

performance of its contract with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour law; and

- 9.2.7.4 a requirement that the sub-contractor includes a provision having the same effect as Clause 9.2.7.3 above in any sub-contract it awards.

9.3 The Service Provider shall give notice to the Authority within 10 Business Days where:

- 9.3.1 there is any change in the ownership of the Service Provider where such change relates to 50% or more of the issued share capital of the Service Provider; and
- 9.3.2 there is any change in the ownership of the Holding Company where such change relates to 50% or more of the issued share capital of the Holding Company; and
- 9.3.3 (in the case of an unincorporated Service Provider) give notice to the Authority if there is any change in the management personnel of the Service Provider, which alone or taken with any other change in management personnel not previously notified to the Authority, equates to a change in the identity of 50% or more of the management personnel of the Service Provider.

Upon the occurrence of any of the events referred to at Clauses 9.3.1 – 9.3.3 above, the Authority shall have the right to terminate the Contract.

10. Conflict of Interest

- 10.1 The Service Provider warrants that it does not and will not have at the Contract Commencement Date or Service Commencement Date any interest in any matter where there is or is reasonably likely to be a conflict of interest with the Services or any member of the Authority Group, save to the extent fully disclosed to and approved by the Authority.
- 10.2 The Service Provider shall check for any conflict of interest at regular intervals throughout the Term and in any event not less than once in every six months and shall notify the Authority in writing immediately upon becoming aware of any actual or potential conflict of interest with the Services or any member of the Authority Group and shall work with the Authority to do whatever is necessary (including the separation of staff working on, and data relating to, the Services from the matter in question) to manage such conflict to the Authority's satisfaction, provided that, where the Authority is not so satisfied, it may terminate the Contract in accordance with Clause 26.1.4.

11. Access to Premises and Assets

11.1 Subject to Clause 8.4 any access to either or both of any Authority Premises or Authority Assets made available to the Service Provider in connection with the proper performance of the Contract shall be free of charge and shall be used by the Service Provider solely for the purpose of performing the Services during the Term in accordance with the Contract provided, for the avoidance of doubt, the Service Provider shall be responsible for its own costs or travel including either or both of any congestion charging or low emission zone charging. The Service Provider shall:

11.1.1 have the use of such Authority Premises as licensee and shall not have or purport to claim any sole or exclusive right to possession or to possession of any particular part of such Authority Premises;

11.1.2 vacate such Authority Premises upon the termination or expiry of the Contract or at such earlier date as the Authority may determine;

11.1.3 not exercise or purport to exercise any rights in respect of any Authority Premises in excess of those granted under this Clause 11.1;

11.1.4 ensure that the Service Provider's Personnel carry any identity passes issued to them by the Authority at all relevant times and comply with the Authority's security procedures as may be notified by the Authority from time to time;

11.1.5 not damage the Authority Premises or any assets on Authority Premises; and

11.1.6 return immediately to the Authority in good working order and satisfactory condition (in the reasonable opinion of the Authority) all Authority Assets used by the Service Provider or the Service Provider's Personnel in the performance of the Services.

11.2 Nothing in this Clause 11 shall create or be deemed to create the relationship of landlord and tenant in respect of any Authority Premises between the Service Provider and any member of the Authority Group.

11.3 The Authority shall be under no obligation to provide office or other accommodation or facilities or services (including telephony and IT services) to the Service Provider except as may be specified in Schedule 1.

12. Compliance with Policies and Law

12.1 The Service Provider, at no additional cost to the Authority:

- 12.1.1 undertakes to procure that all the Service Provider's Personnel comply with all of the Authority's policies and standards that are relevant to the performance of the Services, (including where the GLA is the Authority the Authority's Dignity at Work policy as updated from time to time and with the GLA's Code of Ethics as updated from time to time, and where TfL is the Authority, TfL's workplace harassment policy as updated from time to time (copies of which are available on request from TfL) and with TfL's Code of Conduct (which is available on TfL's website, www.tfl.gov.uk)) including the provisions set out in Schedule 7 and those relating to safety, security, business ethics, drugs and alcohol and any other on site regulations specified by the Authority for personnel working at Authority Premises or accessing the Authority's computer systems. The Authority shall provide the Service Provider with copies of such policies and standards on request. In the event that the Services are being provided to both the GLA and TfL, then the policies and standards of each of the GLA and TfL shall apply as appropriate;
- 12.1.2 shall provide the Services in compliance with and shall ensure that the Service Provider's Personnel comply with all requirements of all Acts of Parliament, statutory instruments, court orders, regulations, directives, European Community decisions (insofar as legally binding), bye-laws, treaties and other regulatory requirements relevant to either or both of the Service Provider's or the Authority's business, from time to time in force which are or may become applicable to the Services. The Service Provider shall promptly notify the Authority if the Service Provider is required to make any change to the Services for the purposes of complying with its obligations under this Clause 12.1.2;
- 12.1.3 without limiting the generality of Clause 12.1.2, shall comply with all relevant enactments in force from time to time relating to discrimination in employment and the promotion of equal opportunities;
- 12.1.4 acknowledges that the Authority is under a duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination on the grounds of sex, marital or civil partnership status, race, sexual orientation, religion or belief, age, pregnancy or maternity, gender reassignment or disability (a "**Relevant Protected Characteristic**") (as the case may be) and to promote equality of opportunity between persons who share a Relevant Protected Characteristic and persons who do not share it. In providing the Services, the Service Provider shall assist and cooperate with Authority where possible in satisfying this duty;

12.1.5 where possible, shall provide the Services in such a manner as to:

12.1.5.1 promote equality of opportunity for all persons irrespective of their race, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion;

12.1.5.2 eliminate unlawful discrimination; and

12.1.5.3 promote good relations between persons of different racial groups, religious beliefs and sexual orientation;

12.1.6 Where the GLA is the Authority the Service Provider shall:

12.1.6.1 comply with policies developed by the Authority with regard to compliance with the Authority's duties referred to in Clauses 12.1.4. - 12.1.5 as are relevant to the Contract and the Service Provider's activities;

12.1.6.2 obey directions from the Authority with regard to the conduct of the Contract in accordance with the duties referred to in Clauses 12.1.4. - 12.1.5;

12.1.6.3 assist, and consult and liaise with, the Authority with regard to any assessment of the impact on and relevance to the Contract of the duties referred to in Clauses 12.1.4. - 12.1.5;

12.1.6.4 on entering into any contract with a sub-contractor in relation to this Contract, impose obligations upon the sub-contractor to comply with this Clause 12.1.6 as if the sub-contractor were in the position of the Service Provider;

12.1.6.5 provide to the Authority, upon request, such evidence as the Authority may require for the purposes of determining whether the Service Provider has complied with this Clause 12.1.6. In particular, the Service Provider shall provide any evidence requested within such timescale as the Authority may require, and co-operate fully with the Authority during the course of the Authority's investigation of the Service Provider's compliance with its duties under this Clause 12.1.6; and

12.1.6.6 inform the Authority forthwith in writing should it become aware of any proceedings brought against it in connection with this Contract by any person for breach of the Equality Act 2010.

- 12.1.7 without prejudice to any other provision of this Clause 12.1 or the Schedules, where TfL is the Authority, comply with any provisions set out in the Schedules that relate to traffic management and shall comply with the reasonable instructions of TfL's Traffic Manager as may be made available to the Service Provider from time to time. For the purposes of this Clause 12.1.7, "**Traffic Manager**" means TfL's traffic manager appointed in accordance with section 17 of the Traffic Management Act 2004;
- 12.1.8 shall promptly notify the Service Provider's Personnel and the Authority of any health and safety hazards that exist or may arise in connection with the performance of the Services;
- 12.1.9 without limiting the generality of Clause 12.1.2, shall comply with the Bribery Act 2010 and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under it; and
- 12.1.10 where applicable to the Service Provider and without limiting the generality of Clause 12.1.2, shall comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under it.

In all cases, the costs of compliance with this Clause 12.1 shall be borne by the Service Provider.

- 12.2 In providing the Services, the Service Provider shall (taking into account best available techniques not entailing excessive cost and the best practicable means of preventing, or counteracting the effects of any noise or vibration) have appropriate regard (insofar as the Service Provider's activities may impact on the environment) to the need to:
- 12.2.1 preserve and protect the environment and to the need to avoid, remedy and mitigate any adverse effects on the environment;
- 12.2.2 enhance the environment and have regard to the desirability of achieving sustainable development;
- 12.2.3 conserve and safeguard flora, fauna and geological or physiological features of special interest; and
- 12.2.4 sustain the potential of natural and physical resources and the need to safeguard the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems.

Work Related Road Risk

- 12.3 For the purposes of Clauses 12.3 to 12.11 (inclusive) of this Contract, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Bronze Accreditation" the minimum level of accreditation within

	the FORS Standard, the requirements of which are more particularly described at www.fors-online.org.uk ;
“Car-derived Vans”	a vehicle based on a car, but with an interior that has been altered for the purpose of carrying larger amounts of goods and/or equipment;
“Collision Report”	a report detailing all collisions during the previous 12 months involving injuries to persons or fatalities;
“Delivery and Servicing Vehicle”	a Lorry, a Van or a Car-derived Van;
“Driver”	any employee of the Service Provider (including an agency driver), who operates Delivery and Servicing Vehicles on behalf of the Service Provider while delivering the Services;
“DVLA”	Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency;
“FORS”	the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme, which is an accreditation scheme for businesses operating van and lorry fleets. It offers impartial, independent advice and guidance to motivate companies to improve their compliance with relevant laws and their environmental, social and economic performance;
“FORS Standard”	the standard setting out the accreditation requirements for the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme, a copy of which can be found at www.fors-online.org.uk ;
“Gold Accreditation”	the highest level of accreditation within the FORS Standard, the requirements of which are more particularly described at www.fors-online.org.uk ;
“Lorry”	a vehicle with an MAM exceeding 3,500 kilograms;
“MAM”	the maximum authorised mass of a vehicle or trailer including the maximum load that

can be carried safely while used on the road;

“Side Guards”

guards that are fitted between the front and rear axles of a Lorry and that comply with EC Directive 89/297/EEC and the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986;

“Silver Accreditation”

the intermediate level of accreditation within the FORS Standard, the requirements of which are more particularly described at www.fors-online.org.uk; and

“Van”

a vehicle with a MAM not exceeding 3,500 kilograms.

Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme Accreditation

12.4 Where the Service Provider operates Delivery and Servicing Vehicles to provide the Services, it shall within 90 days of the Contract Commencement Date:

12.4.1 (unless already registered) register for FORS or a scheme, which in the reasonable opinion of TfL, is an acceptable substitute to FORS (the “Alternative Scheme”); and

12.4.2 (unless already accredited) have attained the standard of Bronze Accreditation (or higher) or the equivalent within the Alternative Scheme and shall maintain the standard of Bronze Accreditation (or equivalent standard within the Alternative Scheme) by way of an annual independent assessment in accordance with the FORS Standard or take such steps as may be required to maintain the equivalent standard within the Alternative Scheme. Alternatively, where the Service Provider has attained Silver or Gold Accreditation, the maintenance requirements shall be undertaken in accordance with the periods set out in the FORS Standard.

Safety Equipment on Vehicles

12.5 The Service Provider shall ensure that every Lorry, which it uses to provide the Services, shall:

12.5.1 have Side Guards, unless the Service Provider can demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of TfL that the Lorry will not perform the function for which it was built if Side Guards are fitted;

- 12.5.2 have front, side and rear blind spots completely eliminated or minimised as far as practical and possible, through the use of fully operational direct and indirect vision aids and driver audible alerts;
- 12.5.3 have equipment fitted with an audible means of warning other road users of the Lorry's left manoeuvre; and
- 12.5.4 have prominent signage on the Lorry to warn cyclists and other road users of the dangers of passing the Lorry on the inside and of getting too close to the Lorry.

Driver Licence Checks

12.6 Where the Service Provider operates Delivery and Servicing Vehicles to provide the Services the Service Provider shall ensure that:

- 12.6.1 it has a system in place to ensure all its Drivers hold a valid driving licence for the category of vehicle that they are tasked to drive, along with recording any endorsements, or restrictions on the Driver's licence; and
- 12.6.2 each of its Drivers engaged in the provision of the Services has a driving licence check with the DVLA or such equivalent before that Driver commences delivery of the Services and that the driving licence check with the DVLA or equivalent authority is repeated in accordance with either the following risk scale (in the case of the DVLA issued licences only), or the Service Provider's risk scale, provided that the Service Provider's risk scale has been approved in writing by TfL within the last 12 months:
 - 12.6.2.1 0 – 3 points on the driving licence – annual checks;
 - 12.6.2.2 4 – 8 points on the driving licence – six monthly checks;
 - 12.6.2.3 9 – 11 points on the driving licence – quarterly checks; or
 - 12.6.2.4 12 or more points on the driving licence – monthly checks.

Driver Training

12.7 Where the Service Provider operates Delivery and Servicing Vehicles to provide the Services the Service Provider shall ensure that each of its Drivers undergo approved progressive training (to include a mix of theoretical, e-learning, practical and on the job training) and continued professional development to include training covering the safety of

vulnerable road users and on-cycle hazard awareness, throughout the Term of the Contract.

Collision Reporting

12.8 Where the Service Provider operates Delivery and Servicing Vehicles to provide the Services, the Service Provider shall:

12.8.1 ensure that it has a system in place to capture, investigate and analyse road traffic collisions that results in fatalities, injury or damage to vehicles, persons or property and for generating Collision Reports; and

12.8.2 within 15 days of the Commencement Date, provide to TfL a Collision Report. The Service Provider shall provide to TfL an updated Collision Report within five (5) working days of a written request from TfL.

Self Certification of Compliance

12.9 Where the Service Provider operates Delivery and Servicing Vehicles to provide the Services, within 90 days of the Commencement Date, the Service Provider shall make a written report to TfL detailing its compliance with Clauses 12.5, 12.6 and 12.7 of this Contract (the “WRRR Self-certification Report”). The Service Provider shall provide updates of the WRRR Self-certification Report to TfL on each three month anniversary of its submission of the initial WRRR Self-certification Report.

Obligations of the Service Provider Regarding Sub-contractors

12.10 The Service Provider shall ensure that those of its sub-contractors who operate Delivery and Servicing Vehicles to provide the Services shall:

12.10.1 comply with Clause 12.4; and

12.10.2 where its sub-contractors operate the following vehicles to provide the Services shall comply with the corresponding provisions of this Contract:

12.10.2.1 For Lorries – Clauses 12.5, 12.6, 12.7 and 12.8; and

12.10.2.2 For Vans – Clauses 12.6, 12.7 and 12.8,

as if those sub-contractors were a party to this Contract.

Failure to Comply with Work Related Road Risk Obligations

12.11 Without limiting the effect of any other clause of this Contract relating to termination, if the Service Provider fails to comply with Clauses 12.4, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8, 12.9 and 12.10:

12.11.1 the Service Provider has committed a material breach of this Contract; and

12.11.2 TfL may refuse the Service Provider, its employees, agents and Delivery and Servicing Vehicles entry onto any property that is owned, occupied or managed by TfL for any purpose (including but not limited to deliveries).

13. Corrupt Gifts and Payment of Commission

The Service Provider shall not, and shall ensure that its employees, agents and sub-contractors do not, pay any commission, fees or grant any rebates to any employee, officer or agent of any member of the Authority Group nor favour any employee, officer or agent of any member of the Authority Group with gifts or entertainment of significant cost or value nor enter into any business arrangement with employees, officers or agents of any member of the Authority Group other than as a representative of the Authority, without the Authority's prior written approval.

14. Equipment

14.1 Risk in:

14.1.1 all Service Provider Equipment shall be with the Service Provider at all times; and

14.1.2 all other equipment and materials forming part of the Services (title to which will pass to the Authority) ("**Materials**") shall be with the Service Provider at all times until completion of the Services in accordance with the Contract,

regardless of whether or not the Service Provider Equipment and Materials are located at Authority Premises.

14.2 The Service Provider shall ensure that all Service Provider Equipment and all Materials meet all minimum safety standards required from time to time by law.

15. Quality and Best Value

15.1 The Service Provider acknowledges that the Authority is a best value authority for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1999 and as such the Authority is required to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way it exercises its functions (having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness) and, as such, the Service Provider shall, where reasonably requested by the Authority, participate in any relevant best value review.

15.2 Where the GLA is the Authority then in accordance with the statutory requirement set out in section 61(3) of the Greater London Authority

Act 1999, the Service Provider shall send such representatives as may be requested to attend the Greater London Assembly for questioning in relation to the Contract. The Service Provider acknowledges that it may be liable to a fine or imprisonment if it fails to comply with a summons to attend.

16. Records, Audit and Inspection

16.1 The Service Provider shall, and shall procure that its sub-contractors shall:

16.1.1 maintain a complete and correct set of records pertaining to all activities relating to the performance of the Services and the Service Provider's obligations under the Contract and all transactions entered into by the Service Provider for the purposes of the Contract (including time-sheets for the Service Provider's Personnel where such records are material to the calculation of the Charges) ("**Records**"); and

16.1.2 retain all Records during the Term and for a period of not less than 6 years (or such longer period as may be required by law), except Records containing Personal Data (as defined in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998) which shall only be retained for as long as necessary, following termination or expiry of the Contract ("**Retention Period**").

16.2 The Authority and any person nominated by the Authority has the right to audit any and all Records at any time during the Retention Period on giving to the Service Provider what the Authority considers to be reasonable notice (whether in writing or verbally) and at any reasonable time to inspect any aspect of the Service Provider's performance of the Services (including compliance with Clause 12.1) and the Service Provider shall give all reasonable assistance to the Authority or its nominee in conducting such inspection, including making available documents and staff for interview.

17. Set-Off

All damages, costs, charges, expenses, debts, sums or other amounts owing (contingently or otherwise) to or incurred by the Authority arising out of or attributable to this Contract or any other contract between the Authority and the Service Provider may be deducted by the Authority from monies due or which may become due to the Service Provider under this Contract or under any other contract with any member of the Authority Group may recover such amount as a debt.

18. Indemnity

18.1 Subject to Clause 18.2, the Service Provider is responsible for and shall indemnify, keep indemnified and hold harmless each of the Authority and all other members of the Authority Group (including their

respective employees, sub-contractors and agents) (“the Indemnified Party”) against all Losses which the Indemnified Party incurs or suffers as a consequence of any breach or negligent performance of the Contract by the Service Provider (or any of the Service Provider’s Personnel) (including in each case any non-performance or delay in performance of the Contract) or of any breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or misstatement by the Service Provider (or any of its employees, agents or sub-contractors).

- 18.2 The Service Provider is not responsible for and shall not indemnify the Authority for any Losses to the extent that such Losses are caused by any breach or negligent performance of any of its obligations under the Contract by the Authority or any other member of the Authority Group including by any of their respective employees, agents or sub-contractors.

19. Insurance

- 19.1 The Service Provider will at its sole cost maintain employer’s liability and motor insurance cover as required by law and insurance cover in the sum of not less than £5 million per claim (in terms approved by the Authority) in respect of the following to cover the Services (the “Insurances”) and will ensure that the Authority’s interest is noted on each and every policy or that any public liability, product liability or employer’s liability insurance includes an Indemnity to Principal clause:

19.1.1 public liability to cover injury and loss to third parties;

19.1.2 insurance to cover the loss or damage to any item related to the Services;

19.1.3 product liability; and

19.1.4 professional indemnity or, where professional indemnity insurance is not available, a “financial loss” extension to the public liability insurance referred to in Clause 19.1.1 or, if applicable, the product liability insurance referred to in Clause 19.1.3. Any professional indemnity insurance or “financial loss” extension shall be renewed for a period of 6 years (or such other period as the Authority may stipulate) following the expiry or termination of the Contract.

- 19.2 The insurance cover will be maintained with a reputable insurer.

- 19.3 The Service Provider will produce evidence to the Authority on reasonable request of the insurance policies set out in Clause 19.1 and payment of all premiums due on each policy.

- 19.4 The Service Provider warrants that nothing has or will be done or be omitted to be done which may result in any of the insurance policies

set out in Clause 19.1 being or becoming void, voidable or unenforceable.

- 19.5 In the event that any of the Insurances are cancelled or not renewed, the Service Provider shall immediately notify the Authority and shall at its own cost arrange alternative Insurances with an insurer or insurers acceptable to the Authority.

20. The Authority's Data

- 20.1 The Service Provider acknowledges the Authority's ownership of Intellectual Property Rights which may subsist in the Authority's data. The Service Provider shall not delete or remove any copyright notices contained within or relating to the Authority's data.

- 20.2 The Service Provider and the Authority shall each take reasonable precautions (having regard to the nature of their other respective obligations under the Contract) to preserve the integrity of the Authority's data and to prevent any corruption or loss of the Authority's data.

21. Intellectual Property Rights

- 21.1 The Service Provider hereby assigns with full title guarantee to the Authority all Intellectual Property Rights in all documents, drawings, computer software and any other work prepared or developed by or on behalf of the Service Provider in the provision of the Services (the "**Products**") provided that such assignment shall not include items not prepared or developed for the purposes of this Contract.
- 21.2 The Service Provider shall provide the Authority with copies of all materials relied upon or referred to in the creation of the Products together with a perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free and transferable licence free of charge to use such materials in connection with the use of the Products.
- 21.3 The Service Provider shall have no right (save where expressly permitted under the Contract or with the Authority's prior written consent) to use any trade marks, trade names, logos or other Intellectual Property Rights of the Authority.
- 21.4 The Service Provider shall ensure that all royalties, licence fees or similar expenses in respect of all Intellectual Property Rights used in connection with the Contract have been paid and are included within the Charges.

22. Privacy, Data Protection and Cyber Security

- 22.1 The Service Provider shall comply with all of its obligations under Data Protection Legislation and, if Processing Personal Data on behalf of the Authority, shall only carry out such Processing for the purposes of providing the Services in accordance with Schedule 2 of this Contract.

22.2 The Service Provider must follow the 10 Steps to Cyber Security issued by the National Cyber Security Centre.

23. Confidentiality and Announcements

23.1 Subject to Clause 24, the Service Provider will keep confidential:

23.1.1 the terms of this Contract; and

23.1.2 any and all Confidential Information that it may acquire in relation to the Authority.

23.2 The Service Provider will not use the Authority's Confidential Information for any purpose other than to perform its obligations under this Contract. The Service Provider will ensure that its officers and employees comply with the provisions of Clause 23.1.

23.3 The obligations on the Service Provider set out in Clause 23.1 will not apply to any Confidential Information:

23.3.1 which either of the Parties can demonstrate is in the public domain (other than as a result of a breach of this Clause 23);

23.3.2 which a Party is required to disclose by order of a court of competent jurisdiction but then only to the extent of such required disclosure; or

23.3.3 to the extent that such disclosure is to the Secretary for Transport (or the government department responsible for public transport in London for the time being) the Office of Rail Regulation, or any person or body who has statutory responsibilities in relation to transport in London and their employees, agents and sub-contractors.

23.4 The Service Provider shall keep secure all materials containing any information in relation to the Contract and its performance.

23.5 The Service Provider shall not communicate with representatives of the general or technical press, radio, television or other communications media in relation to the existence of the Contract or that it is providing the Services to the Authority or in relation to any matter under or arising from the Contract unless specifically granted permission to do so in writing by the Authority. The Authority shall have the right to approve any announcement before it is made.

23.6 The provisions of this Clause 23 will survive any termination of this Contract for a period of 6 years from termination.

24. Freedom of Information and Transparency

24.1 For the purposes of this Clause 24:

- 24.1.1 **“FOI Legislation”** means the Freedom of Information Act 2000, all regulations made under it and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and any amendment or re-enactment of any of them and any guidance or statutory codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner, the Ministry of Justice or the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (including in each case its successors or assigns) in relation to such legislation;
- 24.1.2 **“Information”** means information recorded in any form held by the Authority or by the Service Provider on behalf of the Authority; and
- 24.1.3 **“Information Access Request”** means a request for any Information under the FOI Legislation.
- 24.2 The Service Provider acknowledges that the Authority:
 - 24.2.1 is subject to the FOI Legislation and agrees to assist and co-operate with the Authority to enable the Authority to comply with its obligations under the FOI Legislation; and
 - 24.2.2 may be obliged under the FOI Legislation to disclose Information without consulting or obtaining consent from the Service Provider.
- 24.3 Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 24.2, the Service Provider shall and shall procure that its sub-contractors (if any) shall:
 - 24.3.1 transfer to the Contract Manager (or such other person as may be notified by the Authority to the Service Provider) each Information Access Request relevant to the Contract, the Services or any member of the Authority Group that it or they (as the case may be) receive as soon as practicable and in any event within two (2) Business Days of receiving such Information Access Request; and
 - 24.3.2 in relation to Information held by the Service Provider on behalf of the Authority, provide the Authority with details about and copies of all such Information that the Authority requests and such details and copies shall be provided within five (5) Business Days of a request from the Authority (or such other period as the Authority may reasonably specify), and in such forms as the Authority may reasonably specify.
- 24.4 The Authority shall be responsible for determining whether Information is exempt from disclosure under the FOI Legislation and for determining what Information will be disclosed in response to an Information Access Request in accordance with the FOI Legislation.

- 24.5 The Service Provider shall not itself respond to any person making an Information Access Request, save to acknowledge receipt, unless expressly authorised to do so by the Authority.
- 24.6 The Service Provider acknowledges that the Authority is subject to the Transparency Commitment. Accordingly, notwithstanding Clause 23.1 and Clause 24, the Service Provider hereby gives its consent for the Authority to publish the Contract Information to the general public.
- 24.7 The Authority may in its absolute discretion redact all or part of the Contract Information prior to its publication. In so doing and in its absolute discretion the Authority may take account of the exemptions/exceptions that would be available in relation to information requested under the FOI Legislation.
- 24.8 The Authority may in its absolute discretion consult with the Service Provider regarding any redactions to the Contract Information to be published pursuant to Clause 24.6. The Authority shall make the final decision regarding both publication and redaction of the Contract Information.
25. **Dispute Resolution**
- 25.1 The Authority and the Service Provider shall use all reasonable endeavours to negotiate in good faith and settle any dispute or difference that may arise out of or relate to the Contract ("**Dispute**") before resorting to litigation.
- 25.2 If the Dispute is not settled through discussion between the Contract Manager and a representative of the Service Provider within a period of seven (7) Business Days of the date on which the Dispute arose, the Parties may refer the Dispute in writing to a director or chief executive (or equivalent) ("**Senior Personnel**") of each of the Parties for resolution.
- 25.3 If the Dispute is not resolved within 14 Business Days of referral to the Senior Personnel, the Parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve the Dispute through entry into a structured mediation or negotiation with the assistance of a mediator. Either Party may give notice to the other Party ("**Notice**") to commence such process and the Notice shall identify one or more proposed mediators.
- 25.4 If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator, or if the agreed mediator is unable or unwilling to act within 28 Business Days of the service of the Notice, either Party may apply to the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution ("**CEDR**") in London to appoint a mediator. The costs of that mediator shall be divided equally between the Parties or as the Parties may otherwise agree in writing.
- 25.5 Where a dispute is referred to mediation under Clause 25.3, the Parties will attempt to settle such Dispute by mediation in accordance