfall**"), the Agency or the Subcontractor (as agreed between them) must pay the Replacement Agency'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 Agency and any Subcontractor, the Shortfall shall be paid by the Agency. The Agency shall indemnify the Client or the Replacement Agency's Broadly Comparable pension scheme (or the relevant Statutory Scheme if applicable) (as the Client directs) for any failure to pay the Shortfall under this paragraph.

x) Right of Set-off

- a) The Client shall have a right to set off against any payments due to the Agency under the relevant Contract an amount equal to:
 - i) 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 Agency or from any relevant Subcontractor or due from any third party under any indemnity, bond or guarantee;
 - ii) 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 Agency or from any relevant Subcontractor or due from any third party under any indemnity, bond or guarantee; or
 - iii) 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 Agency 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.

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

Annex D1:

Civil Service Pensions Schemes (CSPA)

1. Definitions

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

"CSPS Admission Agreement"	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;
"CSPS Eligible Employee"	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;
"CSPS Fair Deal Employee"	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;
"CSPS"	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 Agency 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 Date. The Agency and/or any of its Subcontractors shall procure that the CSPS Fair Deal Employees continue to accrue benefits in the CSPS in accordance with the provisions governing the relevant section of the CSPS for service from (and including) the Relevant Transfer Date.
- 2.2 If the Agency and/or any of its Subcontractors enters into a CSPS Admission Agreement in accordance with paragraph 2.1 but the CSPS Admission Agreement is terminated during the term of the relevant Contract for any reason at a time when the Agency or Subcontractor still employs any CSPS Eligible Employees, the Agency shall (and procure that its Subcontractors shall) at no extra cost to the Client, offer the remaining CSPS Eligible Employees membership of a pension scheme which is Broadly Comparable to the CSPS on the date those CSPS Eligible Employees ceased to participate in the CSPS 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):

"Direction Letter/Determination"	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 Agency or a Subcontractor of the Agency (as appropriate) relating to the terms of participation of the Agency or Subcontractor in the NHSPS in respect of the NHSPS Fair Deal Employees;
"NHS Broadly Comparable Employees"	<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> <p>(a) their employment with the Client, an NHS Body or other employer which participates automatically in the NHSPS; or</p> <p>(b) their employment with a Former Agency 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 Agency (on the basis that they are entitled to protection under New Fair Deal (or previous guidance), having been formerly in employment with the Client, an NHS Body or other employer who participated automatically in the NHSPS in connection with the Services, prior to being employed by the Former Agency),</p> <p>but who is now ineligible to participate in the NHSPS under the rules of the NHSPS and in respect of whom the Client 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.</p>
"NHSPS Eligible Employees"	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.
"NHSPS Fair Deal Employees"	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:

2 their employment with the Client, an NHS Body or other employer which participates automatically in the NHSPS;
or

3 their employment with a Former Agency 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 Agency (on the basis that they are entitled to protection under New Fair Deal (or previous guidance), having been formerly in employment with the Client, an NHS Body or other employer who participated automatically in the NHSPS in connection with the Services, prior to being employed by the Former Agency),

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).

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 Client, an NHS Body (or other body which participates automatically in the NHSPS) is not an NHSPS Fair Deal Employee;

"NHS Body"

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;

"NHS Pensions"

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;

"NHSPS"

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;

"NHS Pension Scheme Regulations"

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;

"NHS Premature Retirement Rights"

rights to which any NHS Fair Deal Employee (had they remained in the employment of the Client, an NHS Body or other employer which participates automatically in the NHSPS) would have been or is entitled under the NHS Pension Scheme 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;

"Pension Benefits"

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 Agency 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 Agency and/or any of its Subcontractors to secure a Direction Letter/Determination on or before the Relevant Transfer Date, the Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency must supply to the Client a complete copy of each Direction Letter/Determination within 5 Working Days of receipt of the Direction Letter/Determination.
- 2.4 The Agency 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 have a right to membership or eligibility of that scheme under the terms of the Direction Letter/Determination.
- 2.5 The Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Client, an NHS Body or other employer which participates automatically in the NHSPS.
4. **NHS Broadly Comparable Employees**
 - 4.1 The Agency 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 Agency breaches its pension obligations**
 - 5.1 The Agency agrees that the Client is entitled to make arrangements with NHS Pensions for the Client to be notified if the Agency (or its Subcontractor) breaches the terms of its Direction Letter/Determination. Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing, the Agency shall notify the Client in the event that it (or its Subcontractor) breaches the terms of its Direction Letter/Determination.
 - 5.2 If the Agency (or its Subcontractors, if relevant) ceases to participate in the NHSPS for whatever reason, the Agency (or any such Subcontractor, as appropriate) shall offer to offer the NHSPS Eligible Employees membership of 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 Agency (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 Client may in its sole discretion permit the Agency (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 Agency (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 Agency must meet (or must procure that the relevant Subcontractor meets) the costs of the Client determining whether the level of compensation offered is reasonable in the circumstances.

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

7. Indemnities that a Agency must give

7.1 The Agency must indemnify and keep indemnified the CCS, the Client and any Replacement Agency 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)

[Guidance: You should take specific legal advice on this Annex D3 and in particular the risk apportionment provisions contained herein.]

Please note that this Part D is drafted to reflect the requirements of New Fair Deal. Accordingly, where a contracting authority is a local authority (or other type of best value authority) then it will be subject to the requirements of the Best Value Authorities Staff Transfers (Pensions) Direction 2007 (or the Welsh Authorities Staff Transfers (Pensions) Direction 2012 if appropriate) and should take further specific legal advice to ensure compliance with those Directions.

Note the LGPS unlike the CSPA & NHSPS 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 Client, 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 Client 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.]

d) 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):

"2013 Regulations"	the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/2356) (as amended from time to time);
"Administering Client"	in relation to the Fund [insert name] , the relevant Administering Client of that Fund for the purposes of the 2013 Regulations;
"Fund Actuary"	the actuary to a Fund appointed by the Administering Client of that Fund;
"Fund"	[insert name], a pension fund within the LGPS;
["Initial Contribution Rate"⁶]	[XX %] of pensionable pay (as defined in the 2013 Regulations);]
"LGPS"	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;
"LGPS Admission Agreement"	an admission agreement within the meaning in Schedule 1 of the 2013 Regulations;
"LGPS Admission Body"	an admission body (within the meaning of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the 2013 Regulations);
"LGPS Eligible Employees"	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;
"LGPS Fair Deal Employees"	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; ;
"LGPS Regulations"	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.

e) Agency to become an LGPS Admission Body

2.1 In accordance with the principles of New Fair Deal and/or the Best Value Direction, the Agency and/or any of its Subcontractors to which the employment of any LGPS

⁶ We recommend that you seek specific legal advice on this definition.

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 1⁷

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

f) Broadly Comparable Scheme

3.1 If the Agency and/or any of its Subcontractors is unable to obtain an LGPS Admission Agreement in accordance with paragraph 2.1 because the Administering Client will not allow it to participate in the Fund, the Agency 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

⁷ We recommend that you seek specific legal advice on this clause.

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 Agency 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 Agency or Subcontractors still employs any LGPS Eligible Employees, the Agency shall (and procure that its Subcontractors shall) at no extra cost to the Client, 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.

g) Discretionary Benefits

Where the Agency and/or any of its Subcontractors is an LGPS Admission Body, the Agency 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.

h) LGPS RISK SHARING⁸

- i) Subject to paragraphs 5.4 to 5.10, if at any time during the term of the relevant Contract the Administering Client, pursuant to the LGPS Admission Agreement or the LGPS Regulations, requires the Agency 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 Agency or the Subcontractor, as the case may be, and the Agency shall be reimbursed by the Client.
- ii) Subject to paragraphs 5.4 to 5.9 and 5.11, if at any time during the term of the relevant Contract, the Administering Client, pursuant to the LGPS Admission Agreement or the LGPS Regulations, requires the Agency or any Subcontractor to pay employer contributions or payments to the Fund in aggregate below the Initial Contribution Rate for a Contract Year, the Agency shall reimburse the Client 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 Agency or Subcontractor for that Contract Year, as the case may be, to the Fund.

- iii) Subject to paragraphs 5.4 to 5.10, where the Administering Client 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 Agency or any Subcontractor is

⁸ We recommend that you seek specific legal advice on this clause.

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 Agency or any Subcontractor (as the case may be) and the Agency shall be reimbursed by the Client.

- iv) The Agency and any Subcontractors shall at all times be responsible for the following costs:
- 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;
 - 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 otherwise⁹;
 - 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;
 - 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 Agency 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 Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014;
 - 5) any employer contributions relating to the costs of enhanced benefits made at the discretion of the Agency or any relevant Subcontractors including without limitation additional pension awarded under Regulation 31 of the 2013 Regulations or otherwise;
 - 6) any increase to the employer contribution rate resulting from the award of pay increases by the Agency 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 Agency and/or any Subcontractor is contractually bound to provide such increases on the Relevant Transfer Date);
 - 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 Agency or any relevant Subcontractors

⁹ We recommend that you seek specific legal advice on this clause.

where a member does not have an absolute entitlement to that benefit under the LGPS;

- 8) any cost of the administration of the Fund that are not met through the Agency's or Subcontractor's employer contribution rate, including without limitation an amount specified in a notice given by the Administering Client under Regulation 70 of the 2013 Regulations;
 - 9) the costs of any reports and advice requested by or arising from an instruction given by the Agency or a Subcontractor from the Fund Actuary; and/or
 - 10) any interest payable under the 2013 Regulations or LGPS Administration Agreement.
- v) 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 Agency 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.
- vi) Where the Administering Client 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 Agency or any Subcontractor receives payment of an exit credit payment under Regulation 64(2) of the 2013 Regulations (the "**Exit Credit**"), the Agency shall (or procure that any Subcontractor shall) reimburse the Client an amount equal to the Exit Credit within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of the Exit Credit.
- vii) The Agency shall (or procure that the Subcontractor shall) notify the Client in writing within twenty (20) Working Days:
- 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
 - 2) of being informed by the Administering Client of any Exit Payment or Exit Credit that is determined by as being due from or to the Agency or a Subcontractor and provide a copy of any revised rates and adjustments certificate detailing the Exit Payment or Exit Credit and its calculation.
- viii) Within twenty (20) Working Days of receiving the notification under paragraph 5.7 above, the Client shall either:
- 1) notify the Agency in writing of its acceptance of the Excess Amount, Refund Amount or Exit Payment;
 - 2) request further information or evidence about the Excess Amount, Refund Amount or Exit Payment from the Agency; and/or

- 3) request a meeting with the Agency to discuss or clarify the information or evidence provided.
- ix) 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 Client shall notify the Agency in writing. In the event that the Agency and the Client are unable to agree the amount of the Excess Amount, Refund Amount or Exit Payment then they shall follow the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- x) Any Excess Amount or Exit Payment agreed by the Client or in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure shall be paid by the Client within timescales as agreed between Client and Agency. The amount to be paid by the Client 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 Agency or a Subcontractor.
- xi) Any Refund Amount agreed by the Client or in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure as payable by the Agency or any Subcontractor to the Client, shall be paid by the Agency or any Subcontractor forthwith as the liability has been agreed. In the event the Agency or any Subcontractor fails to pay any agreed Refund Amount, the Client shall demand in writing the immediate payment of the agreed Refund Amount by the Agency and the Agency shall make payment within seven (7) Working Days of such demand.
- xii) This paragraph 5 shall survive termination of the relevant Contract.

Annex D4: Other Schemes

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

Part E: Staff Transfer on Exit

1. Obligations before a Staff Transfer

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

- 1.1.1 receipt of a notification from the Client 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 Client at any time (provided that the Client 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 Agency's Provisional Agency Personnel List, together with the Staffing Information in relation to

the Agency's Provisional Agency Personnel List and it shall provide an updated Agency's Provisional Agency Personnel List at such intervals as are reasonably requested by the Client.

- 1.2 At least 20 Working Days prior to the Service Transfer Date, the Agency shall provide to the Client or at the direction of the Client to any Replacement Agency and/or any Replacement Subcontractor (i) the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List, which shall identify the basis upon which they are Transferring Agency Employees and (ii) the Staffing Information in relation to the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List (insofar as such information has not previously been provided).
- 1.3 The Client shall be permitted to use and disclose information provided by the Agency under Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 for the purpose of informing any prospective Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor.
- 1.4 The Agency warrants, for the benefit of The Client, any Replacement Agency, 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 Agency 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 Agency's Provisional Agency Personnel List and shall not without the approval of the Client (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed):

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- 1.5.1 replace or re-deploy any Agency Staff listed on the Agency Provisional Agency Personnel List other than where any replacement is of equivalent grade, skills, experience and 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency's Provisional Agency 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 Agency's Provisional Agency Personnel List save by due disciplinary process;

and shall promptly notify, and procure that each Subcontractor shall promptly notify, the Client or, at the direction of the Client, any Replacement Agency and any Replacement Subcontractor of any notice to terminate employment given by the Agency or relevant Subcontractor or received from any persons listed on the Agency's Provisional Agency 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 Client may make written requests to the Agency for information relating to the manner in which the Services are organised. Within 20 Working Days of receipt of a written request the Agency shall provide, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall provide, to the Client such information as the Client 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.

1.7 The Agency shall provide, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall provide, all reasonable cooperation and assistance to the Client, any Replacement Agency and/or any Replacement Subcontractor to ensure the smooth transfer of the Transferring Agency 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 Agency Employees to be paid as appropriate. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, within 5 Working Days following the Service Transfer Date, the Agency shall provide, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall provide, to the Client or, at the direction of the Client, to any Replacement Agency and/or any Replacement Subcontractor (as appropriate), in respect of each person on the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List who is a Transferring Agency 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 Client and the Agency 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 Agency 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 Client and the Agency agree that, as a result of the operation of the Employment Regulations, where a Relevant Transfer occurs, the contracts of employment between the Agency and the Transferring Agency 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 Agency and/or a Replacement Subcontractor (as the case may be) and each such Transferring Agency Employee.

- 2.2 The Agency shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, comply with all its obligations in respect of the Transferring Agency 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 Agency 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 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 Agency and/or the Subcontractor (as appropriate); and (ii) the Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor.
- 2.3 Subject to Paragraph 2.4, the Agency shall indemnify the Client and/or the Replacement Agency 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 Agency or any Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Agency Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Agency Employee whether occurring before, on or after the Service Transfer Date;
 - 2.3.2 the breach or non-observance by the Agency or any Subcontractor occurring on or before the Service Transfer Date of:
 - (a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Agency Employees; and/or
 - (b) any other custom or practice with a trade union or staff association in respect of any Transferring Agency Employees which the Agency 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 Agency Employees arising from or connected with any failure by the Agency 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:
- (i) in relation to any Transferring Agency 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
 - (ii) in relation to any employee who is not identified in the Agency's Final Agency 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 Agency to the Client and/or Replacement Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency or any Subcontractor other than a Transferring Agency Employee identified in the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List for whom it is alleged the Client and/or the Replacement Agency 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 Agency Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Agency Employee relating to any act or omission of the Agency 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 Client and/or Replacement Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency Employee before the Service Transfer Date on account of substantial detrimental changes to his/her working conditions proposed by the Replacement Agency and/or

- any Replacement Subcontractor to occur in the period on or after the Service Transfer Date); or
- 2.4.2 arising from the Replacement Agency'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 Agency's Final Agency Employee List claims, or it is determined in relation to any employees of the Agency, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Agency to the Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations or the Acquired Rights Directive, then:
- 2.5.1 the Client shall procure that the Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor will, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Client and the Agency in writing; and
- 2.5.2 the Agency 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 Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor.
- 2.6 If such offer of is accepted, or if the situation has otherwise been resolved by the Agency or a Subcontractor, Client shall procure that the Replacement Agency 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 Client shall advise the Replacement Agency 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 Agency'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 Agency will indemnify the Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Agency's employees pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 2.7 provided that the Replacement Agency takes, or shall procure that the Replacement 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 Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor, or

- (b) any claim that the termination of employment was unfair because the Replacement Agency 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 Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor to the Agency 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 Agency or any Subcontractor nor dismissed by the Replacement Agency 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 Agency Employee. .
- 2.11 The Agency 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 Agency's Final Agency 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:
 - (b) the Agency and/or any Subcontractor; and
 - (c) the Replacement Agency and/or the Replacement Subcontractor.
- 2.12 The Agency shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, promptly provide the Client and any Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor, in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Client, the Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations. The Client shall procure that the Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor, shall promptly provide to the Agency and each Subcontractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Agency and each Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.

- 2.13 Subject to Paragraph 2.14, the Client shall procure that the Replacement Agency indemnifies the Agency 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 Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Agency Employee in the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any such Transferring Agency Employee;
 - 2.13.2 the breach or non-observance by the Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor on or after the Service Transfer Date of:
 - (i) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Agency Employees identified in the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List; and/or
 - (ii) any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Agency Employees identified in the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List which the Replacement Agency 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 Agency Employees identified in the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List arising from or connected with any failure by the Replacement Agency 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;
 - 2.13.4 any proposal by the Replacement Agency and/or Replacement Subcontractor to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any Transferring Agency Employees identified in the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List on or after their transfer to the Replacement Agency 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 Agency's Final Agency Personnel List who would have been a Transferring Agency 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 Agency or Replacement Subcontractor to, or in respect of, any Transferring Agency Employee identified in the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List on or before the Service Transfer Date regarding the Relevant Transfer which has not been agreed in advance with the Agency 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 Agency Employee identified in the Agency's Final Agency 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 Agency Employee identified in the Agency's Final Agency 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 Agency or Subcontractor, to the Replacement Agency 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 Agency or Replacement 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 Agency Employees identified in the Agency's Final Agency 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 Agency Employee identified in the Agency's Final Agency Personnel List or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any such Transferring Agency Employee relating to any act or omission of the Replacement Agency or Replacement Subcontractor in relation to obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.14 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 Agency 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 Agency and/or any Subcontractor (as applicable) to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.

Order Schedule 3 (Continuous Improvement)

1.Client's Rights

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

2.Agency's Obligations

- 1.2 The Agency must, throughout the Contract Period, identify new or potential improvements to the provision of the Goods or Services with a view to reducing the Client's costs (including the Charges) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Goods or Services and their supply to the Client.
- 1.3 The Agency must adopt a policy of continuous improvement in relation to the Goods or Services, which must include regular reviews with the Client of the Goods or Services and the way it provides them, with a view to reducing the Client's costs (including the Charges) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Goods or Services. The Agency and the Client must provide each other with any information relevant to meeting this objective.
- 1.4 In addition to Paragraph 2.1, the Agency shall produce at the start of each Contract Year a plan for improving the provision of Goods or Services and/or reducing the Charges (without adversely affecting the performance of this Contract) during that Contract Year ("**Continuous Improvement Plan**") for the Client's Approval. The Continuous Improvement Plan must include, as a minimum, proposals:
- 1.4.1 identifying the emergence of relevant new and evolving technologies;
 - 1.4.2 changes in business processes of the Agency or the Client and ways of working that would provide cost savings and/or enhanced benefits to the Client (such as methods of interaction, supply chain efficiencies, reduction in energy consumption and methods of sale);
 - 1.4.3 new or potential improvements to the provision of the Goods or Services including the quality, responsiveness, procedures, benchmarking methods, likely performance mechanisms and customer support services in relation to the Goods or Services; and
 - 1.4.4 measuring and reducing the sustainability impacts of the Agency's operations and supply-chains relating to the Goods or Services, and identifying opportunities to assist the Client in meeting their sustainability objectives.
- 1.5 The initial Continuous Improvement Plan for the first (1st) Contract Year shall be submitted by the Agency to the Client for Approval within one hundred (100) Working Days of the first Order or six (6) Months following the Start Date, whichever is earlier.
- 1.6 The Client shall notify the Agency 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 Agency shall, within ten (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.

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

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

1.9 Once the first Continuous Improvement Plan has been Approved in accordance with Paragraph 2.5:

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

1.9.2 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 Agency's progress against the Continuous Improvement Plan.

1.10 The Agency shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan as and when required but at least once every Contract Year (after the first (1st) Contract Year) in accordance with the procedure and timescales set out in Paragraph 2.3.

1.11 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.

1.12 Should the Agency's costs in providing the Goods or Services to the Client be reduced as a result of any changes implemented, all of the cost savings shall be passed on to the Client by way of a consequential and immediate reduction in the Charges for the Goods or Services.

1.13 If at any time during the Term the Agency reduces its DPS Prices for Goods or Services provided in accordance with the terms of the DPS Contract, the Agency shall immediately reduce the Charges for the Goods or Services under the Order Contract by the same amount. This obligation applies whether or not the Goods or Services are offered in a catalogue provided under the DPS Contract.

Order Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)

The following rates shall be used to calculate all work under the contract and for all further work under the Order procedure at Schedule 2

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Order Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)

1. Definitions

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

"BCDR Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule;
"Business Continuity Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.3.2 of this Schedule;
"Disaster"	the occurrence of one or more events which, either separately or cumulatively, mean that the Goods or Services, or a material part thereof will be unavailable (or could reasonably be anticipated to be unavailable);
"Disaster Recovery Goods or Services"	the Goods or Services embodied in the processes and procedures for restoring the provision of Goods or Services following the occurrence of a Disaster;
"Disaster Recovery Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 2.3.3 of this Schedule;
"Disaster Recovery System"	the system embodied in the processes and procedures for restoring the provision of Goods or Services following the occurrence of a Disaster;
"Related Agency"	any person who provides Goods or Services to the Client which are related to the Goods or Services from time to time;
"Review Report"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 6.3 of this Schedule; and
"Agency's Proposals"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 6.3 of this Schedule;

2. BCDR Plan

- 2.1 The Client and the Agency recognise that, where specified in Schedule 4 (DPS Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Client's rights under this Schedule.
- 2.2 Within 10 Working Days of the Start Date the Agency shall prepare and deliver to the Client for the Client's written approval a plan (a "**BCDR Plan**"), which shall detail the processes and arrangements that the Agency shall follow to:

- 2.2.1 ensure continuity of the business processes and operations supported by the Services following any failure or disruption of any element of the Goods or Services; and
 - 2.2.2 the recovery of the Goods or Services in the event of a Disaster
- 2.3 The BCDR Plan shall be divided into three sections:
 - 2.3.1 Section 1 which shall set out general principles applicable to the BCDR Plan;
 - 2.3.2 Section 2 which shall relate to business continuity (the "**Business Continuity Plan**"); and
 - 2.3.3 Section 3 which shall relate to disaster recovery (the "**Disaster Recovery Plan**").
- 2.4 Following receipt of the draft BCDR Plan from the Agency, 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.
- 3. **General Principles of the BCDR Plan (Section 1)**
- 3.1 Section 1 of the BCDR Plan shall:
 - 3.1.1 set out how the business continuity and disaster recovery elements of the BCDR Plan link to each other;
 - 3.1.2 provide details of how the invocation of any element of the BCDR Plan may impact upon the provision of the Goods or Services and any goods and/or services provided to the Client by a Related Agency;
 - 3.1.3 contain an obligation upon the Agency to liaise with the Client and any Related Agencies with respect to business continuity and disaster recovery;
 - 3.1.4 detail how the BCDR Plan interoperates with any overarching disaster recovery or business continuity plan of the Client and any of its other Related Agency in each case as notified to the Agency by the Client from time to time;
 - 3.1.5 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;
 - 3.1.6 contain a risk analysis, including:
 - (a) failure or disruption scenarios and assessments of likely frequency of occurrence;
 - (b) identification of any single points of failure within the provision of Goods or Services and processes for managing those risks;
 - (c) identification of risks arising from the interaction of the provision of Goods or Services with the goods and/or services provided by a Related Agency; and
 - (d) a business impact analysis of different anticipated failures or disruptions;
 - 3.1.7 provide for documentation of processes, including business processes, and procedures;

- 3.1.8 set out key contact details for the Agency (and any Subcontractors) and for the Client;
 - 3.1.9 identify the procedures for reverting to "normal service";
 - 3.1.10 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;
 - 3.1.11 identify the responsibilities (if any) that the Client has agreed it will assume in the event of the invocation of the BCDR Plan; and
 - 3.1.12 provide for the provision of technical assistance to key contacts at the Client as required by the Client to inform decisions in support of the Client's business continuity plans.
- 3.2 The BCDR Plan shall be designed so as to ensure that:
- 3.2.1 the Goods or Services are provided in accordance with this Contract at all times during and after the invocation of the BCDR Plan;
 - 3.2.2 the adverse impact of any Disaster is minimised as far as reasonably possible;
 - 3.2.3 it complies with the relevant provisions of ISO/IEC 27002; ISO22301/ISO22313 and all other industry standards from time to time in force; and
 - 3.2.4 it details a process for the management of disaster recovery testing.
- 3.3 The BCDR Plan shall be upgradeable and sufficiently flexible to support any changes to the Goods or Services and the business operations supported by the provision of Goods or Services.
- 3.4 The Agency 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 Agency of this Contract.
4. **Business Continuity (Section 2)**
- 4.1 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 Goods or Services remain supported and to ensure continuity of the business operations supported by the Services including:
- 4.1.1 the alternative processes, options and responsibilities that may be adopted in the event of a failure in or disruption to the provision of Goods or Services; and
 - 4.1.2 the steps to be taken by the Agency upon resumption of the provision of Goods or Services in order to address the effect of the failure or disruption.
- 4.2 The Business Continuity Plan shall:
- 4.2.1 address the various possible levels of failures of or disruptions to the provision of Goods or Services;
 - 4.2.2 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 Goods or Services;

- 4.2.3 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 (PI's) or Service Levels in respect of the provision of other Goods or Services during any period of invocation of the Business Continuity Plan; and
 - 4.2.4 set out the circumstances in which the Business Continuity Plan is invoked.
- 5. **Disaster Recovery (Section 3)**
 - 5.1 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 Agency ensures continuity of the business operations of the Client 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.
 - 5.2 The Agency's BCDR Plan shall include an approach to business continuity and disaster recovery that addresses the following:
 - 5.2.1 loss of access to the Client Premises;
 - 5.2.2 loss of utilities to the Client Premises;
 - 5.2.3 loss of the Agency's helpdesk or CAFM system;
 - 5.2.4 loss of a Subcontractor;
 - 5.2.5 emergency notification and escalation process;
 - 5.2.6 contact lists;
 - 5.2.7 staff training and awareness;
 - 5.2.8 BCDR Plan testing;
 - 5.2.9 post implementation review process;
 - 5.2.10 any applicable Performance Indicators (PI's) with respect to the provision of the disaster recovery services and details of any agreed relaxation to the Performance Indicators (PI's) or Service Levels in respect of the provision of other Goods or Services during any period of invocation of the Disaster Recovery Plan;
 - 5.2.11 details of how the Agency shall ensure compliance with security standards ensuring that compliance is maintained for any period during which the Disaster Recovery Plan is invoked;
 - 5.2.12 access controls to any disaster recovery sites used by the Agency in relation to its obligations pursuant to this Schedule; and
 - 5.2.13 testing and management arrangements.
- 6. **Review and changing the BCDR Plan**
 - 6.1 The Agency shall review the BCDR Plan:
 - 6.1.1 on a regular basis and as a minimum once every six (6) Months;

- 6.1.2 within three (3) calendar Months of the BCDR Plan (or any part) having been invoked pursuant to Paragraph 7; and
- 6.1.3 where the Client requests in writing any additional reviews (over and above those provided for in Paragraphs 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 of this Schedule) whereupon the Agency shall conduct such reviews in accordance with the Client's written requirements. Prior to starting its review, the Agency shall provide an accurate written estimate of the total costs payable by the Client for the Client's approval. The costs of both Parties of any such additional reviews shall be met by the Client except that the Agency shall not be entitled to charge the Client for any costs that it may incur above any estimate without the Client's prior written approval.
- 6.2 Each review of the BCDR Plan pursuant to Paragraph 6.1 shall assess its suitability having regard to any change to the Goods or Services 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 Agency within such period as the Client shall reasonably require.
- 6.3 The Agency shall, within twenty (20) Working Days of the conclusion of each such review of the BCDR Plan, provide to the Client a report (a "**Review Report**") setting out the Agency's proposals (the "**Agency's Proposals**") for addressing any changes in the risk profile and its proposals for amendments to the BCDR Plan.
- 6.4 Following receipt of the Review Report and the Agency's Proposals, the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the Review Report and the Agency's Proposals. If the Parties are unable to agree Review Report and the Agency's Proposals within twenty (20) Working Days of its submission, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 6.5 The Agency shall as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving the approval of the Agency's Proposals effect any change in its practices or procedures necessary so as to give effect to the Agency's Proposals. Any such change shall be at the Agency's expense unless it can be reasonably shown that the changes are required because of a material change to the risk profile of the Goods or Services.
- 7. Testing the BCDR Plan**
- 7.1 The Agency shall test the BCDR Plan:
 - 7.1.1 regularly and in any event not less than once in every Contract Year;
 - 7.1.2 in the event of any major reconfiguration of the Goods or Services
 - 7.1.3 at any time where the Client considers it necessary (acting in its sole discretion).
- 7.2 If the Client requires an additional test of the BCDR Plan, it shall give the Agency written notice and the Agency shall conduct the test in accordance with the Client's requirements and the relevant provisions of the BCDR Plan. The Agency's costs of the additional test shall be borne by the Client unless the BCDR Plan fails the additional test in which case the Agency's costs of that failed test shall be borne by the Agency.

- 7.3 The Agency shall undertake and manage testing of the BCDR Plan in full consultation with and under the supervision of the Client and shall liaise with the Client in respect of the planning, performance, and review, of each test, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Client.
- 7.4 The Agency shall ensure that any use by it or any Subcontractor of "live" data in such testing is first approved with the Client. Copies of live test data used in any such testing shall be (if so required by the Client) destroyed or returned to the Client on completion of the test.
- 7.5 The Agency shall, within twenty (20) Working Days of the conclusion of each test, provide to the Client a report setting out:
- 7.5.1 the outcome of the test;
 - 7.5.2 any failures in the BCDR Plan (including the BCDR Plan's procedures) revealed by the test; and
 - 7.5.3 the Agency's proposals for remedying any such failures.
- 7.6 Following each test, the Agency shall take all measures requested by the Client to remedy any failures in the BCDR Plan and such remedial activity and re-testing shall be completed by the Agency, at its own cost, by the date reasonably required by the Client.
- 8. Invoking the BCDR Plan**
- 8.1 In the event of a complete loss of service or in the event of a Disaster, the Agency shall immediately invoke the BCDR Plan (and shall inform the Client promptly of such invocation). In all other instances the Agency shall invoke or test the BCDR Plan only with the prior consent of the Client.
- 9. Circumstances beyond your control**
- 9.1 The Agency 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 B: Long Form Security Requirements

y) Definitions

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

"Breach of Security" means the occurrence of:

- a) any unauthorised access to or use of the Goods and/or Goods or Services, the Sites and/or any Information and Communication Technology ("ICT"), information or data (including the Confidential Information and the Government Data) used by the Client and/or the Agency 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 Client and/or the Agency in connection with this Contract,

in either case as more particularly set out in the security requirements in the Security Policy where the Client has required compliance therewith in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d;

"ISMS" the information security management system and process developed by the Agency in accordance with Paragraph 3 (ISMS) as updated from time to time in accordance with this Schedule; and

"Security Tests" tests to validate the ISMS and security of all relevant processes, systems, incident response plans, patches to vulnerabilities and mitigations to Breaches of Security.

z) Security Requirements

- a) The Client and the Agency recognise that, where specified in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Client's rights under this Schedule.
- b) 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.
- c) The Parties shall each appoint a security representative to be responsible for Security. The initial security representatives of the Parties are:

- i) [insert security representative of the Client]
 - ii) [insert security representative of the Agency]
 - d) The Client shall clearly articulate its high level security requirements so that the Agency can ensure that the ISMS, security related activities and any mitigations are driven by these fundamental needs.
 - e) Both Parties shall provide a reasonable level of access to any members of their staff for the purposes of designing, implementing and managing security.
 - f) The Agency 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 Agency at all times.
 - g) The Agency 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 Client.
 - h) The Client and the Agency acknowledge that information security risks are shared between the Parties and that a compromise of either the Agency or the Client's security provisions represents an unacceptable risk to the Client requiring immediate communication and co-operation between the Parties.
- aa) **Information Security Management System (ISMS)**
- a) The Agency shall develop and submit to the Client, 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 3.4 to 3.6.
 - b) The Agency acknowledges that the Client places great emphasis on the reliability of the performance of the Goods or Services, confidentiality, integrity and availability of information and consequently on the security provided by the ISMS and that the Agency shall be responsible for the effective performance of the ISMS.
 - c) The Client acknowledges that;
 - i) If the Client has not stipulated during a Further Competition that it requires a bespoke ISMS, the ISMS provided by the Agency may be an extant ISMS covering the Services and their implementation across the Agency's estate; and
 - ii) Where the Client has stipulated that it requires a bespoke ISMS then the Agency shall be required to present the ISMS for the Client's Approval.
 - d) The ISMS shall:
 - i) if the Client has stipulated that it requires a bespoke ISMS, be developed to protect all aspects of the Goods or Services and all processes associated with the provision of the Goods or Services, including the Client Premises, the Sites, the Agency System, the Client System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Agency) and any ICT, information and data (including the Client's Confidential Information and the Government Data) to the extent used by the Client or the Agency in connection with this Contract;

- ii) meet the relevant standards in ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC27002 in accordance with Paragraph 7;
- iii) 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 Client 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 DPS (Tiers 1-4)
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-DPS/hmg-security-policy-DPS>)
 - (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 DPS
(<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/hmg-ia-maturity-model-iamm>)
 - (8) meets any specific security threats of immediate relevance to the ISMS, the Goods or Services and/or Government Data;
 - (9) addresses issues of incompatibility with the Agency's own organisational security policies; and
 - (10) complies with ISO/IEC27001 and ISO/IEC27002 in accordance with Paragraph 7;
- iv) document the security incident management processes and incident response plans;
- v) document the vulnerability management policy including processes for identification of system vulnerabilities and assessment of the potential impact on the Goods or Services of any new threat, vulnerability or exploitation technique of which the Agency becomes aware, prioritisation of security patches, testing of security patches, application of security patches, a process for Client approvals of exceptions, and the reporting and audit mechanism detailing the efficacy of the patching policy; and
- vi) be certified by (or by a person with the direct delegated authority of) a Agency'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 Client in advance of issue of the relevant Security Management Plan).
- e) Subject to Paragraph 2 the references to Standards, guidance and policies contained or set out in Paragraph 3.4 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 Agency from time to time.
- f) In the event that the Agency becomes aware of any inconsistency in the provisions of the standards, guidance and policies set out in Paragraph 3.4, the Agency shall immediately notify the Client Representative of such inconsistency and the Client Representative shall,

as soon as practicable, notify the Agency as to which provision the Agency shall comply with.

- g) If the bespoke ISMS submitted to the Client pursuant to Paragraph 3.3.1 is Approved by the Client, it shall be adopted by the Agency immediately and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the ISMS is not Approved by the Client, the Agency shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Client and re-submit it to the Client 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 Client. If the Client 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 Client pursuant to this Paragraph 3 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 3.4 to 3.6 shall be deemed to be reasonable.
- h) Approval by the Client of the ISMS pursuant to Paragraph 3.7 or of any change to the ISMS shall not relieve the Agency of its obligations under this Schedule.

bb) Security Management Plan

- a) Within twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date, the Agency shall prepare and submit to the Client for Approval in accordance with Paragraph 4 fully developed, complete and up-to-date Security Management Plan which shall comply with the requirements of Paragraph 4.2.
- b) The Security Management Plan shall:
 - i) be based on the initial Security Management Plan set out in Annex 2 (Security Management Plan);
 - ii) comply with the Baseline Security Requirements and, where specified by the Client in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d, the Security Policy;
 - iii) identify the necessary delegated organisational roles defined for those responsible for ensuring this Schedule is complied with by the Agency;
 - iv) detail the process for managing any security risks from Subcontractors and third parties authorised by the Client with access to the Goods and/or Services, processes associated with the delivery of the Goods and/or Services, the Client Premises, the Sites, the Agency System, the Client System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Agency) and any ICT, Information and data (including the Client'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 Goods or Services;
 - v) unless otherwise specified by the Client in writing, be developed to protect all aspects of the Goods or Services and all processes associated with the delivery of the Goods or Services, including the Client Premises, the Sites, the Agency System, the Client System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Agency) and any ICT, Information and data (including the Client's Confidential Information and the Government Data) to the extent used by the Client or the Agency 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 Goods or Services;

- vi) set out the security measures to be implemented and maintained by the Agency in relation to all aspects of the Goods or Services and all processes associated with the delivery of the Goods or Services and at all times comply with and specify security measures and procedures which are sufficient to ensure that the Goods or Services comply with the provisions of this Schedule (including the requirements set out in Paragraph 3.4);
 - vii) demonstrate that the Agency's approach to delivery of the Goods or Services has minimised the Client and Agency effort required to comply with this Schedule through consideration of available, appropriate and practicable pan-government accredited services (for example, 'platform as a service' offering from the G-Cloud catalogue);
 - viii) 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;
 - ix) set out the scope of the Client System that is under the control of the Agency;
 - x) 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
 - xi) be written in plain English in language which is readily comprehensible to the staff of the Agency and the Client engaged in the Goods or Services and shall reference only documents which are in the possession of the Parties or whose location is otherwise specified in this Schedule.
- c) If the Security Management Plan submitted to the Client pursuant to Paragraph 4.1 is Approved by the Client, it shall be adopted by the Agency immediately and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the Security Management Plan is not approved by the Client, the Agency shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Client and re-submit it to the Client 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 Client of the Security Management Plan. If the Client 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 Client 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 4.2 shall be deemed to be reasonable.
- d) Approval by the Client of the Security Management Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4.3 or of any change or amendment to the Security Management Plan shall not relieve the Agency of its obligations under this Schedule.

cc) Amendment of the ISMS and Security Management Plan

- a) The ISMS and Security Management Plan shall be fully reviewed and updated by the Agency and at least annually to reflect:
 - i) emerging changes in Good Industry Practice;
 - ii) any change or proposed change to the Agency System, the Goods or Services and/or associated processes;
 - iii) any new perceived or changed security threats;
 - iv) where required in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d, any changes to the Security Policy;
 - v) any new perceived or changed security threats; and
 - vi) any reasonable change in requirement requested by the Client.
- b) The Agency shall provide the Client 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 Client. The results of the review shall include, without limitation:
 - i) suggested improvements to the effectiveness of the ISMS;
 - ii) updates to the risk assessments;
 - iii) proposed modifications to the procedures and controls that affect information security to respond to events that may impact on the ISMS; and
 - iv) suggested improvements in measuring the effectiveness of controls.
- c) Subject to Paragraph 5.4, any change which the Agency proposes to make to the ISMS or Security Management Plan (as a result of a review carried out pursuant to Paragraph 5.1, a Client request, a change to Annex 1 (Security) or otherwise) shall be subject to the Variation Procedure and shall not be implemented until Approved in writing by the Client.
- d) The Client 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.

dd) Security Testing

- a) The Agency 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 Agency so as to minimise the impact on the delivery of the Goods or Services and the date, timing, content and conduct of such Security Tests shall be agreed in advance with the Client. Subject to compliance by the Agency with the foregoing requirements, if any Security Tests adversely affect the Agency's ability to deliver the Goods or Services so as to meet the KPIs, the Agency shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for the period of the Security Tests.

- b) The Client shall be entitled to send a representative to witness the conduct of the Security Tests. The Agency shall provide the Client with the results of such Security Tests (in a form approved by the Client in advance) as soon as practicable after completion of each Security Test.
- c) Without prejudice to any other right of audit or access granted to the Client pursuant to this Contract, the Client and/or its authorised representatives shall be entitled, at any time upon giving reasonable notice to the Agency, to carry out such tests (including penetration tests) as it may deem necessary in relation to the ISMS and the Agency's compliance with the ISMS and the Security Management Plan. The Client may notify the Agency of the results of such tests after completion of each such test. If any such Client's test adversely affects the Agency's ability to deliver the Goods or Services so as to meet the KPIs, the Agency shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for the period of the Client's test.
- d) Where any Security Test carried out pursuant to Paragraphs 6.2 or 6.3 reveals any actual or potential Breach of Security or weaknesses (including un-patched vulnerabilities, poor configuration and/or incorrect system management), the Agency shall promptly notify the Client of any changes to the ISMS and to the Security Management Plan (and the implementation thereof) which the Agency proposes to make in order to correct such failure or weakness. Subject to the Client's prior written Approval, the Agency 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 Client 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 Client.
- e) If any repeat Security Test carried out pursuant to Paragraph 6.4 reveals an actual or potential Breach of Security exploiting the same root cause failure, such circumstance shall constitute a material Default of this Contract.

ee) Complying with the ISMS

- a) The Client 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.
- b) If, on the basis of evidence provided by such security audits, it is the Client'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 Agency, then the Client shall notify the Agency of the same and give the Agency 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 Agency does not become compliant within the required time then the Client shall have the right to obtain an independent audit against these standards in whole or in part.
- c) If, as a result of any such independent audit as described in Paragraph the Agency is found to be non-compliant with the principles and practices of ISO/IEC 27001 and/or, where

relevant, the Security Policy then the Agency 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 Client in obtaining such audit.

ff) Security Breach

- a) 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.
- b) Without prejudice to the security incident management process, upon becoming aware of any of the circumstances referred to in Paragraph 8.1, the Agency shall:
 - i) immediately take all reasonable steps (which shall include any action or changes reasonably required by the Client) 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 Client Property and/or Client Assets and/or ISMS to the extent that this is within the Agency'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 Agency, if the mitigation adversely affects the Agency's ability to provide the Goods or Services so as to meet the relevant Service Level Performance Indicators, the Agency shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for such period as the Client, acting reasonably, may specify by written notice to the Agency;
 - (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 Client (or the Computer Emergency Response Team for UK Government ("GovCertUK")) on the Client's request within two (2) Working Days and without charge (where such requests are reasonably related to a possible incident or compromise); and
 - (6) as soon as reasonably practicable provide to the Client 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 Client.
 - c) 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 Client.

gg) Vulnerabilities and fixing them

- a) The Client and the Agency acknowledge that from time to time vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment will be discovered which unless mitigated will present an unacceptable risk to the Client's information.

- b) The severity of threat vulnerabilities for COTS Software shall be categorised by the Agency 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:
 - i) 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
 - ii) Microsoft's 'Security Bulletin Severity Rating System' ratings 'Critical', 'Important', and the two remaining levels ('Moderate' and 'Low') respectively.
- c) The Agency 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:
 - i) the Agency 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 Agency asserts cannot be exploited within the context of a Service must be remedied by the Agency within the above timescales if the vulnerability becomes exploitable within the context of the Service;
 - ii) the application of a 'Critical' or 'Important' security patch adversely affects the Agency's ability to deliver the Services in which case the Agency shall be granted an extension to such timescales of 5 days, provided the Agency had followed and continues to follow the security patch test plan agreed with the Client; or
 - iii) the Client agrees a different maximum period after a case-by-case consultation with the Agency under the processes defined in the ISMS.
- d) 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:
 - i) 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
 - ii) is agreed with the Client in writing.
- e) The Agency shall:
 - i) implement a mechanism for receiving, analysing and acting upon threat information supplied by GovCertUK, or any other competent Central Government Body;
 - ii) ensure that the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Agency) is monitored to facilitate the detection of anomalous behaviour that would be indicative of system compromise;

- iii) 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;
 - iv) pro-actively scan the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Agency) for vulnerable components and address discovered vulnerabilities through the processes described in the ISMS as developed under Paragraph 3.3.5;
 - v) from the date specified in the Security Management Plan provide a report to the Client 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 Agency) 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;
 - vi) propose interim mitigation measures to vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment known to be exploitable where a security patch is not immediately available;
 - vii) 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
 - viii) inform the Client 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.
- f) If the Agency is unlikely to be able to mitigate the vulnerability within the timescales under this Paragraph 9, the Agency shall immediately notify the Client.
- g) A failure to comply with Paragraph 9.3 shall constitute a Default, and the Agency shall comply with the Rectification Plan Process.

Part B – Annex 1:

Baseline security requirements

1. Handling Classified information

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

2. End user devices

- 2.1 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").

- 2.2 Devices used to access or manage Government Data and services must be under the management authority of Client or Agency 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 Client. Unless otherwise agreed with the Client in writing, all Agency 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 Agency may wish to use, then these should be discussed with the Client and a joint decision shall be taken on whether the residual risks are acceptable. Where the Agency wishes to deviate from the NCSC guidance, then this should be agreed in writing on a case by case basis with the Client.

3. Data Processing, Storage, Management and Destruction

- 3.1 The Agency and Client recognise the need for the Client's information to be safeguarded under the UK Data Protection regime or a similar regime. To that end, the Agency must be able to state to the Client the physical locations in which data may be stored, processed and managed from, and what legal and regulatory DPSs Government Data will be subject to at all times.

- 3.2 The Agency shall agree any change in location of data storage, processing and administration with the Client in accordance with Clause 14 (Data protection).

- 3.3 The Agency shall:

- 3.3.1 provide the Client with all Government Data on demand in an agreed open format;
- 3.3.2 have documented processes to guarantee availability of Government Data in the event of the Agency ceasing to trade;
- 3.3.3 securely destroy all media that has held Government Data at the end of life of that media in line with Good Industry Practice; and
- 3.3.4 securely erase any or all Government Data held by the Agency when requested to do so by the Client.

4. Ensuring secure communications

- 4.1 The Client 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.

- 4.2 The Client 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.

5. Security by design

- 5.1 The Agency 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.
- 5.2 When designing and configuring the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Agency) the Agency shall follow Good Industry Practice and seek guidance from recognised security professionals with the appropriate skills and/or a 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 Agency).

6. Security of Agency Staff

- 6.1 Agency Staff shall be subject to pre-employment checks that include, as a minimum: identity, unspent criminal convictions and right to work.
- 6.2 The Agency shall agree on a case by case basis Agency 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.
- 6.3 The Agency shall prevent Agency 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 Client in writing.
- 6.4 All Agency 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 Client in writing, this training must be undertaken annually.
- 6.5 Where the Agency or Subcontractors grants increased ICT privileges or access rights to Agency Staff, those Agency 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.

7. Restricting and monitoring access

- 7.1 The Agency 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 Agency) 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 Agency shall retain an audit record of accesses.

8. Audit

- 8.1 The Agency 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 Agency audit records should (as a minimum) include:
 - 8.1.1 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 Agency). To the extent the design of the Goods or Services allows such logs shall include those from DHCP servers, HTTP/HTTPS proxy servers, firewalls and routers.

- 8.1.2 Security events generated in the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Agency) 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.
- 8.2 The Agency and the Client shall work together to establish any additional audit and monitoring requirements for the ICT Environment.
- 8.3 The Agency shall retain audit records collected in compliance with this Paragraph 8 for a period of at least 6 Months.

Part B – Annex 2 - Security Management Plan

As per the SAL provided in Appendix 1 alongside this Contract. This must be completed by both Parties within 20 days' of contract commencement. The Buyer reserves a right to update and implement a new Security Management Plan at any point during the Contract.

Order Schedule 10 (Exit Management)

1. Definitions

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

"Exclusive Assets"	Agency Assets used exclusively by the Agency [or a Key Subcontractor] in the provision of the Goods or Services;
"Exit Information"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 3.1 of this Schedule;
"Exit Manager"	the person appointed by each Party to manage their respective obligations under this Schedule;
"Exit Plan"	the plan produced and updated by the Agency during the Initial Period in accordance with Paragraph 4 of this Schedule;
"Net Book Value"	the current net book value of the relevant Agency Asset(s) calculated in accordance with the DPS Tender or Order Tender (if stated) or (if not stated) the depreciation policy of the Agency (which the Agency shall ensure is in accordance with Good Industry Practice);

"Non-Exclusive Assets"	those Agency Assets used by the Agency [or a Key Subcontractor] in connection with the Goods or Services but which are also used by the Agency [or Key Subcontractor] for other purposes;
"Registers"	the register and configuration database referred to in Paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule;
"Replacement Goods"	any goods which are substantially similar to any of the Goods and which the Client receives in substitution for any of the Goods following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Client internally and/or by any third party;
"Replacement Services"	any services which are substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Client receives in substitution for any of the Services following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Client internally and/or by any third party;
"Termination Assistance"	the activities to be performed by the Agency pursuant to the Exit Plan, and other assistance required by the Client pursuant to the Termination Assistance Notice;
"Termination Assistance Notice"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 5.1 of this Schedule;
"Termination Assistance Period"	the period specified in a Termination Assistance Notice for which the Agency is required to provide the Termination Assistance as such period may be extended pursuant to Paragraph 5.2 of this Schedule;
"Transferable Assets"	Exclusive Assets which are capable of legal transfer to the Client ;

"Transferable Contracts"	Sub-Contracts, licences for the Agency's software, licences for third party software or other agreements which are necessary to enable the Client or any Replacement agency to provide the Goods or Services or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement Services, including in relation to licences all relevant Documentation;
"Transferring Assets"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2.1 of this Schedule;
"Transferring Contracts"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2.3 of this Schedule.

2. Agency must always be prepared for contract exit

2.1 The Agency shall within 30 days from the Start Date provide to the Client a copy of its depreciation policy to be used for the purposes of calculating Net Book Value.

2.2 During the Contract Period, the Agency shall promptly:

2.2.1 create and maintain a detailed register of all Agency 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 Goods or Services; and

2.2.2 create and maintain a configuration database detailing the technical infrastructure and operating procedures through which the Agency provides the Goods or Services ("**Registers**").

2.3 The Agency shall:

2.3.1 ensure that all Exclusive Assets listed in the Registers are clearly physically identified as such; and

2.3.2 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 Client) at the request of the Client to the Client (and/or its nominee) and/or any Replacement Agency upon the Agency ceasing to provide the Goods or Services (or part of them) and if the Agency is unable to do so then the Agency shall promptly notify the Client and the Client may require the Agency to procure an alternative Subcontractor or provider of Goods or Services.

2.4 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.

2.5 The Agency shall ensure at no cost to the Client that all digital data that is the Existing IPR of the Client or New IPR to be assigned to the Client can be identified and returned to the Client

in an open format on demand and advise the Client of any Transferable Contracts and technical information that would assist in the continued use of such data.

3. Assisting re-competition for Goods or Services

- 3.1 The Agency shall, on reasonable notice, provide to the Client and/or its potential Replacement Agencies (subject to the potential Replacement Agencies entering into reasonable written confidentiality undertakings), such information (including any access) as the Client shall reasonably require in order to facilitate the preparation by the Client of any invitation to tender and/or to facilitate any potential Replacement Agencies undertaking due diligence (the "**Exit Information**").
- 3.2 The Agency acknowledges that the Client may disclose the Agency's Confidential Information (excluding the Agency's or its Subcontractors' prices or costs) to an actual or prospective Replacement Agency to the extent that such disclosure is necessary in connection with such engagement.
- 3.3 The Agency shall provide complete updates of the Exit Information on an as-requested basis as soon as reasonably practicable and notify the Client within five (5) Working Days of any material change to the Exit Information which may adversely impact upon the provision of any Goods or Services (and shall consult the Client in relation to any such changes).
- 3.4 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 Goods or Services; and not be disadvantaged in any procurement process compared to the Agency.

4. Exit Plan

- 4.1 The Agency shall, within three (3) Months after the Start Date, deliver to the Client an Exit Plan which complies with the requirements set out in Paragraph 4.3 of this Schedule and is otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Client.
- 4.2 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 4.1, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 4.3 The Exit Plan shall set out, as a minimum:
 - 4.3.1 a detailed description of both the transfer and cessation processes, including a timetable;
 - 4.3.2 how the Goods or Services will transfer to the Replacement Agency and/or the Client;
 - 4.3.3 details of any contracts which will be available for transfer to the Client and/or the Replacement Agency upon the Expiry Date together with any reasonable costs required to effect such transfer;
 - 4.3.4 proposals for the training of key members of the Replacement Agency's staff in connection with the continuation of the provision of the Goods or Services following the Expiry Date;
 - 4.3.5 proposals for providing the Client or a Replacement Agency copies of all documentation (including without limitation database schema and any other digital resources) relating to the use and operation of the Goods or Services and required for their continued use;

- 4.3.6 proposals for the assignment or novation of all services utilised by the Agency in connection with the supply of the Goods or Services;
- 4.3.7 proposals for the identification and return, or transfer to the Replacement Agency, of all Client Assets in the possession of and/or control of the Agency or any third party;
- 4.3.8 proposals for the disposal of any redundant Goods or Services and materials;
- 4.3.9 how the Agency will ensure that there is no disruption to or degradation of the Goods or Services during the Termination Assistance Period; and
- 4.3.10 any other information or assistance reasonably required by the Client or a Replacement Agency.

4.4 The Agency shall:

- 4.4.1 maintain and update the Exit Plan (and risk management plan) no less frequently than:
 - (a) every [six (6) months] throughout the Contract Period; and
 - (b) no later than [twenty (20) Working Days] after a request from the Client for an up-to-date copy of the Exit Plan;
 - (c) 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;
 - (d) as soon as reasonably possible following, and in any event no later than [twenty (20) Working Days] following, any material change to the Goods or Services (including all changes under the Variation Procedure); and
 - 4.4.2 jointly review and verify the Exit Plan if required by the Client and promptly correct any identified failures.
- 4.5 Only if (by notification to the Agency in writing) the Client agrees with a draft Exit Plan provided by the Agency under Paragraph 4.2 or 4.4 (as the context requires), shall that draft become the Exit Plan for this Contract.
- 4.6 A version of an Exit Plan agreed between the parties shall not be superseded by any draft submitted by the Agency.

5. **Termination Assistance**

- 5.1 The Client shall be entitled to require the provision of Termination Assistance at any time during the Contract Period by giving written notice to the Agency (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:
 - 5.1.1 the nature of the Termination Assistance required; and
 - 5.1.2 the start date and initial period during which it is anticipated that Termination Assistance will be required, which shall continue no longer than twelve (12) Months after the End Date.

5.2 The Client shall have an option to extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the initial period specified in the Termination Assistance Notice in one or more extensions, in each case provided that:

- 5.2.1 no such extension shall extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the date twelve (12) Months after the End Date; and
- 5.2.2 the Client shall notify the Agency of any such extension no later than twenty (20) Working Days prior to the date on which the Termination Assistance Period is otherwise due to expire.

5.3 The Client shall have the right to terminate its requirement for Termination Assistance by serving not less than (20) Working Days' written notice upon the Agency.

5.4 In the event that Termination Assistance is required by the Client but at the relevant time the parties are still agreeing an update to the Exit Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4, the Agency will provide the Termination Assistance in good faith and in accordance with the principles in this Schedule and the last Client approved version of the Exit Plan (insofar as it still applies).

6. Termination Assistance Period

6.1 Throughout the Termination Assistance Period the Agency shall:

- 6.1.1 continue to provide the Goods or Services (as applicable) and otherwise perform its obligations under this Contract and, if required by the Client, provide the Termination Assistance;
- 6.1.2 provide to the Client and/or its Replacement Agency any reasonable assistance and/or access requested by the Client and/or its Replacement Agency including assistance and/or access to facilitate the orderly transfer of responsibility for and conduct of the Goods or Services to the Client and/or its Replacement Agency;
- 6.1.3 use all reasonable endeavours to reallocate resources to provide such assistance without additional costs to the Client;
- 6.1.4 subject to Paragraph 6.3, provide the Goods or Services and the Termination Assistance at no detriment to the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) or Service Levels, the provision of the Management Information or any other reports nor to any other of the Agency's obligations under this Contract;
- 6.1.5 at the Client's request and on reasonable notice, deliver up-to-date Registers to the Client;
- 6.1.6 seek the Client's prior written consent to access any Client Premises from which the de-installation or removal of Agency Assets is required.

6.2 If it is not possible for the Agency to reallocate resources to provide such assistance as is referred to in Paragraph 6.1.2 without additional costs to the Client, any additional costs incurred by the Agency in providing such reasonable assistance shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.

6.3 If the Agency demonstrates to the Client's reasonable satisfaction that the provision of the Termination Assistance will have a material, unavoidable adverse effect on the Agency's ability to meet one or more particular Service Levels, the Parties shall vary the relevant Service Levels accordingly.

7. Obligations when the contract is terminated

7.1 The Agency shall comply with all of its obligations contained in the Exit Plan.

7.2 Upon termination or expiry or at the end of the Termination Assistance Period (or earlier if this does not adversely affect the Agency's performance of the Goods or Services and the Termination Assistance), the Agency shall:

7.2.1 vacate any Client Premises;

7.2.2 remove the Agency Equipment together with any other materials used by the Agency to supply the Goods or Services and shall leave the Sites in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Agency is solely 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 Agency;

7.2.3 provide access during normal working hours to the Client and/or the Replacement Agency for up to twelve (12) Months after expiry or termination to:

(1) such information relating to the Goods or Services as remains in the possession or control of the Agency; and

(2) such members of the Agency Staff as have been involved in the design, development and provision of the Goods or Services and who are still employed by the Agency, provided that the Client and/or the Replacement Agency shall pay the reasonable costs of the Agency actually incurred in responding to such requests for access.

7.3 Except where this Contract provides otherwise, all licences, leases and authorisations granted by the Client to the Agency in relation to the Goods or Services shall be terminated with effect from the end of the Termination Assistance Period.

8. Assets, Sub-contracts and Software

8.1 Following notice of termination of this Contract and during the Termination Assistance Period, the Agency shall not, without the Client's prior written consent:

8.1.1 terminate, enter into or vary any Sub-contract or licence for any software in connection with the Goods or Services; or

8.1.2 (subject to normal maintenance requirements) make material modifications to, or dispose of, any existing Agency Assets or acquire any new Agency Assets.

8.2 Within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of the up-to-date Registers provided by the Agency, the Client shall notify the Agency setting out:

8.2.1 which, if any, of the Transferable Assets the Client requires to be transferred to the Client and/or the Replacement Agency ("**Transferring Assets**");

8.2.2 which, if any, of:

(a) the Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets; and

(b) the Non-Exclusive Assets,

the Client and/or the Replacement Agency requires the continued use of; and

8.2.3 which, if any, of Transferable Contracts the Client requires to be assigned or novated to the Client and/or the Replacement Agency (the "**Transferring Contracts**"),

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

8.3 With effect from the expiry of the Termination Assistance Period, the Agency shall sell the Transferring Assets to the Client and/or the Replacement Agency for their Net Book Value less any amount already paid for them through the Charges.

8.4 Risk in the Transferring Assets shall pass to the Client or the Replacement Agency (as appropriate) at the end of the Termination Assistance Period and title shall pass on payment for them.

8.5 Where the Client and/or the Replacement Agency requires continued use of any Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets or any Non-Exclusive Assets, the Agency shall as soon as reasonably practicable:

8.5.1 procure a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free licence for the Client and/or the Replacement Agency to use such assets (with a right of sub-licence or assignment on the same terms); or failing which

8.5.2 procure a suitable alternative to such assets, the Client or the Replacement Agency to bear the reasonable proven costs of procuring the same.

8.6 The Agency shall as soon as reasonably practicable assign or procure the novation of the Transferring Contracts to the Client and/or the Replacement Agency. The Agency shall execute such documents and provide such other assistance as the Client reasonably requires to effect this novation or assignment.

8.7 The Client shall:

8.7.1 accept assignments from the Agency or join with the Agency in procuring a novation of each Transferring Contract; and

8.7.2 once a Transferring Contract is novated or assigned to the Client and/or the Replacement Agency, 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 Agency does the same.

8.8 The Agency shall hold any Transferring Contracts on trust for the Client until the transfer of the relevant Transferring Contract to the Client and/or the Replacement Agency has taken place.

8.9 The Agency shall indemnify the Client (and/or the Replacement Agency, 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 Client (and/or Replacement Agency) pursuant to Paragraph 8.6 in relation to any matters arising prior to the date of assignment or novation of such Transferring Contract. Clause 19 (Other people's rights in this contract) shall not apply to this Paragraph 8.9 which is intended to be enforceable by Third Parties Beneficiaries by virtue of the CRTPA.

9. No charges

9.1 Unless otherwise stated, the Client shall not be obliged to pay for costs incurred by the Agency in relation to its compliance with this Schedule.

10. Dividing the bills

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

- 10.1.1 the amounts shall be annualised and divided by 365 to reach a daily rate;
- 10.1.2 the Client or Replacement Agency (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
- 10.1.3 the Agency shall be responsible for or entitled to (as the case may be) the rest of the invoice.

Order Schedule 15 (Order Contract Management)

Definitions

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

"Contract Manager"

the manager appointed in accordance with paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule;

2. Managing the contract

2.1. The Agency and the Client shall each appoint a Contract Manager for the purposes of this Contract through whom the provision of the Goods or Services shall be managed day-to-day.

2.2. The Parties shall ensure that appropriate resource and expertise is made available to deliver the aims, objectives and specific provisions of the Contract. The Client will give the Agency instructions as to its requirements for the Goods or Services. These will be included in a Statement of Work and may include start and end dates for each stage of the proposed Goods or Services.

2.3. During the Contract Period, the Agency will:

2.3.1. keep the Client fully informed as to the progress and status of all Goods or Services, by preparing and submitting written reports at such intervals and in such format as is agreed by the Parties; and

2.3.2. promptly inform the Client of any actual or anticipated problems relating to provision of the Goods or Services. Receipt of communication from the Agency by the Client does not absolve the Agency from its responsibilities, obligations or liabilities under the Contract.

2.4. During the Contract Period, the Parties' respective Contract Managers will arrange and attend meetings to review the status and progress of the Goods or Services and to seek to resolve any

issues that have arisen. These meetings will be held at locations and intervals as agreed by the Parties.

2.5. Unless otherwise agreed in the Statement of Work, the Agency will produce contact reports providing each Party with a written record of matters of substance discussed at meetings or in telephone conversations between the parties within 3 Working Days of such discussions. If the Client does not question any of the subject matter of a contact report within 7 Working Days of its receipt, it will be taken to be a correct record of the meeting or telephone conversation.

3. Approvals and Authority

3.1 For the purposes of this Order Schedule 15, any reference to Client Approval means written approval in one of the following ways:

- 3.1.1. the Client issuing a purchase order bearing the signature of an Authorised Client Approver;
- 3.1.2. email from the individual business email address of an Authorised Client Approver; or
- 3.1.3. the signature of an Authorised Client Approver on the Agency's documentation.

3.2 The Agency will seek the Client's prior Approval of:

3.2.1. any estimates or quotations for any costs to be paid by the Client that are not agreed in a Statement of Work; and

3.2.2. any creative treatments, including but not limited to scripts, messaging, storyboards, copy, layouts, design, artwork, or proposed marketing activity.

3.3. The Agency will seek the Client's prior Approval of any draft Goods or Services. The Client's Approval will be the Agency's authority to proceed with the use of the relevant Goods or Services.

3.4. If the Client does not approve of any matter requiring Approval, it must notify the Agency of its reasons for disapproval within 14 days of the Agency's request.

3.5. If the Client delays approving or notifying the Agency as to its disapproval, the Agency will not be liable for any resulting delays or adverse impact caused to the delivery of the Statement of Work.

4. Monitoring Campaign Performance

4.1. The Agency agrees to provide access to data and support for Audits undertaken by the Client and its Auditors under the CRTPA relating to campaign performance under the Contract during and after campaigns.

4.2. The Agency will fully comply with all remote access requests.

4.3. The Auditor may share data with relevant key stakeholders as necessary to complete the work. Where the Client carries out an Audit it will own the resulting report and may share non-sensitive outcomes as appropriate.

4.4. The Agency and the Client will agree a plan to address Audit findings to optimise campaign performance.

5. Contract Risk Management

5.1. Both Parties will proactively manage risks attributed to them under the terms of this Contract.

5.2. The Agency will develop, operate, maintain and amend, as agreed with the Client, processes for:

- 5.2.1. the identification and management of risks;
- 5.2.2. the identification and management of issues; and
- 5.2.3. monitoring and controlling project plans.

6. International Work

6.1. The management and process for Client billing under Statements of Work including international work is to be agreed prior to the commencement of the Statement of Work and set out in the Statement of Work or Letter of Appointment.

Annex: Contract Boards

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

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Order Schedule 16 (Benchmarking)

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Schedule, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Benchmark Review"	a review of the Goods or Services carried out in accordance with this Schedule to determine whether those Goods or Services represent Good Value;
"Benchmarked Goods or Services"	any Goods or Services included within the scope of a Benchmark Review pursuant to this Schedule;
"Comparable Rates"	the Charges for Comparable Goods or Services;
"Comparable Goods or Services"	deliverables that are identical or materially similar to the Benchmarked Goods or Services (including in terms of scope, specification, volume and quality of performance) provided that if no identical or materially similar Goods or Services exist in the market, the Agency shall propose an approach for

	developing a comparable Goods or Services benchmark;
"Comparison Group"	a sample group of organisations providing Comparable Goods or Services which consists of organisations which are either of similar size to the Agency or which are similarly structured in terms of their business and their service offering so as to be fair comparators with the Agency or which, are best practice organisations;
"Equivalent Data"	data derived from an analysis of the Comparable Rates and/or the Comparable Goods or Services (as applicable) provided by the Comparison Group;
"Good Value"	that the Benchmarked Rates are within the Upper Quartile; and
"Upper Quartile"	in respect of Benchmarked Rates, that based on an analysis of Equivalent Data, the Benchmarked Rates, as compared to the range of prices for Comparable Goods or Services, are within the top 25% in terms of best value for money for the recipients of Comparable Goods or Services.

2. When you should use this Schedule

- 2.1 The Agency acknowledges that the Client wishes to ensure that the Goods or Services represent value for money to the taxpayer throughout the Contract Period.
- 2.2 This Schedule sets to ensure the Contracts represent value for money throughout and that the Client may terminate the Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Agency if the Agency refuses or fails to comply with its obligations as set out in Paragraphs 3 of this Schedule.
- 2.3 Amounts payable under this Schedule shall not fall with the definition of a Cost.

3. Benchmarking

3.1 How benchmarking works

- 3.1.1 The Client and the Agency recognise that, where specified in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management), the Client may give CCS the right to enforce the Client's rights under this Schedule.
- 3.1.2 The Client may, by written notice to the Agency, require a Benchmark Review of any or all of the Goods or Services.
- 3.1.3 The Client shall not be entitled to request a Benchmark Review during the first six (6) Month period from the Contract Commencement Date or at intervals of less than twelve (12) Months after any previous Benchmark Review.
- 3.1.4 The purpose of a Benchmark Review will be to establish whether the Benchmarked Goods or Services are, individually and/or as a whole, Good Value.

- 3.1.5 The Goods or Services that are to be the Benchmarked Goods or Services will be identified by the Client in writing.
- 3.1.6 Upon its request for a Benchmark Review the Client shall nominate a benchmarker. The Agency must approve the nomination within ten (10) Working Days unless the Agency provides a reasonable explanation for rejecting the appointment. If the appointment is rejected then the Client may propose an alternative benchmarker. If the Parties cannot agree the appointment within twenty (20) days of the initial request for Benchmark review then a benchmarker shall be selected by the Chartered Institute of Financial Accountants.
- 3.1.7 The cost of a benchmarker shall be borne by the Client (provided that each Party shall bear its own internal costs of the Benchmark Review) except where the Benchmark Review demonstrates that the Benchmarked Service and/or the Benchmarked Goods or Services are not Good Value, in which case the Parties shall share the cost of the benchmarker in such proportions as the Parties agree (acting reasonably). Invoices by the benchmarker shall be raised against the Agency and the relevant portion shall be reimbursed by the Client.

3.2 Benchmarking Process

- 3.2.1 The benchmarker shall produce and send to the Client, for Approval, a draft plan for the Benchmark Review which must include:
- (a) a proposed cost and timetable for the Benchmark Review;
 - (b) a description of the benchmarking methodology to be used which must demonstrate that the methodology to be used is capable of fulfilling the benchmarking purpose; and
 - (c) a description of how the benchmarker will scope and identify the Comparison Group.
- 3.2.2 The benchmarker, acting reasonably, shall be entitled to use any model to determine the achievement of value for money and to carry out the benchmarking.
- 3.2.3 The Client must give notice in writing to the Agency within ten (10) Working Days after receiving the draft plan, advising the benchmarker and the Agency whether it Approves the draft plan, or, if it does not approve the draft plan, suggesting amendments to that plan (which must be reasonable). If amendments are suggested then the benchmarker must produce an amended draft plan and this Paragraph 3.2.3 shall apply to any amended draft plan.
- 3.2.4 Once both Parties have approved the draft plan then they will notify the benchmarker. No Party may unreasonably withhold or delay its Approval of the draft plan.
- 3.2.5 Once it has received the Approval of the draft plan, the benchmarker shall:

- (a) finalise the Comparison Group and collect data relating to Comparable Rates. The selection of the Comparable Rates (both in terms of number and identity) shall be a matter for the Agency's professional judgment using:
 - (a) market intelligence;
 - (b) the benchmarker's own data and experience;
 - (c) relevant published information; and
 - (d) pursuant to Paragraph 3.2.7 below, information from other suppliers or purchasers on Comparable Rates;
- (b) by applying the adjustment factors listed in Paragraph 3.2.7 and from an analysis of the Comparable Rates, derive the Equivalent Data;
- (c) using the Equivalent Data, calculate the Upper Quartile;
- (d) determine whether or not each Benchmarked Rate is, and/or the Benchmarked Rates as a whole are, Good Value.

3.2.6 The Agency shall use all reasonable endeavours and act in good faith to supply information required by the benchmarker in order to undertake the benchmarking. The Agency agrees to use its reasonable endeavours to obtain information from other suppliers or purchasers on Comparable Rates.

3.2.7 In carrying out the benchmarking analysis the benchmarker may have regard to the following matters when performing a comparative assessment of the Benchmarked Rates and the Comparable Rates in order to derive Equivalent Data:

- (a) the contractual terms and business environment under which the Comparable Rates are being provided (including the scale and geographical spread of the customers);
- (b) exchange rates;
- (c) any other factors reasonably identified by the Agency, which, if not taken into consideration, could unfairly cause the Agency's pricing to appear non-competitive.

3.3 Benchmarking Report

3.3.1 For the purposes of this Schedule "**Benchmarking Report**" shall mean the report produced by the benchmarker following the Benchmark Review and as further described in this Schedule;

3.3.2 The benchmarker shall prepare a Benchmarking Report and deliver it to the Client, at the time specified in the plan Approved pursuant to Paragraph 3.2.3, setting out its findings. Those findings shall be required to:

- (a) include a finding as to whether or not a Benchmarked Service and/or whether the Benchmarked Goods or Services as a whole are, Good Value;
 - (b) if any of the Benchmarked Goods or Services are, individually or as a whole, not Good Value, specify the changes that would be required to make that Benchmarked Service or the Benchmarked Goods or Services as a whole Good Value; and
 - (c) include sufficient detail and transparency so that the Party requesting the Benchmarking can interpret and understand how the Agency has calculated whether or not the Benchmarked Goods or Services are, individually or as a whole, Good Value.
- 3.3.3 The Parties agree that any changes required to this Contract identified in the Benchmarking Report shall be implemented at the direction of the Client in accordance with Clause 24 (Changing the contract).

Order Schedule 20 (Order Specification)



C23354 Attachment 2
- Statement of Requirements

CSS Core Terms - DPS

RM6124 Communications Marketplace DPS

1. Definitions used in the contract

Interpret this Contract using Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions).

2. How the contract works

- 2.1 The Agency is eligible for the award of Order Contracts during the DPS Contract Period.
- 2.2 CCS does not guarantee the Agency any exclusivity, quantity or value of work under the DPS Contract.
- 2.3 CCS has paid one penny to the Agency legally to form the DPS Contract. The Agency acknowledges this payment.
- 2.4 If the Client decides to buy Services under the DPS Contract it must use DPS Schedule 7 (Order Procedure) and must state its requirements using DPS Schedule 6 (Letter of Appointment Template and Order Schedules). If allowed by the Regulations, the Client can:

- (a) make changes to DPS Schedule 6 (Letter of Appointment Template and Order Schedules);
- (b) create new Order Schedules;
- (c) exclude optional template Order Schedules; and/or
- (d) use Special Terms in the Letter of Appointment to add or change terms.

2.5 Each Order Contract:

- (a) is a separate Contract from the DPS Contract;
- (b) is between an Agency and a Client;
- (c) includes Core Terms, Schedules and any other changes or items in the completed Letter of Appointment; and
- (d) survives the termination of the DPS Contract until its own End Date.

2.6 Where the Agency is approached by any Other Contracting Authority requesting Goods or Services or substantially similar goods or services, the Agency must tell them about this DPS Contract before accepting their order so that they are aware that they could place an order under this DPS Contract.

2.7 The Agency 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 Agency.

2.8 The Agency 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 Client will not be liable for errors, omissions or misrepresentation of any information.

2.10 The Agency warrants and represents that all statements made and documents submitted as part of the procurement of Goods or Services 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 An Agency 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 an Agency meets the basic access requirements at any point during the DPS Contract Period.

3. What needs to be delivered

3.1 All deliverables

3.1.1 The Agency must provide Goods or Services:

- (a) that comply with the Specification, the DPS Tender Response and, in relation to an Order Contract, the Order Proposal (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 Agency must provide any Goods which form part of the Order Contract with a warranty of at least 90 days from Delivery against all obvious defects.

3.2 Services clauses

3.2.1 The Agency must co-operate with the Client and third party suppliers on all aspects connected with the Delivery of the Services and ensure that Supplier Staff comply with any reasonable instructions.

3.2.2 The Agency must at its own risk and expense provide all Agency Equipment required to Deliver the Services.

3.2.3 The Agency must allocate sufficient resources and appropriate expertise to each Contract.

3.2.4 The Agency must take all reasonable care to ensure performance does not disrupt the Client's operations, employees or other contractors.

- 3.2.5 The Agency must ensure all Services, and anything used to Deliver the Services, are of good quality and free from defects.
- 3.2.6 The Client 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.
- 3.2.7 Late Delivery of the Services will be a Default of an Order Contract.

3.3 Goods clauses

- 3.3.1 All Goods delivered must be new, or as new if recycled, unused and of recent origin.
- 3.3.2 All manufacturer warranties covering the Goods must be assignable to the Client on request and for free.
- 3.3.3 The Agency transfers ownership of the Goods on Delivery or payment for those Goods, whichever is earlier.
- 3.3.4 Risk in the Goods transfers to the Client on Delivery of the Goods, but remains with the Agency if the Client notices damage following Delivery and lets the Agency know within 3 Working Days of Delivery.
- 3.3.5 The Agency warrants that it has full and unrestricted ownership of the Goods at the time of transfer of ownership.
- 3.3.6 The Agency must deliver the Goods on the date and to the specified location during the Client's working hours.
- 3.3.7 The Agency must provide sufficient packaging for the Goods to reach the point of Delivery safely and undamaged.
- 3.3.8 All deliveries must have a delivery note attached that specifies the order number, type and quantity of Goods.
- 3.3.9 The Agency must provide all tools, information and instructions the Client needs to make use of the Goods.
- 3.3.10 The Agency must indemnify the Client against the costs of any Recall of the Goods and give notice of actual or anticipated action about the Recall of the

Goods.

3.3.11 The Client can cancel any order or part order of Goods which has not been Delivered. If the Client gives less than 14 days' notice then it will pay the Agency's reasonable and proven costs already incurred on the cancelled order as long as the Agency takes all reasonable steps to minimise these costs.

3.3.12 The Agency must at its own cost repair, replace, refund or substitute (at the Client's option and request) any Goods that the Client rejects because they do not conform with Clause 3. If the Agency does not do this it will pay the Client's costs including repair or re-supply by a third party.

4. Pricing and payments

4.1 In exchange for the Goods or Services, the Agency must invoice the Client for the Charges in the Letter of Appointment or applicable Statement of Work.

4.2 CCS must invoice the Agency for the Management Charge and the Agency must pay it using the process in DPS Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information).

4.3 The Agency must invoice the Client for the GCS Management Charge and pass it to CCS when the Agency pays the Management Charge.

4.4 All Charges and the Management Charge:

- (a) exclude VAT, which is payable on provision of a valid VAT invoice; and
- (b) include all costs connected with the Supply of Goods or Services.

4.5 The Client must pay the Agency the Charges within 30 days of receipt by the Client of a valid, undisputed invoice, in cleared funds using the payment method and details stated in the Letter of Appointment.

4.6 An Agency invoice is only valid if it:

- (a) includes all appropriate references including the Contract reference number and other details reasonably requested by the Client;
- (b) includes a detailed breakdown of Delivered Goods or Services and Milestone(s) (if any); and

- (c) does not include the Management Charge (the Agency must not charge the Client in any way for the Management Charge) but, for the avoidance of doubt, may include the GCS Management Charge where applicable..

- 4.7 The Client must accept and process for payment an undisputed Electronic Invoice received from the Agency.
- 4.8 The Client may retain or set-off payment of any amount owed to it by the Agency if notice and reasons are provided.
- 4.9 The Agency 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 Client can publish the details of the late payment or non-payment.
- 4.10 If CCS or the Client can get more favourable commercial terms for the supply at cost of any materials, goods or services used by the Agency to provide the Goods or Services, then CCS or the Client may require the Agency to use their supplier.
- 4.11 If CCS or the Client uses Clause 4.10 then the DPS Prices (and where applicable, the Charges) must be reduced by an agreed amount by using the Variation Procedure.
- 4.12 The Agency has no right of set-off, counterclaim, discount or abatement unless they are ordered to do so by a court.

5. The client's obligations to the agency

- 5.1 If Agency Non-Performance arises from an Authority Cause:

- (a) neither CCS or the Client can terminate a Contract under Clause 10.4.1;
- (b) the Agency is entitled to reasonable and proven additional expenses and to relief from liability and Deduction under this Contract;
- (c) the Agency is entitled to additional time needed to make the Delivery; and
- (d) the Agency cannot suspend the ongoing supply of Goods or Services.

- 5.2 Clause 5.1 only applies if the Agency:

- b) gives notice to the Party responsible for the Authority Cause within 10 Working Days of becoming aware;

- c) demonstrates that the Agency Non-Performance would not have occurred but for the Authority Cause; and
- d) mitigated the impact of the Authority Cause.

6. Record keeping and reporting

6.1 The Agency must attend Progress Meetings with the Client and provide Progress Reports when specified in the Letter of Appointment.

6.2 The Agency 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 under the CRTPA can Audit the Agency.

6.4 During an Audit, the Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency is not providing any of the Goods or Services, 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 Agency 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 Agency's management team that is qualified in either a relevant audit or financial discipline.

6.9 If an Audit reveals that the Agency has underpaid an amount equal to or greater than 1% of the Management Charge due in respect of any Monthly reporting and accounting period relating to this DPS Contract and any Order Contracts, the Agency shall reimburse CCS its reasonable costs incurred in relation to the Audit.

6.10 If an Audit reveals:

- (a) that the Agency has underpaid an amount equal to or greater than 5% of the Management Charge due in respect of any Monthly reporting and accounting period relating to this DPS Contract and any Order Contracts, or
- (b) a material Default

6.11 CCS may terminate this DPS Contract. The Agency shall also reimburse CCS its reasonable costs incurred in relation to the Audit.

6.12 The Parties agree that they will bear their own respective costs and expenses incurred during any Audit, save as specified in Clause 6.10.

6.13 CCS may from time to time undertake (or procure the undertaking of) a "Client Satisfaction Survey", to assess the level of satisfaction among some or all Clients with the Goods or Services. This may include:

- (a) the way in which the Goods or Services are provided, performed and delivered;
- (b) the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the supply of the Goods or Services;
- (c) Agency compliance with this DPS Contract and any Order Contracts; and

(d) any other assessment CCS deems appropriate for monitoring Client satisfaction.

6.14 CCS and the Clients may use the results of any Client Satisfaction Survey to make decisions in relation to this DPS Contract and any Order Contracts.

6.15 When the Agency enters into or extends an Order Contract with a Client, a signed copy of the Order Contract must be provided to CCS within 14 days.

7. 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 Client's Premises.

7.2 Where a Client decides one of the Supplier's Staff is not suitable to work on a Contract, the Agency must replace them with a suitably qualified alternative.

7.3 If requested, the Agency must replace any person whose acts or omissions have caused the Agency to breach Clause 27.

7.4 The Agency must provide a list of Supplier Staff needing to access the Client's Premises and say why access is required.

7.5 The Agency indemnifies CCS and the Client against all claims brought by any person employed by the Agency caused by an act or omission of the Agency or any Supplier Staff.

8. Rights and protection

8.1 The Agency 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;
- (h) it will comply with each Order Contract; and
- (i) as at the date they are delivered, the Goods or Services of an Order Contract may be used for the purposes set out in the Order Contract and comply with all Advertising Regulations.

8.2 The warranties and representations in Clauses 2.10 and 8.1 are repeated each time the Agency provides Goods or Services under the Contract.

8.3 The Agency indemnifies both CCS and every Client against each of the following:

- (a) wilful misconduct of the Agency, Subcontractor and Supplier Staff that impacts the Contract; and
- (b) non-payment by the Agency 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 Client from exercising any termination right that it may have for breach of that clause by the Agency.

8.6 If the Agency becomes aware of a representation or warranty that becomes untrue or misleading, it must immediately notify CCS and every Client.

8.7 All third party warranties and indemnities covering the Goods or Services must be assigned for the Client's benefit by the Agency.

9. Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)

9.1 Each Party keeps ownership of its own Existing IPRs. The Agency gives the Client a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, transferable worldwide licence to use, change and sub-license the Agency's Existing IPR to enable it to both:

- (a) receive and use the Goods or Services; and

(b) make use of the deliverables provided by a Replacement Agency.

9.2 Any New IPR created under a Contract is owned by the Client. The Client gives the Agency a non-exclusive 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 Agency indemnifies CCS and each Client 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 Agency must at its own expense and the Client's sole option, either:

(a) obtain for CCS and the Client 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 Goods or Services.

9.7 In spite of any other provisions of a Contract and for the avoidance of doubt, award of a Contract by the Client 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 Agency acknowledges that any authorisation by the Client under its statutory powers must be expressly provided in writing, with reference to the acts authorised and the specific IPR involved.

9.8 The Agency warrants that it owns, or has obtained, valid licences for all IPR that are necessary to perform its obligations under this DPS Agreement and the Order Contract, other than any IPR provided to it by CCS or the Client. The Agency shall maintain these licences in full during the Contract Period of this DPS Contract and the Order Contract.

9.9 Unless expressly prohibited in an Order Contract, the Agency will be able during and after the Contract Period to use any Goods or Services which have been broadcast, published, distributed or otherwise made available to the public, and the Client's name and logo for the purposes of promoting its work and its business including on the Agency's website, in

credentials pitches and in its showreel. Any other use by the Agency shall be subject to the Client's prior Approval.

9.10 During the Contract Period, if the Agency is asked to take part in a competitive pitch or other similar process for the Client, then notwithstanding any of the previous provisions of this Clause 9, the Agency will retain ownership of all IPR in any materials forming part of the pitch process. If the Agency is successful in such pitch and the Parties agree that such materials will be used in an Order Contract the Agency will assign all such IPR to the Client.

9.11 The Agency is not liable in connection with an Order Contract for any modifications, adaptations or amendments to any Goods or Services made by the Client or by a third party on the Client's behalf after the Agency has handed them over. The Agency is also not liable if any fault, error, destruction or other degradation in the quality and/or quantity of the Goods or Services arises due to the acts or omissions of the Client.

9.12 Any marketing materials produced by the Agency in relation to this DPS Contract must comply in all respects with the Branding Guidance.

9.13 To the extent permitted by Law, the Agency shall ensure that all Moral Rights relating to Agency IPR are waived. Where it is not lawfully possible to waive Moral Rights, the Agency agrees not to assert any Moral Rights in respect of the relevant materials.

9.14 The Agency will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that all Moral Rights relating to Third Party IPR are waived. Where it is not lawfully possible to waive Moral Rights, the Agency will work with the owner or creator of the Third Party IPR to procure that Moral Rights are not asserted in respect of the relevant materials). If the Agency cannot obtain such waiver of (or agreement not to assert) such Moral Rights in respect of any such materials, the Agency will notify the Client and will obtain the Client's Approval prior to incorporating such materials into the Goods or Services.

10. Ending the contract or any subcontract

10.1 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 Agency no less than 3 Months' written notice before the Contract expires.

10.2 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 Agency at least 30 days' notice.

10.2.2 Each Client has the right to terminate their Order Contract at any time without reason by giving the Agency not less than 90 days' written notice.

10.3 Rectification plan process

10.3.1 If there is a Default, the Relevant Authority may, without limiting its other rights, request that the Agency 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 Agency 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:

- b) must give reasonable grounds for its decision; and
- c) may request that the Agency 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).

10.4 When CCS or the client 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 Agency:

- (a) there is an Agency Insolvency Event;
- (b) there is a Default that is not corrected in line with an accepted Rectification Plan;
- (c) the Agency 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 Key Performance Indicators in DPS Schedule 4 (DPS Management);
- (h) there is a Change of Control of the Agency which is not pre-approved by the Relevant Authority in writing;
- (i) if the Relevant Authority discovers that the Agency 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 Agency or its Affiliates embarrass or bring CCS or the Client into disrepute or diminish the public trust in them.

10.4.2 CCS may terminate the DPS Contract if a Client terminates a 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 Agency:

- (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) the events in 73 (1) (a) of the Regulations happen.

10.5 When the agency can end the contract

The Agency can issue a Reminder Notice if the Client does not pay an undisputed invoice on time. The Agency can terminate a Order Contract if the Client 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.

10.6 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 Client's payment obligations under the terminated Contract stop immediately.

- (b) Accumulated rights of the Parties are not affected.
- (c) The Agency must promptly repay to the Client any and all Charges the Client has paid in advance in respect of Goods or Services not provided by the Agency as at the End Date.
- (d) The Agency must promptly delete or return the Government Data except where required to retain copies by Law.
- (e) The Agency must promptly return any of CCS or the Client's property provided under the terminated Contract.
- (f) The Agency must, at no cost to CCS or the Client, co-operate fully in the handover and re-procurement (including to a Replacement Agency).

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 Agency is also responsible for the Relevant Authority's reasonable costs of procuring Replacement Goods or Services 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 an Agency terminates an Order Contract under Clause 10.5:

- (a) the Client must promptly pay all outstanding Charges incurred to the Agency; and
- (b) the Client must pay the Agency reasonable committed and unavoidable Losses as long as the Agency provides a fully itemised and costed schedule with evidence - the maximum value of this payment is limited to the total sum payable to the Agency 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.

10.7 Partially ending and suspending the contract

10.7.1 Where CCS has the right to terminate the DPS Contract it can suspend the Agency's ability to accept Orders (for any period) and the Agency cannot enter into any new Order Contracts during this period. If this happens, the Agency 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 Client has the right to terminate an Order Contract it can terminate or suspend (for any period), all or part of it (including without limitation individual Statements of Work). If the Client suspends a Contract it can provide the Goods or Services 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 Agency 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 Client can still use other rights available, or subsequently available to it if it acts on its rights under Clause 10.7.

10.8 When subcontracts can be ended

At the Client's request, the Agency 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.

11. 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 [REDACTED]

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 the greater of [REDACTED] or 150% of the Estimated Yearly Charges unless specified in the Order Letter of Appointment.

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 Charge, GCS Management Charge or Default Management Charge.

11.5 In spite of Clauses 11.1 and 11.2, the Agency 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 Agency'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 Agency'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 Agency is party to a Contract, each Agency Party is jointly and severally liable for their obligations under that Contract.

12. Obeying the law

12.1 The Agency 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 Agency, the Agency 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 Agency must appoint a Compliance Officer who must be responsible for ensuring that the Agency complies with Law, Clause 12.1 and Clauses 27 to 32.

12.4 The Parties acknowledge that they have a responsibility to comply with all relevant Advertising Regulations and will co-operate with each other to ensure satisfaction of the requirements of any applicable Advertising Regulations.

12.5 Where the Agency or its Subcontractors perform the Contract outside the United Kingdom they shall do so in accordance with the Law and the local laws applicable to their activity in the relevant country, including without limitation the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

13. Insurance

The Agency must, at its own cost, obtain and maintain the Required Insurances in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) and any Additional Insurances in the Letter of Appointment.

14. Data protection

14.1 The Agency must process Personal Data and ensure that Agency Staff process Personal Data only in accordance with Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data).

14.2 The Agency must not remove any ownership or security notices in or relating to the Government Data.

14.3 The Agency must make accessible back-ups of all Government Data, stored in an agreed off-site location and send the Client copies every 6 Months.

14.4 The Agency must ensure that any Agency 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 Agency suspects or has reason to believe that the Government Data provided under a Contract is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded, then the Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency finds out about the issue, whichever is earlier; and/or
- (b) restore the Government Data itself or using a third party.

14.7 The Agency must pay each Party's reasonable costs of complying with Clause 14.6 unless CCS or the Client is at fault.

14.8 The Agency:

- (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 Agency 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 Client unless required by Law to retain it; and
- (e) indemnifies CCS and each Client against any and all Losses incurred if the Agency breaches Clause 14 and any Data Protection Legislation.

15. 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 Agency may disclose Confidential Information on a confidential basis to Agency Staff on a need-to-know basis to allow the Agency to meet its obligations under the Contract. The Agency 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 Client 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 Client;
- (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 Client transfers or proposes to transfer all or any part of its business to;
- (c) if CCS or the Client (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 Agency must not share any information with the media, make any media announcement or publicise the Contracts or any part of them including a Brief or any other pre-Contract material or discussions in any way including industry award competitions, without the prior written consent of the Relevant Authority and must take all reasonable steps to ensure that Supplier Staff do not either.

15.8 Nothing in this Clause shall prevent a Recipient Party from using any techniques, ideas or Know-How which the Recipient Party has gained during the performance of this DPS Contract in the course of its normal business, as long as this use does not result in a disclosure of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information or an infringement of IPR.

16. When you can share information

16.1 The Agency must tell the Relevant Authority within 48 hours if it receives a Request For Information.

16.2 Within five (5) Working Days of the Client's request the Agency must give CCS and each Client full co-operation and information needed so the Client 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 Agency 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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 Goods or Services is materially affected by a Force Majeure Event which lasts for 90 days continuously.

21. Relationships created by the contract

No Contract creates a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship. The Agency must represent themselves accordingly and ensure others do so.

22. 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.

23. Transferring responsibilities

23.1 The Agency 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 Client uses its rights under Clause 23.2 the Agency must enter into a novation agreement in the form that CCS or the Client specifies.

23.4 The Agency can terminate a Contract novated under Clause 23.2 to a private sector body that is experiencing an Insolvency Event.

23.5 The Agency remains responsible for all acts and omissions of the Supplier Staff as if they were its own.

23.6 If CCS or the Client asks the Agency for details about Subcontractors, the Agency 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.

24. 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 Agency must provide an Impact Assessment either:

- (a) with the Variation Form, where the Agency requests the Variation; or
- (b) within the time limits included in a Variation Form requested by CCS or the Client.

24.3 If the Variation cannot be agreed or resolved by the Parties, CCS or the Client 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 Agency has already provided part or all of the provision of the Goods or Services, or where the Agency 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 Client are not required to accept a Variation request made by the Agency.

24.5 If there is a General Change in Law, the Agency must bear the risk of the change and is not entitled to ask for an increase to the Charges.

24.6 If there is a Specific Change in Law or one is likely to happen during the Contract Period the Agency must give CCS and the Client 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 Goods or Services, DPS Prices or a Contract and provide evidence:

- (a) that the Agency has kept costs as low as possible, including in Subcontractor costs; and
- (b) of how it has affected the Agency's costs.

24.7 Any change in the DPS Prices or relief from the Agency's obligations because of a Specific Change in Law must be implemented using Clauses 24.1 to 24.4.

24.8 The Agency will disclose to the Client any commission, discount or rebate earned by the Agency arising in respect of third party costs directly related to Order Contracts. The Client will receive the full benefit of such commission, discount or rebate and the Charges shall be varied accordingly.

24.9 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.

25. 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 Client must be sent to the Client Authorised Representative's address or email address in the Letter of Appointment.

25.4 This Clause does not apply to the service of legal proceedings or any documents in any legal action, arbitration or dispute resolution.

26. 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 cannot 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.

27. Preventing fraud, bribery and corruption

27.1 The Agency 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 Client, 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 Agency 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 Client 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 Agency must immediately notify CCS and the Client 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 Agency notifies CCS or the Client as required by Clause 27.3, the Agency 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 Agency 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.

28. Equality, diversity and human rights

28.1 The Agency 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 Client reasonably imposes related to equality Law.

28.2 The Agency must take all necessary steps, and inform CCS or the Client 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.

29. Health and safety

29.1 The Agency must perform its obligations meeting the requirements of:

- (a) all applicable Law regarding health and safety; and
- (b) the Client's current health and safety policy while at the Client's Premises, as provided to the Agency.

29.2 The Agency and the Client must as soon as possible notify the other of any health and safety incidents or material hazards they are aware of at the Client Premises that relate to the performance of a Contract.

30. Environment

30.1 When working on Site the Agency must perform its obligations under the Client's current Environmental Policy, which the Client must provide.

30.2 The Agency must ensure that Supplier Staff are aware of the Client's Environmental Policy.

31. Tax

31.1 The Agency 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 Client cannot terminate a Contract where the Agency has

not paid a minor Tax or social security contribution.

31.2 Where the Charges payable under a Contract with the Client are or are likely to exceed [REDACTED] at any point during the relevant Contract Period, and an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Agency must notify CCS and the Client of it within 5 Working Days including:

- (a) the steps that the Agency 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 Client may reasonably need.

31.3 Where the Agency or any Agency Staff are liable to be taxed or to pay National Insurance contributions in the UK relating to payment received under an Order Contract, the Agency 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 Client 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 Goods or Services by the Agency or any of the Agency Staff.

31.4 If any of the Agency Staff are Workers who receive payment relating to the Goods or Services, then the Agency must ensure that its contract with the Worker contains the following requirements:

- (a) the Client 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 Client can specify the information the Worker must provide and the deadline for responding;
- (b) the Worker's contract may be terminated at the Client's request if the Worker fails to provide the information requested by the Client within the time specified by the Client;
- (c) the Worker's contract may be terminated at the Client's request if the Worker provides information which the Client 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 Client may supply any information they receive from the Worker to HMRC for revenue collection and management.

32. Conflict of interest

32.1 The Agency must take action to ensure that neither the Agency nor the Agency Staff are placed in the position of an actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

32.2 The Agency must promptly notify and provide details to CCS and each Client if a Conflict of Interest happens or is expected to happen.

32.3 CCS and each Client can terminate its Contract immediately by giving notice in writing to the Agency or take any steps it thinks are necessary where there is or may be an actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

33. Reporting a breach of the contract

33.1 As soon as it is aware of it the Agency and Agency Staff must report to CCS or the Client any actual or suspected breach of:

- (a) Law;
- (b) Clause 12.1; or
- (c) Clauses 27 to 32.

33.2 The Agency must not retaliate against any of the Agency Staff who in good faith reports a breach listed in Clause 33.1 to the Client or a Prescribed Person.

34. 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency cannot suspend the performance of a Contract during any Dispute.

35. Which law applies

This Contract and any Disputes arising out of, or connected to it, are governed by English law.

36. Agency doing work for others

36.1 Adverse public perception could have a detrimental impact on the Client's desired outcomes for an Order Contract. To minimise this risk, the Agency must not, without the Client's written consent, provide services to a third party during the Contract Period of any Order Contract where the provision of such services (in the reasonable opinion of the Client):

- (a) has the potential to adversely affect the Client's desired outcome of the Order Contract or diminish the trust that the public places in the Client; or
- (b) is likely to cause embarrassment to the Client or bring the Client into disrepute or may result in a conflict of interest for the Client.

36.2 The only exception to this is if the Agency provides services to an existing client, which the Client had been informed about before entering into the relevant Order Contract.

36.3 If the Agency becomes aware of a breach, or potential breach, of its obligations under Clause 36.1, the Agency must notify the Client immediately, providing full details of the nature of the breach and the likely impact on the Order Contract.

36.4 If the Agency breaches Clause 36.1, the Client may terminate the relevant Order Contract or any Statement of Work under it with immediate effect in accordance with Clause 10.4.1.

Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility)

1. What we expect from the Agency

- 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)
- 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 Agency acknowledges that the Client may have additional requirements in relation to corporate social responsibility. The Client expects that the Agency and its Subcontractors will comply with such corporate social responsibility requirements as the Client may notify to the Agency from time to time.

2. Equality and Accessibility

- 2.1 In addition to legal obligations, the Agency shall support CCS and the Client 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.

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

- 3.1.2 shall not require any Agency 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 Client and Modern Slavery Helpline.

4. Income Security

4.1 The Agency 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;
- 4.1.2 ensure that all Agency Staff 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;

- 4.1.3 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 Agency Staff; and
- 4.1.6 ensure that Agency Staff are engaged under a recognised employment relationship established through national law and practice.

5. Working Hours

5.1 The Agency shall:

- 5.1.1 ensure that the working hours of Agency Staff comply with national laws, and any collective agreements;
- 5.1.2 Ensure that the working hours of Agency 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 Agency 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;
- 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 Agency 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.

6. Sustainability

6.1 The Agency shall meet the applicable Government Buying Standards applicable to Goods or Services which can be found online at:

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

Order Schedule 4 (Proposal and Project Plan)

Project Plan

	Values partnership or local path	Jan												Feb												Total
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Proposal

Q1. Please can you outline a previous partnership marketing strategy you have developed and delivered on a large scale for a multi-year mass behaviour change campaign?

Make sure your answer includes:

- a A summary of your strategic approach and how your work contributed to the campaign's wider strategic objectives
- b How you selected partners and how effective you were at onboarding them. Please include the success rate (%) with explanation
- c How you developed long-term strategic partnerships with mass-reach, which evolved over the course of campaign phases and within this, how your partnerships were able to reach specific audience segments
- d What the value exchange was with partners and how you managed that offer
- e How you worked with partners to co-create bespoke opportunities utilising a range of channels
- f Whether your work engaged diverse audiences and if so, how effective it was
- g Outline the long-term impact and outcomes of your work as part of the campaign and the added value you provided

ANSWER

This case study has been chosen to showcase the breadth of our experience in meeting the requirements of this brief, and is an example of a highly technical, mass-reach, long-term partnerships programme. Public Health England and more recently the Department for Health and Social Care's Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) have invested in a long-term strategic partnership marketing programme since the inception of the childhood obesity campaign in 2009. The programme's pioneering approach brings together a coalition of local, non-governmental and commercial sector organisations to use their influence to change behaviour and formed the basis of the GCS 'Delivering Excellence in partnership marketing' guide. Now in its 13th year, the programme has evolved to encompass additional health behaviours, and balances mass-reach with the ability to engage diverse and hard-to-engage audience groups with tailored communications.

Examples include: Smoking cessation: our work to support Stoptober over 10 years targets hardened smokers from less affluent backgrounds in areas of high smoking prevalence. Partnerships with local authorities, community pharmacy and housing associations have contributed to a steady reduction in national smoking rates to 13.9% and we were the lead authors of the 2016 IPA Effectiveness Gold Award Winning Stoptober paper. However, rates amongst certain communities such as pregnant women in the North-East and the Polish community remain stubbornly high. So, this year our Stoptober campaign will include highly targeted partnerships to engage these audiences. Cervical screening, with bespoke messaging for youth and LGBTQ+ audiences. We reached over 1,412,595 people with a cervix to tell them about the importance of not ignoring their screening invitations. We created bespoke content for England Rugby with the Red Roses who are a welcoming LGBTQ+ sport and also targeted employers who had women's health programmes, or youth programmes including WACL (the women in advertising network). On childhood obesity, the World Health Organisation identifies childhood obesity as one of the most serious public health challenges of the 21st century. With National Child Measurement reporting 1 in 4 children (aged 2-15) in England are overweight or obese, tackling the obesity epidemic is a priority for Government. The campaign to tackle childhood obesity aims to inspire and facilitate a social movement for healthier lifestyles. The target audience is C2DE families with 'at risk of obesity' children aged 5-11, who are encouraged to eat well and move more to prevent excess weight gain. The integrated partnership marketing programme supports government's policy agenda as well as the campaign's wider strategic objectives. The objectives are twofold: 1. Develop mutually beneficial long-term strategic relationships with relevant partners to reach the target audience at critical points on the customer journey 2. Leverage these relationships to deliver significant marketing support and support behaviour change. 23red adopted a rigorous planning process to build a cross sector coalition of partners. This strategy is refreshed annually. The first step of this process is partner selection. To identify appropriate partner categories, we developed a 'sphere of influence' for the target audience. Prospective partners are prioritised using objective criteria: organisations must be trusted by the audience and actively support the campaign goals with the desire to maximise participation. Partnership marketing needs to be mutually beneficial, and we develop a compelling value exchange at the outset of partnership conversations. The offer to partners is always bespoke (considering unique challenges and potential barriers to participation) and aligned to their business goals but it includes the opportunity to be part of a movement to tackle childhood obesity, benefit from the halo effect of our campaigns and the provision of evidence-based tools and resources to help customers, employees and their families move more and eat better. Partners are recruited through a combination of a public invitation on the website which provides the aircover for direct outreach. The coalition includes food manufacturers, retailers, media, physical activity providers, charities, school, HCP's, as well as 6 local authorities, local voluntary and community groups. We applied a structured Key Relationship Management model to manage the offer to partners (from onboarding to delivery) efficiently and effectively. We meet quarterly with key partners to share the campaign calendar; involve them in the development of the marketing strategy and campaign spikes; support them with delivery; thank them for their contribution at senior sponsor (including ministerial) events; and produce an annual summary of their support. Our success rate in recruiting and retaining partners is exceptionally high at approx. 60% (a testament to our partner selection criteria), as are the levels of partner satisfaction which we measure via partner surveys. Many organisations that have come to support childhood obesity have gone on to support other PHE and OHID campaigns. Within the coalition, partners are typically categorised by behaviour (nutrition – eating well; physical activity – moving more). For each, the barriers and triggers to changing a specific behaviour informed the activation which we co-created with partners and leveraged across a range of channels. These partnerships have evolved over the course of campaign phases as we

create new opportunities to drive value and deepen engagement: Eating well: 'Smart Swaps' & the 'Food Scanner App' campaign: Analysis showed that people are consuming more calories than needed, often from everyday products with unexpectedly high levels of sugar/fat. Parents have given control over food choices to kids, snacking has become a way of life, parents have limited shopping habits, and they are reluctant to make changes to their diets. Interventions need to be co-created with manufacturers and retailers to raise awareness of the surprising levels of sugar/fat in regularly consumed products and encourage families to make one daily change, emphasising 'swapping' rather than 'stopping'. Change4Life's 'Smart Swap' campaign (January 2016) involved asking partners to swap sugary or carbonated drinks to diet variants, water, or milk for one month. The campaign launched with a healthy ad break takeover with ITV and other relevant partners (negotiated, managed and delivered by 23red), to drive awareness of the surprising amounts of fat/sugar in items and introduce the idea of swapping 'like for like'. Alongside paid advertising, 23red secured unprecedented levels of partner support in-store, and activity delivered with leading retailers, manufacturers, schools and local authorities generated 408,000 campaign sign ups (198% of target) with 75% of those who swapped claiming to have 'stuck like glue' to their swap. Coupons provided by partners such as Flora, PepsiMAX and Robinson's encouraged trial with the highest product redemption of over 6% and sales of sugary drinks dropped 8.6% year-on-year (2013-14) as people swapped to sugar-free variants; resulting in the equivalent of nearly 148 million sugar cubes removed from the nation's diet. Sales of full fat milk, cheese, butter and spreads and sugary cereals also reduced. In working with Change4Life, all partners benefitted from the halo effect of being associated with a trusted brand. Partners gain from the significant spend behind paid advertising campaigns that encouraged these swaps. Assets such as the Good Choice badge are available for manufacturer partners to use on partner-led promotion of products that are compliant with Change4Life's nutritional guidelines; and lend credibility to a brand's marketing and campaign message. Change4Life also offer partners access to their owned channels, including social and eCRM. The 'Food Scanner App' campaign (January 2021) is OHID's most recent childhood nutrition campaign. The campaign aimed to help families eat better and positioned the new 'scan, swipe and swap' feature for the NHS Food Scanner App. Partners amplified the app so that it featured in 28,000 stores and provided [REDACTED] of value. Bespoke activity with the convenience store Nisa aided reach into a disparity's audience and has laid the foundations for a long-term strategic partnership. Moving more & 10 Minute Shake Up: 1 in 5 children aged 5-10 get the recommended 60 minutes of daily activity, yet most parents believe their kids are active. They trust they do enough in school and see sedentary activity as safe and it frees up their time. Parents see 60 minutes as daunting and don't realise that a 10-minute burst makes a difference. 23red has led the management and delivery of Disney's '10 Minute Shake Up' campaign since its inception in 2014. The co-created campaign aims to make it easy for parents to keep their children active during the summer holidays. Disney, as a strategic partner, leverages the emotional connection that children have with their characters, enabling PHE to offer a package of fun, 7 active and engaging games during summer. The value exchange for Disney was simple: working with PHE helped to validate The Walt Disney Company 'Healthy Living Programme', which similarly aims to seeks to improve child nutrition and well-being and shift unhealthy brand perceptions (a legacy from their previous involvement with McDonald's Happy Meals). Over the years, the campaign has evolved to reach our target audience at scale and via numerous paid, earned, and owned channels. Parents are provided with free access to simple Disney inspired games, and every primary school in England received bespoke resources for class activities to introduce the idea of 10-minute bursts before the end of term. An eCRM support programme of weekly emails and texts keeps families engaged throughout the summer. And Disney further supports the campaign with specific '10 Minute Shake Up' content across its channels. Successive pre-pandemic campaigns evaluations show that partner activity has driven engagement

and behaviour change. Following a shift to focus on disparity audiences and Covid hit in 2021, our focus has moved to leveraging 10MSU via community/voluntary schemes such as the Holiday and Food clubs, which provide children on free school meals with an outside of term-time solution to eating and childcare and included tailored 10MSU activities created for children with disabilities, and all activities can be delivered without specialist materials. The campaign drove higher levels of participation amongst C2DE (23%) than ABC1 (16%) group and the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme reached over 620k children supporting those living in areas of high deprivation or classed as vulnerable. Digital media and eCRM performance was strong in delivering quiz completes (85%) and driving requests from parents for packs (153k) and our partnership with Tesco saw an additional 976,000 packs delivered. The content of the campaign worked well with 83% of people saying that Disney increased their interest; measures for increasing confidence improved; measures for likelihood of sustained participation in physical activity improved. Our 2022 activity launches next week, and we are planning for 2023, Disney's 100th anniversary.



The PHE partnership marketing programme overall has successfully developed mutually beneficial long-term strategic relationships with relevant partners to reach the target audience. It has delivered significant longterm impact and the added value which we have provided can be quantified.

- Since its inception we have developed over 300 strategic relationships with national commercial partners and supported 72,000 local partners
- Partners have invested an estimated [REDACTED] in childhood obesity and the overall value of the PHE/OHID partner programme is £[REDACTED].

Q2. Please outline your approach to quick-turnaround, short-term briefs, specifically;

- How you conduct partnership mapping, outreach and activation at pace
- How you adjust your usual processes to deliver in a crisis or urgent scenario
- How you evaluate and measure success and value for money in short time-frames
- How you leverage partnerships to generate wider engagement and/or earned media coverage
- Any case studies to support your response including examples of how you have delivered outcomes, in a short period of time (less than 3 months)

ANSWER

23red has over 20 years partnership marketing experience and we are well versed in delivering quick turnaround, short-term briefs. Recent examples include phase one of VAWG, where we started delivering activity within eight weeks, the Border Checks campaign for UK Transition which came in on 1st Jan 2022, and our two-year tenure on the COVID-19 response hub which saw us delivering behaviour change partnership marketing campaigns at unprecedented speed. We have an effective strategic model that we call the 'Inside Out' model. This model allows us to put the campaign objectives and the audience insight at the centre of everything that we do, ensuring that all proposed partner work ladders back up to ultimately fulfilling the campaign objectives in a way that is valuable to the audience. We don't change this approach, but we can flex it to help us deliver activity in short time frames and the following is how we do this:

We can conduct partnership mapping, outreach and activation at pace and we propose at the start of the contract to develop the partnership strategy for all existing and known future campaigns. This includes carrying out initial partner mapping for these campaigns so that when a short-term brief comes in, we are not always starting from zero. Using the initial partner maps which corresponds to the quick turn-around brief, we would implement an internal brainstorm to get input into the sectors/organisations we should approach and potential activation ideas that will have the most impact. One tactic we often deploy, and something we did on phase one of VAWG, is to consider quick wins where core assets are used to help amplify the message, and then also consider longer-term activation ideas. To also get the message out as wide as we can in the most efficient way we also consider which industry bodies we can work with who will cascade to their member organisations. Once the mapping has been agreed with the client, the team would kick start outreach.

For outreach to happen as quickly as possible, we would use a scaled team to get the initial request out to partners to set up meetings to take them through the campaign and the partner ask. There are two benefits we have as an agency that allows us to outreach quickly:

1. We have a large database of partner contacts on which to draw from
2. We keep partner contacts up to date and relationships warm so it's easier to activate at pace when required

For activation, the first core element to activate at pace is regular communication between the client, 23red and the partner to quickly provide requested information to all parties, remove any barriers and get the required sign off as soon as possible. We advise daily catchups between 23red and the client to achieve this. If timescales are very tight in terms of asset creation and could jeopardise having elements ready for launch, we prioritise the most important and then deliver the remaining assets shortly after. It is also vital to use a file sharing tool (agreed with client) that means partners can access the assets as quickly and efficiently as possible to the go live date.

To deliver in a crisis, or urgent scenario we adjust our usual processes so that we can become more agile, but still allow our processes to be robust, to deliver partnership work that supports the campaign and the department's objectives. We therefore don't take out any stages in our processes but prioritise the tasks and increase the teams so that more elements can be parallel pathed. We ensure that we can increase the team and assign personnel who have experience in working on partnership marketing campaigns, at pace. We also have creative teams on standby to deliver partner assets as quickly as possible. During COVID-19 we implemented daily catch ups both internally and with the client, and cross agency group, to review progress and make decisions quickly and we co-located to ensure that decisions with the client can happen at pace, things that we can implement while working with the Home Office.

In order to evaluate and measure success and value for money in short timeframes, we use the GCS evaluation framework which we develop at the start of a campaign to ensure that data and feedback is built-in, rather than requested at the end of the campaign.

To ensure that we are receiving information when we need it particularly on short timeframes, we:

- Build a live dashboard to show progress against agreed outputs (e.g. no. of partners, reach and Advertising Equivalent Value), which is reviewed at agreed points with the client – daily or weekly depending on urgency
- We have a system of benchmarking AEV honed via many years of working in partnership and we also ask the partner to place a value on the support that they are providing as part of our activity negotiation, so we can assign AEVs quickly.
- We can provide the partner with UTMs to track click-throughs to featured URLs which ensures that we are collating real-time responses
- Measure outtakes through use of real-time social listening tools to measure sentiment towards campaign and intention to change behaviour. This allows us to adapt our approach and deal with issues quickly
- We can implement quick-fire surveys through partner channels to gather insight into engagement, attitudes and claimed behaviour

- Link to wider campaign outcomes of the campaign - review and evolve partnership strategy in real time to help achieve outcomes. An example of this, was working on the COVID-19 vaccine campaign and regular data on uptake of different doses of the vaccine being provided to the cross-agency group in order to evolve strategy to focus on specific locations, or audiences, where there was the lowest uptake.

There are different ways we can leverage partnerships to generate wider engagement and/or earned media coverage. One successful way is by forming coalitions that bring together a sector(s) to create greater impact and gain PR coverage. We did this for the COVID-19 vaccine campaign. We were tasked with ensuring that the 8 million people with long term health conditions that were eligible for the first COVID-19 vaccine (Cohort 6) made appointments to get their vaccine. Using our partner database and pulling on contacts developed from our work with NHS England, OHID and DHSC we were able to form a coalition of 22 charity partners that could reach Cohort 6 and importantly use their trusted voice to provide reassurance about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine. We mapped the charities to be involved by the highest coverage of people with eligible health conditions and then worked closely with the stakeholder team at DHSC to get them on board. This was the first time that such a large group of health charities had come together for one cause. We leveraged this fact by producing an open letter signed by all 22 charities to communicate that the vaccine was a hugely beneficial thing to get. We also asked all 22 charities to be open to media interviews and provide case studies of their members who had already got the vaccines or intended to do so – dispelling any myths or concerns. The open letter and spokespeople were picked-up by national press such as BBC News, ITV news and The Telegraph, as well as regional coverage. The activity reached

c. 7.3 million people who have long term health conditions. Almost 9 in 10 individuals who are aged 16 to 64 and identified as being in an at-risk group, or an unpaid carer, have received two vaccines and was cited by the wider public as the reason why they went on to get the vaccine when they were called because they felt reassured that large well-known organisations were supportive of the vaccine.



Q3. Please outline your approach to account management. Make sure your response includes;

- How your team is structured including the level of staff experience on the account
- How you approach risk management and due diligence
- How you keep clients informed throughout the campaign
- Your ability to work at pace and respond to briefs in tight timeframes, with reference to any minimum SLAs.
- How you can scale resource in response to the Client's needs
- Any added value you would provide for the Client team, including learning and development or access to specialist tools or resources.
- Please outline your complaints handling process.

ANSWER

23red is a full-service independent creative agency that specialises in campaigns that change behaviour for the better and make a positive impact on people's lives. We have a long-standing track record of delivering award winning end-to-end campaigns for government. Our teams are structured to ensure that there is a broad level of skill and experience to work on your business. Our board level account management team will be led by Rachel Tattersdill who has extensive experience of delivering behaviour change partnership marketing campaigns. She has overseen the delivery of Covid Comms partnership marketing campaigns, has 15 years' experience delivering partnership marketing for DHSC, PHE/OHID and NHS England, specialising in reaching hard to engage audiences on complex behaviour change issues. She also managed the team that delivered the first phase of VAWG. Rachel will select and manage 23red talent, partner agencies and associates. Rachel will work in partnership with Tristan Cavanagh, Creative Director, and Simon Mutter, Strategy Partner. Jane Asscher, CEO, with over 35 years' experience in advising senior marketers on behaviour change campaigns domestically and internationally will provide high level strategic counsel. We can include a team of up to three Account Directors and five Account Managers who have all worked on partner outreach for the first phase of VAWG (subject to the final requirements of this contract).

Our approach to structuring the team and selecting the right 23red talent to resource individual campaigns utilises our Resource Pool Model, which allows us to draw upon 60 people, a mix of integrated marketers and specialists in partnership marketing, with sector experience spanning health and wellbeing, diversity and inclusion, environment and sustainability and economy and business. Drawing on information from our Skills and Experience Database, Rachel will identify the optimal team for each campaign based on capability, experience, expertise and capacity. With team members on average utilised 80% across client projects and with an established base of 23red Associates, we can flex and adapt to changing campaign requirements ensuring that we select talent to task.

We have a simple, clear and robust process to risk management and due diligence. Our complaints handling process is based on a RACI model. For each project we put together a RACI to ensure everyone is clear on their role and responsibilities and the triggers that might require them to escalate any issues to the board level account lead. If any issues cannot be resolved promptly by them, they should be escalated to our CEO, Jane Asscher. 23red holds ISO 9001 Certification, validation of the strength of our customer focussed processes and quality management system. From our experience on the first phase of VAWG we understand that it's essential that partners are thoroughly researched to ensure that there is no risk of the partner bringing the department or the campaign into disrepute. We establish a set of partner criteria and a partner checklist with our clients to ensure that we only work with partners that are suitable. The criteria and checklist may include but is not limited to – published negative views on Home Office policy or cases brought to prosecution on topics that are not supportive of campaign behaviours. A core value at 23red is 'collaboration' which extends to our ways of working and how we keep clients informed throughout the lifecycle of the campaign. At the kick off session we will agree with you how and when you would like to be kept informed and enshrine it in our SLAs and KPIs. We recommend regular meetings and updates such as weekly status meetings, quarterly performance reviews and we develop RAG reports to help prioritise decisions that need to be made. Understanding each other's roles and responsibilities also ensures that everyone is receiving the updates that they require.

Our ability to work at pace and respond to briefs in tight timeframes is something that we pride ourselves on. Our Resource Pool Model allows us to scale-up our teams and respond quickly to those briefs that require it. We have successfully implemented this model during our two years on the COVID-19 response hub, where we devised, developed and implemented partner strategies within two weeks or less. We would agree a set of SLAs for standard campaign delivery and recommend we develop a set of quick response SLAs that would include acknowledging briefs within 24 hours, developing response to briefs in 5 working days and providing a named team within 24 hours of approval of response. We've been developing and implementing partnership strategies on behalf of government for over 20 years and as such we have a contact list comprising of a wide range of organisations that we can turn to quickly. We have long standing relationships with many of them so we can alert them to potential requests to support or to act as a sounding board to help develop strategies (subject to passing the risk and due diligence criteria). We are committed to co-locating teams in client offices at key points in the campaign journey, which is especially helpful on fast moving, time sensitive projects.

A benefit of our Resource Pool Model is that it allows us to scale resource in response to your needs, manage peaks and troughs, and provide 24/7 cover for emergency work if required. Many of the wider 23red team that we can draw upon to help upweight resource have worked on the client business in some way and have knowledge and understanding of the Home Office and the wider policy agendas, as well as strong relationships with many of the partners with whom we are likely to be working with. We have a bank of specialist Associates that provide expert input on niche audience groups, such as vulnerable audience/disabled people (The Outsiders), BAME (Multicultural Marketing Consultancy) and youth audiences (Word on the Curb). Meaning we can hit the ground running with minimal onboarding and deliver campaigns more efficiently and effectively.

23red has a track record of supporting its clients, including learning and development and adding extra value. Some of these include skills and knowledge transference:

- Providing on-the-job experience working as a blended team
- Seconding staff to Home Office when required around key campaign spikes

- Securing work placements or exchanges with partners
- Offering inductions for all new Home Office team
- Hosting partnership training workshops on partnership strategy and partnership evaluation. The value of this training is approximately [REDACTED]
- Setting up behaviour change panels to seek inputs into the development of new behavioural interventions and further develop behaviour change skills
- Identifying platforms for 23red and Home Office to share knowledge more broadly.
- We involve clients in our own 23red initiatives – such as wellbeing month
- We are also committed to adding value to improve effectiveness. We will ensure that we:
 - Undertake social media monitoring (our cost) to track sentiment towards campaigns
 - Compile and share reviews of international campaign activity
 - Synthesise and share relevant academic reviews on behaviour change
 - Convene behaviour change panels to advise on specific topics
 - Attend client conferences and relevant stakeholder groups and report back learnings
 - Monitor press coverage (via google alerts) and publications
 - Track partner information including movers, product launches and brand campaigns
 - Keep updated on technology developments

We propose to deliver for free an annual workshop to share learnings and opportunities for improving effectiveness as part of the planning process. The workshop is valued at [REDACTED]. We add value through our affiliation to industry networks. We regularly invite clients to WACL, MGGB and IPA speaker events as well as our own 23red events.

Q4. Please present your response to the Scenario brief attached. This should include your strategic approach to delivering the requirements of the scenario, a timeline for delivery of the scenario, and any relevant assets in response to the scenario.

A good response will include:

- A clear strategic approach; use and application of insight and previous campaign learnings;
- Evidence-based recommendations for short-term and long-term activations;
- Mapping and prioritisation of target audiences and potential partners;
- Clear channel recommendations, with consideration of opportunities to leverage owned/earned opportunities, as well as innovative opportunities to drive engagement;
- Recommendations on required campaign materials;
- Consideration of how your strategy would work as part of a wider integrated multi-channel campaign;
- An activation plan and timeline;
- An evaluation framework aligned to the GCS evaluation framework.

ANSWER



23red have been developing and implementing partnership marketing strategies on behalf of government for over 20 years. During this time, we have used our experience to develop an efficient and effective strategic model that we call the 'Inside Out' model (see diagram). This model allows us to put the campaign objectives and the audience insight at the centre of everything that we do, ensuring that all proposed partner work ladders back up to and ultimately fulfilling the campaign objectives in a way that is valuable to the audience.

This brief is for the second phase of the campaign and much of the creative work will be reused. Our strategy is grounded in audience insight and our partner mapping builds on our learnings from phase one of the campaign.

The campaign needs to prioritise and target two audiences that are distinct but, in some areas, do overlap. Looking first of all at 'bystanders', these are the general public, staff within the locations that VAWG is more likely to occur and friends and family of victims. Partners will need to help this audience group understand the spectrum of VAWG, that none of it is acceptable and what they can do to intervene safely as well as increase their motivation to intervene (this could be via personal stories and showcasing the effects that VAWG has on victims and those that witness it).



To identify the most relevant partners we have considered our audiences (their age and gender) and where they are most likely to witness VAWG – the workplace, online, shared community spaces, public transport, town centres (particularly night-time economies) and education establishments and have researched organisations that have publicly supported the reduction of VAWG.

Moving to the 'potential perpetrators' and 'peers' group. This audience can potentially be difficult to identify and the 'peers' can also be the 'bystanders'. Partners will need to help educate this audience group to understand the spectrum of VAWG, to self-identify and seek support to change behaviour, as well as to encourage positive role models in peer-to-peer environments. To identify the most relevant partners for the difficult to identify 'potential perpetrators' and 'peers' group we need to be where this audience is most likely to be, considering peer-to-peer settings. This has led us to consider partners within media, sports, gambling, gaming, and male grooming sectors.



Our illustrative partner maps also considers the role that OGDs as well as public services, VCGs and charities have in being able to educate, enable and empower our audiences to be part of the solution to reduce VAWG. Please note that the partners are indicative and are not an exhaustive list. We will cross-reference our partner list with the partner list that the Home Office is already in discussion with. We will also consider partners that 23red and Home Office already have contact with and prioritise them for rapid response. Finally, we recommend that the Home Office in conjunction with media planning and buying negotiate in-kind partnership component (which we can help to shape) as part of their media investment contracts.

The subject of VAWG can be highly charged and we understand the sensitivities and the risks of working in partnership. For that reason, we will implement partner prioritisation criteria to create a short list of partners that are suitable to approach to work in partnership. This criterion will be applied to the long list of partners and includes reach to the audience (bystanders and potential perpetrators and peers), relevance – the credibility to communicate VAWG messaging, impact – their channels can impact where VAWG occurs or where potential perpetrators/peers are and importantly risk. Risk will be assessed through desk research to establish if the organisation is associated with VAWG in any way.

We will primarily use Google advanced search, Twitter's advanced search, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube and use search terms such as *"sexist", "sexism", "misogyny", "harassment", "abuse", "sexual harassment", "exploitation", "offense", "misconduct"*. We will provide hyperlinks to any content along with a summary statement and recommendation for the Home Office to consider. Each criteria will be given a score out of 5, so each partner has a total score out of 20, the lower the total score the less suitable the organisation is for working in partnership. Based on this score we will provide a final list of recommended organisations to approach.

Drawing on the audience insights and the existing 'Enough' creative proposition, we have developed our partner proposition– 'We all have the power to stop violence against women and girls'. This partner proposition allows us to engage a range of different types of organisations (employers, service providers, community groups etc) and clearly establishes the role that they can play in ensuring that everyone (employees, customers, members) know how to SPOT and STOP VAWG behaviours, so

that we can all start living, working and socialising without fear. This proposition will be supported by a mutually beneficial value exchange which will include providing fully tested creative formats free of charge in return for access to partner channels. Or inclusion in PR for the partner in return for an agreed level of value in kind support.

The next phase of this campaign is to launch in October, which allows 8-9 weeks to activate partners. We therefore recommend that the partner task is split into two phases, rapid response which will focus on signposting partners and longer term which will enable more time to co-create partnerships. We will also work with the Home Office to establish where there are existing relationships (that have gone through adequate due diligence) from the launch of VAWG and which ones of those could help support in the short term and which require a longer-term approach. Longer-term partnerships could also start to address other communication tasks such as the need to educate young people about healthy relationships and consent as well as supporting victims to recognise different forms of abuse. The ask of partners will be primarily to access a range of their

channels to amplify the campaign. As a minimum we would want partners to publicly support the campaign by displaying 'Enough' communication materials for customers and employees – providing them the know-how to spot and stop VAWG. To aid with the creation of a social movement we also want partners to provide spokespeople or quotes to support the campaign. We will seed this across digital spaces where our two audience groups are. For the longer-term co-creation partners, we will work with them to create campaign content that suits their channels and uses their tone of voice to aid engagement with our audiences.

The materials and campaign branding required for the partner activations need to be varied and flexible to match the type of partners and context. Rapid response partners will require assets that can be activated quickly across social and digital channels. We've found that simple point of sale materials, such as posters can also be displayed rapidly. Printed assets for rapid response partners should be offered free of charge to acknowledge that the partner will be opening their channels to us on an in-kind basis, at short notice. Based on the feedback from phase one we should also look at supplying training materials for employees that can fit into existing training programmes. With regard to co-branding, our research into how organisations are already supporting VAWG shows that some partner messaging is much harder hitting than 'Enough', so we should provide guidance on where and how partners can use the 'Enough' branding to ensure it is used on the most suitable communications. The campaign badge would be given to them to co-brand at their cost. These campaign branding and materials will be packaged up for partners in a partner toolkit which provides information on the campaign and clear guidance on how to use the branding and the assets.

For those partners who are open to longer-term co-created activations we need to consider their desire to create content that has 'substance', is 'authentic' and addresses sector specific challenges. In the hospitality sector for example this might be free to access, tailored bystander staff training. We will also need to consider as part of the value exchange the opportunities for partners to collaborate with Home Office and integrate their existing work on VAWG into wider Home Office communications. As part of the co-creation process, we will identify innovation opportunities.

The cost of co-creating partner specific materials is usually covered by the partner. However, if the cost of development is a barrier to supporting (as maybe the case with charities for example), we would recommend that Home Office provides a level of investment. We have therefore included a seed fund budget line in each of the two budget scenarios requested.

We have chosen two indicative partner activation ideas that help to illustrate this strategy in action. They allow for short and longer-term activations.



The first partner activation idea is centred around public transport and the fact that 28% of women had been a victim of sexual harassment while using public transport (Government Equalities Office 2020 sexual harassment survey). Feedback from a transport partner (Brighton and Hove Buses part of the Go-Ahead Group) also highlighted that women feel particularly vulnerable whilst waiting for public

transport, so we will work with transport networks nationwide and OOH media providers such as Clear Channel to deliver activations centred around *Bus 'STOP'* and help make bus stops safer places for women.

The core element of this partner activation would be to work with OOH providers, such as Clear Channel, to provide in-kind advertising space at bus stops to educate travellers on types of VAWG and that none are acceptable. The OOH will provide information on how to intervene in a safe way to aid education of VAWG. We will select bus stops that are in VAWG hotspots. There is also longer-term innovation opportunity to explore face recognition digital screen technology at bus stops. Our audience will be served a film that breaks the '4th wall' and directly talks to the viewer, encouraging them to stand up and intervene when they see or hear incidents of VAWG.



The second partner activation is in response to the fact sexual harassment is most common on the street, or when walking around (42% of respondents in Government Equalities Office 2020 sexual harassment survey). We will team up with high street fashion brands to put the campaign at the heart of the high street and show that turning a blind eye to sexual harassment is now *Out of Fashion*.

We would work with a leading high street brand to create a set of striking window displays using mannequins to bring to life different forms of street harassment and demonstrate that there are safe ways to step in when we see, or hear, things that aren't right.

This would be launched on one of the nation's iconic high streets to help generate PR. There is also the option of linking the activation to calendar moments such as 'Eliminate violence against women day' on 25th November.



We would also take advantage of a captive audience by using the mirrors in men's changing rooms to give our audience a moment to reflect. The mirrors would lead with the message 'It's time to change. Enough is enough' and go on to outline what to do if they see or hear street harassment. We could also work with the British Retail Consortium to help bring together and galvanise the retail

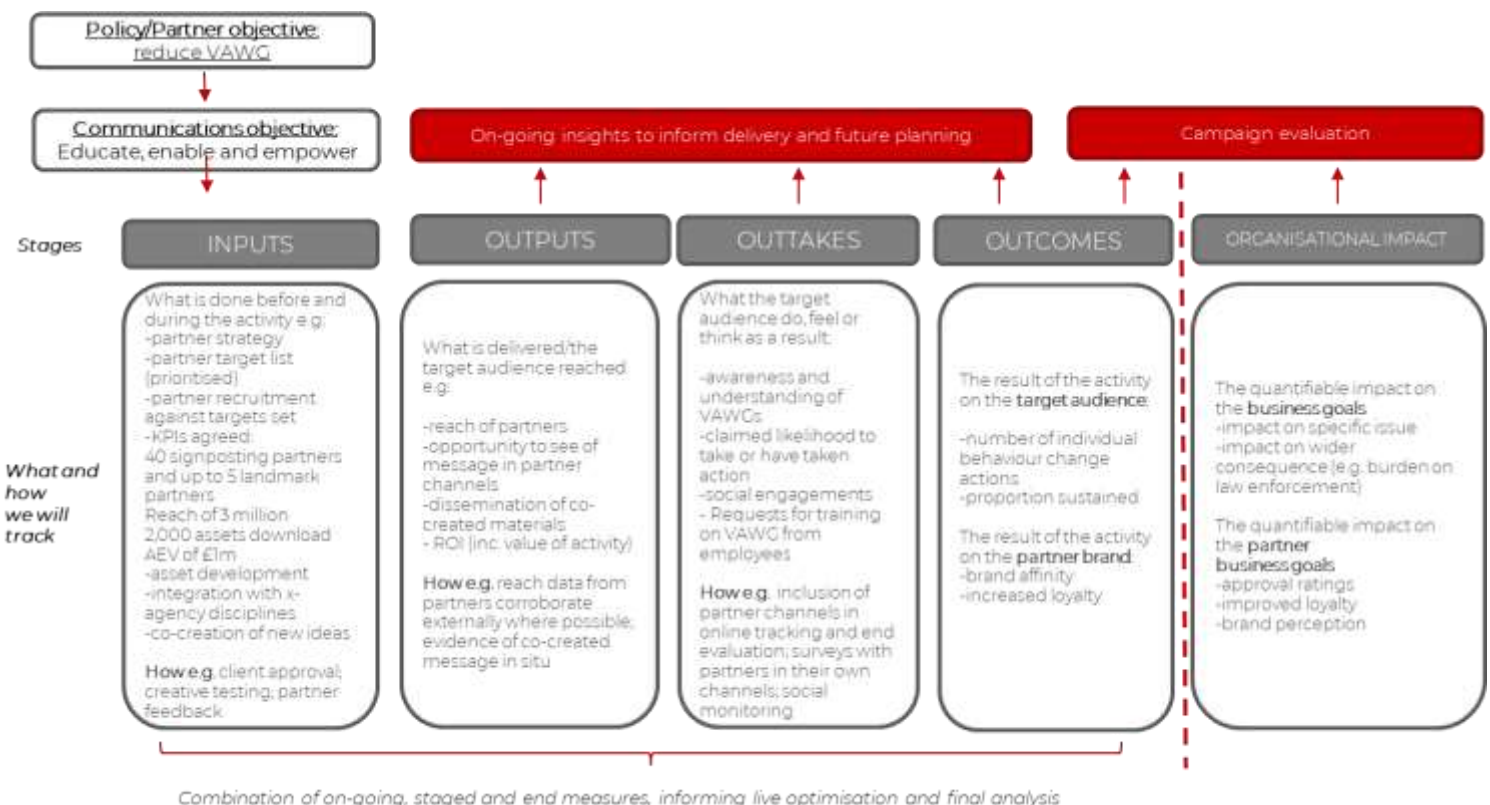
sector as a whole on how they can tackle VAWG. This not only helps to generate PR coverage for the campaign and the sector, but creates the ability for wider engagement and further helps shape long term strategic partnerships.

We will work closely with the cross-agency group (FCB Inferno and the media and PR agencies) to ensure that strategy and activation plans are fully integrated from the comms planning and creative perspective.

Activation plan – See appendix 1 – project plan

Evaluation plan

We will set clear KPI's for the campaign, using phase 1 as a benchmark based on the budget level and monitor all activity on an on-going basis. Our measurement and evaluation framework supports the GCS approach to evaluating inputs (partner engagement and satisfaction, asset creation and production), outputs (number and reach of partners, OTS and Advertising Equivalent Value), outtakes (awareness, understanding and engagement) and outcomes (evidence of behaviour change). We have also developed new approaches to measuring partner satisfaction (Return on Relationship) and AEV (an approach that values inputs, outputs and outcomes). We will apply these methodologies to this contract. We will prepare a comprehensive post campaign evaluation which shows how the partnership component contributed to the integrated campaign overall and learnings that will inform future campaign development. The framework for VAWG is shown below with illustrative KPIS for the [REDACTED] budget level



And finally, budgets – we have completed the pricing schedule attachment 4, one version for the [REDACTED] budget and one for the [REDACTED] budget. The higher budget will allow for extended outreach to partners and to allow us time to explore the longer-term co-creation opportunities.

Q5. SOCIAL VALUE: Theme 4 Equal Opportunities

Describe how your organisation will demonstrate action to identify and tackle inequality in employment, skills and pay in the contract workforce.

Response should include activities that, in the delivery of the contract will contribute to:

- Understanding of the issues affecting inequality in employment, skills and pay in the market industry or sector relevant to the contract, and your organisation.
- Measures to tackle inequality in employment, skills and pay in the contract workforce.

Illustrative examples:

- Inclusive and accessible recruitment practices, and retention- focussed activities. Offering a range of quality opportunities with routes of progression if appropriate, e.g. T Level industry placements, students supported into higher level apprenticeships.
- Working conditions which promote an inclusive working environment and promote retention and progression.
- Demonstrating how working conditions promote an inclusive working environment and promote retention and progression.
- A time-bound action plan informed by monitoring to ensure employers have a workforce that proportionately reflects the diversity of the communities in which they operate, at every level.

- Including multiple women, or others with protected characteristics, in shortlists for recruitment and promotions.
- Using skill-based assessment tasks in recruitment.
- Using structured interviews for recruitment and promotions.
- Introducing transparency to promotion, pay and reward processes.
- Positive action schemes in place to address under- representation in certain pay grades.
- Jobs at all levels open to flexible working from day one for all workers.
- Collection and publication of retention rates, e.g. for pregnant women and new mothers, or for others with protected characteristics.
- Regular equal pay audits conducted.

ANSWER

At 23red, we have a clear understanding of the advertising industry's in-work progression issues, working with our clients, suppliers and employees to remove barriers to those wishing to join the industry as well as championing it those who may not otherwise consider advertising as a career. We support industry initiatives such as #AdLand Commits to address systemic inequality. We're signatories to the 'All in' campaign supported by the AA, ISBA and IPA to build inclusion in UK advertising and are setting targets against the All In Census for 2022. We are an equal opportunity employer with an inclusive approach to all aspects of employment. We believe that diversity includes appreciation and respect of differences in race and ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation, religious affiliation, age and life experience, nationality and language and physical capabilities. We have been accredited as a Disability Confident Employer.

Workforce diversity is a key consideration for us. In our recruitment process, we use tools such as blind screening, skills-based tasks, panel interviews and objective scoring. We promote all vacancies externally via Creative Access to ensure they reach a wider audience. Our job descriptions have also been reviewed to eliminate jargon, highlight inclusive benefits and state our Diversity and Inclusion principles. As well as ensuring diversity within our employee recruitment, we're being more prescriptive with castings for client production, considering our talents geography, gender, age and ethnicity. We influence suppliers through our Code of Conduct, ensuring their and our compliance with the Equality Acts and London and National Living Wage for example. We develop existing talent within the business by promoting all vacancies internally and ensure accessibility through clear, documented systems for appraisals, promotions and publish salary quartiles. We hold the IPA's Platinum CPD award which recognises our programme of continuing professional development for our workforce.

We also continue to develop the skills within the industry through apprenticeships, mentoring and work experience, ensuring we're engaging with young talent from a wider demographic than the

average industry profile. We've had successful Apprentice hires via the IPA's Creative Pioneers, Association of Accounting Technicians and are currently supporting an Apprentice via the PRCA. We support the progression of ethnic minority staff into leadership roles via mentoring with Creative Equals Accelerate programme and have run client projects with Joined Up Thinking to nurture underrepresented talent. We also support Advertising Unlocked and Career Ready, opening our doors to school leavers.