

**This contract is made on                      day of                      2018**

- 1 THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION of Sanctuary  
Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BT ("**DFE**"); and
- 2 Freedom & Autonomy for Schools - National Association (FASNA)  
whose registered office is George Spencer Academy, Arthur Mee  
Road, Stapleford, Nottingham NG9 7EW - registered in England and  
Wales under number 05303883 (the "**Contractor**") each a "**Party**" and  
together the "**Parties**".

**It is agreed that:**

1. this contract, together with the attached schedules and annexes, collectively form the "**Contract**"; and
2. if there is a conflict between the provisions of the clauses of the Contract and the provisions of the schedules, the following order of precedence shall apply:
  - (a) schedule 2 (Terms and Conditions);
  - (b) schedule 1 (Specification);
  - (c) schedules 3 to 9; and
  - (d) schedule 10 (Contractor's Solution).
  - (e) Schedule 11 (Data Protection Act)

**The DFE reference for this contract is RD1001130 (clerking).**

**The Contract has been executed on the date stated at the beginning of this page.**

**SIGNED by the CONTRACTOR acting by**

**Authorised Signatory**

**In the presence of**

**Witness signature**

## Occupation

## Address

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED by DFE acting by**

## Position

**in the presence of**

**Witness signature**

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# **Schedule 1 – The Specification**

## **Background and introduction**

1. Effective and professional quality governance is critical to the long-term success of all schools – maintained and academy, those standing alone and those governed in groups (both federations and MATs). Effective governing boards are key to securing the improvements and efficiencies we need schools across the system to achieve over the coming years.
2. That means we need to leverage maximum impact from £1.5m p.a. to 2020 to build the capacity of governing boards across the country. Our aim is to achieve this through a focus on supporting chairs to drive change in their boards and professionalising the quality of clerking support; delivering a step change in the quality of governance and particularly for boards in the highest priority situations.
3. We have defined the key features of effective governance in the 2017 Governance Handbook; the new Competency Framework for Governance sets out the knowledge, skills and behaviours chairs and boards need; and the Clerking Competency Framework describes the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to provide professional clerking to governing boards. Our focus is on the training and development outcomes we want to see as defined by the competency framework and this specification.

## **The requirements**

4. This Contract is for the provision of Clerking Development across the 8 Regional School Commissioner (RSC) regions of England up to the end of the financial year 2019–2020. The requirement is for:
  - Activity designed to professionalise the quality of clerking so that governing boards receive the administrative and procedural information, advice and support they need to operate effectively.
5. In addition, the Contract includes one-off funding in 2017-18 to cover set-up costs.
6. Other than the one-off funding for set-up costs, payments will be linked directly to the Contractor's success in securing business through a per-clerk funding model. The Contractor's income will therefore be directly linked to the volume of support they provide.
7. Further details of set-up and unit-funding arrangements are set out in Schedule 3.
8. The Contract is awarded for the delivery of activity that achieves the programme outcomes as set out below.
9. The Authority reserves the right to terminate or reduce the scope of any contracted agreement should the budget for the programme be withdrawn or changed or if there is a significant change in the direction of government

policy in relation to the programme and/or outcomes required as part of the Contract.

10. The Authority reserves the right to terminate the Contract should the Contractor fail to deliver any of their commitments under the contract and after a reasonable time to remedy any failure.

### **Programme outcomes**

11. Funding for Clerking Development will be about professionalising the quality of clerking support available to governing boards. It will lead to:

- Increased clerking expertise in line with the Clerking Competency Framework to deliver professional quality clerking that ensures the efficient and effective functioning of governing boards.
- Greater involvement by clerks in sustainable and relevant peer-to-peer support networks that enable them to encourage, support and share good practice with each other.

12. The Contractor will be required to ensure that:

- Participants are supported and challenged to have an objective and fair assessment of their own strengths and development needs having reference to the Authority's Governance Handbook and the Clerking Competency Framework and in light of the specific circumstances in which they provide clerking services.
- Participants are supported and challenged to understand throughout and at the conclusion of the programme what progress they have made against their development needs and what development priorities remain.

### **Minimum volumes**

13. The Contractor is expected to deliver impact of national significance, and must either:

- deliver at least £15,000 of funded activity in 2018–19 (the first full financial year of delivery) for clerking development; or
- deliver a service of national significance relating to the specific nature of the target audience or the level of innovation, as agreed with the Authority and set out in Schedule 10.

### **Delivery of programme outcomes**

14. The Contractor is encouraged to adopt evidence-based and innovative solutions to deliver the programme outcomes, taking account of how this may vary for boards in different circumstances and geographies.

15. The Contractor must operate in the following regions:

- East of England and North-East London
  - East Midlands and the Humber
  - Lancashire and West Yorkshire
  - North of England
  - North-West London and South-Central England
  - South-East England and South London
  - South West England
  - West Midlands
16. The Contractor's proposals for the the methods and activities by which they intend to deliver the programme outcomes have been agreed with the Authority, and are set out in Schedule 10.

### **Generating demand, marketing and branding**

17. The Contractor is responsible for recruiting participants.
18. Marketing activity should focus on low-cost or no-cost in line with expectations for all government contracts, and in line with the Authority's marketing and branding guidelines.
19. The Contractor can brand their programmes as they see fit, while making clear that they are approved and funded by the Authority.
20. The Contractor will have a web presence dedicated to development programmes in place within 1 month of commencement and will use this to make publicly available a clear description of their programmes and outcomes, including (but not limited to) the:
- Cost of participation by programme or activity offered.
  - Detail of what will be included in the programme or activity offered.
  - Duration of programme, including expectations of time allocated to each type of learning in the programme or activity i.e. face-to-face, peer learning, online learning, individual activities, work-based learning etc.
  - Any quantitative and qualitative performance data which will give prospective participants an indication of the quality of the programme or activity.
21. The Contractor will engage with the Authority and with wider regional/sub-regional school-led improvement initiatives and structures to ensure that boards in the most vulnerable and high-priority situations are targeted or prioritised for development.

### **Management Information**

22. The Contractor must provide management information (MI) to meet the needs of the Authority's contract management process and for the purposes of quality assurance.
23. The Contractor is expected to establish processes for tracking and maintaining robust and comprehensive data about participant engagement, deferral, withdrawal and completion and are required to present this to the Authority as part of the delivery authorisation and payment processes. The information required by the Authority is set out in the Contractors invoice data spreadsheet and will be shared with the Authority using secure access to the Authority's SharePoint system.
24. In addition, Contractors should provide quarterly information to the Authority about any clerks participating in their programmes who are not funded by the Authority and any demand that they have been unable to meet.
25. The Authority or its Quality Assurance Contractor (see below) reserves the right to request additional MI during the course of the contract. Any additional MI requirements will be agreed with Contractors with at least 1 month's notice.

### **Quality assurance**

26. Quality assurance is the means by which the Authority will ensure that all participants are provided with high-quality learning and development that brings about clear improvements in their practice regardless of the provider they choose. The quality assurance process plays a significant part in ensuring that all suppliers consistently meet the Authority's expectations and will inform any decision-making about whether providers continue to receive funding and/or any contract extension. The Authority's intention is to separately tender for an independent quality assurance Contractor to:
  - provide assurance to the Authority's contract manager, that each Contractor is delivering against the programme outcomes and other contractual delivery standards and in line with the Clerking Competency Framework, including keeping any learning material up to date;
  - generate evidence of what works best to build clerks' skills, behaviour and knowledge set out in the competency frameworks, enabling us to spread good practice across the system and to inform any future funding decisions;
  - assess the impact and value for money of each Contractor to help boards and clerks decide which contractor to use, and to inform the annual contract management cycle;
  - generate learning on the effectiveness of the overall delivery, operating and funding model of the programme;

- contacting a 10% sample of participants directly to verify their participation for financial control purposes.
27. The Contractor is required to establish proportionate arrangements for assessing and reporting to the Authority how successful they are in meeting boards' needs, including measures of how satisfied boards are with the quality of provision.
  28. The Contractor is required to have a strategy for continuous quality improvement which should include regular evaluation of provision, leadership and management; self-assessment; seeking and acting on feedback from personnel, participants and partners; taking account of new evidence and research; and working with the Authority on any additional measures to improve quality.
  29. Any third party engaged to carry out quality assurance will be appointed through a separate procurement process and due to the need for objectivity, the Contractor will not be eligible to bid, or be part of a consortium that bids, for the quality assurance contract.
  30. The activity of the quality assurance contractor may include examination of participant experience through different methodologies for example questionnaires, focus groups, interviews and observation of provision.
  31. The Contractor will be required to cooperate with the quality assurance body, including notifying participants that their contact details, and those of their referees, will be shared with this body as part of the process of quality assurance. For example, this may include a post-participation follow-up survey or checks to validate participant details.
  32. The Authority reserves the right to publish information based on the findings of the quality assurance body about the relative impact and effectiveness of Contractor's programmes in delivering programme outcomes. This may include, but is not limited to, a high-level description of the Contractor's model and methods of delivery; success rates in recruiting participants to projected volumes; participant feedback; participant completion rates.
  33. The Authority reserves the right to establish an expert reference group to provide feedback and challenge on the impact it is achieving from its investment in governance and clerking development programmes.

### **Working with the Authority**

34. The Contractor is required to co-operate with the Authority including in relation to any contract management activity and to any requirements to amend provision in response to updates or changes to policy.
35. The Authority will put in place mechanisms for regular updates and communication with the Contractor and will undertake to share any data which is relevant to the successful delivery of these contracts as far as it is possible to do so.

36. Data will be shared with the Contractor through secure access to the Authority's SharePoint system.
37. The Contractor is expected to establish relationships with key stakeholders in school improvement in the regions in order to ensure that they are targeting boards most in need of improvement.

### **Staffing model**

38. The staffing model, agreed with the Authority, is set out in Schedule 7.

### **Data Security Standards**

39. For the purposes of this contract the Authority is the Data Controller and the Contractor is the Data Processor. Full definitions of these terms and related information are set out in Schedule 8).
40. Within 30 days of contract award, Contractors are required to submit a security plan, including a risk assessment, which will comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 and explain how the provider will ensure that the Authority's and personal data, including historic data, will be protected.

### **Implementation**

41. The Contractor is required to set out a detailed implementation plan for their programme which gives a clear indication of their understanding of significant milestones and a robust approach to risk identification and management.
42. The implementation plan should be finalised within 30 days of contract signature, when it will form part of the Contract.



# **Schedule 2 – Terms and Conditions**

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## 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1. In the Contract, the following expressions have the following meanings, unless inconsistent with the context:

**“Area”** means the geographical area within England in respect of which the Contractor is appointed to provide the Services.

**“Associated Company”** means any company which is, in relation to another company, its holding company or its subsidiary or a subsidiary of its holding company. “Holding company” and “subsidiary” will have the meanings attributed to them in section 736 and 736A of the Companies Act 1985 and section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006.

**“Business Days”** means Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) in each week, excluding bank and other public holidays in England.

**“CCN”** means a Change Control Note in the form set out in schedule 6.

**“Charges”** means the fees subject to clause 8 payable to the Contractor for the provision of the Services calculated in accordance with schedule 3.

**“Commercially Sensitive Information”** means the information set out in schedule 1 comprising the information of a commercially sensitive nature relating to:

- (a) the Price;
- (b) details of the Contractor’s Intellectual Property Rights; and
- (c) the Contractor’s business and investment plans

which the Contractor has indicated to DFE that, if disclosed by the Authority, would cause DFE significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss.

**“Confidential Information”** means any information which has been designated as confidential by either Party in writing or that ought to be considered as confidential (however it is conveyed or on whatever media it is stored) including information the disclosure of which would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person or trade secrets or Intellectual Property Rights of either Party and all personal data and sensitive personal data within the meaning of the DPA. Confidential Information shall not include information which:

- (a) was public knowledge at the time of disclosure;
- (b) was in the possession of the receiving Party, without restriction as to its disclosure, before receiving it from the disclosing Party;
- (c) is received from a third party (who lawfully acquired it) without restriction as to its disclosure; or
- (d) is independently developed without access to the Confidential Information.

**“Consortium”** means an association of 2 or more persons acting together to deliver the Services but excludes Sub-Contractors.

**“Consortium Agreement”** means, if the Contractor is a Consortium, an agreement:

- (a) signed by all the Consortium Members as at the Effective Date; and
- (b) adhered to by Consortium Members who join the Consortium after the Effective Date by signing a Deed of Adherence which sets out, amongst other things, how the Consortium Members will work together to deliver the Services.

**“Consortium Member”** means a member of a Consortium (if any).

**“Contractor Equipment”** means the Contractor’s ICT equipment.

**“Contractor’s Solution”** means the Contractor’s proposal submitted in response to the DFE’s invitation to tender attached at schedule 10.

**“Copyright”** means as it is defined in s.1 of Part 1 Chapter 1 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

**“Crown”** means the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Executive Committee and Northern Ireland Departments, the Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers, government departments, government offices and government agencies and **“Crown Body”** is an emanation of the foregoing.

**“Database Rights”** means as rights in databases are defined in s.3A of Part 1 Chapter 1 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

**“Deed of Adherence”** means a deed under which a new Consortium Member shall covenant with the other Consortium Members to adhere to the terms of the Consortium Agreement in either the form set out in schedule 10 or in any other form approved by DFE in writing.

**“Default”** means breach of the obligations of the relevant Party (including abandonment of the Contract in breach of its terms, repudiatory breach or breach of a fundamental term) or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement of the relevant Party or the Personnel in connection with the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which such Party is liable to the other.

**“DFE Premises”** means any premises owned by, leased or hired to or otherwise controlled by DFE or which DFE nominates as such by notice in writing to the Contractor.

**“DFE Security Standards”** means the security standards as set out in schedule 8.

**“DFE Trade Marks”** means proprietary trade mark rights of DFE including those notified to the Contractor by DFE from time to time.

**“Dispute”** means any dispute between the Parties in connection with the Contract.

**“DOTAS”** means the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promotor 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 by the National Insurance (Application of Part 7 of the Finance

Act 2004) regulations 2012, SI 2012/1868 made under section 132A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

**“DPA”** means the Data Protection Act 1998 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice published by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such legislation.

**“Effective Date”** means **8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

**“EIR”** means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to them.

**“Employment Liabilities”** means all actions, proceedings, costs (including reasonable legal costs), losses, damages, fines, penalties, compensation, awards, demands, orders, expenses and liabilities connected with or arising from all and any laws including, without limitation, directives, statutes, secondary legislation, orders, codes of practice, contractual obligations and other common law rights whether of the European Union, United Kingdom or any other relevant authority relating to or connected with:

- (a) the employment and dismissal of employees (including their health and safety at work); and
- (b) the engagement, use and termination of individuals other than employees who provide services (including their health and safety at work),

and all wages, holiday pay and employment benefit costs due in respect of (a) or (b) above, including claims for protective awards.

**“FOIA”** means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to it.

**“Force Majeure”** means any event or occurrence which is outside the reasonable control of the Party concerned and which is not attributable to any act or failure to take reasonable preventative action by that Party, including fire; flood; violent storm; pestilence; explosion; malicious damage; armed conflict; acts of terrorism; nuclear, biological or chemical warfare; or any other disaster, natural or man-made, but excluding:

- (a) any industrial action occurring within the Contractor’s or any of its Sub-Contractor’s organisation, or otherwise involving the Personnel; or
- (b) the failure by any Sub-Contractor of the Contractor to perform its obligations under any sub-contract.

**“General Anti-Abuse Rule”** means:

- (a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and
- (b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid NICs.

**“Good Industry Practice”** means the standards, practices, methods and procedures conforming to the law and 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 in a similar type of undertaking under the same or similar circumstances.

**“Halifax Abuse Principle”** means the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others.

**“HMRC”** means Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs.

**“ICT”** means information and communications technology.

**“Implementation Plan”** means the plan and time schedule for the completion of the obligations of the Contractor under the Contract as set out in schedule 5 as the same may be replaced by any subsequent more detailed plan and time schedule as the Parties may agree in writing from time to time.

**“Initial Term”** means the period from the Effective Date to 31 March 2020.

**“Intellectual Property Rights”** means patents, inventions, trade-marks, service marks, logos, design rights (whether registrable or otherwise), applications for any of the foregoing, copyright, database rights, domain names, trade and/or business names, rights in confidential information and know how, moral rights and other similar rights or obligations whether registrable or not in any country (including but not limited to the United Kingdom) and the right to sue for passing off.

**“IP Materials”** means any materials used or developed for the purposes of the Contract including any programme materials, guidance, papers and research data, results, specifications, instructions, toolkits, plans, data, drawings, databases, patents, patterns, models and designs.

**“KPIs”** means the key performance indicators in relation to the Services set out in schedule 4 which the Contractor shall comply with.

**“Key Personnel”** means any of the Personnel identified as such in schedule 7 or otherwise identified as such by DFE pursuant to clause 6.

**“Key Sub-Contractor”** means any Sub-Contractor identified as such in schedule 7 or otherwise identified as such by DFE.

**“Material Breach”** means a breach (including an anticipatory breach) that is serious in the widest sense of having a serious effect on the benefit which the DFE would otherwise derive from:

- (a) a substantial portion of the Contract; or
- (b) any of the obligations set out in clauses 9, 10, 12, 15, 17 and 33 and in schedule 8.

**“NICs”** means National Insurance Contributions.

**“Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance”** means:

- (a) any tax return of the Contractor submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of:
  - i. a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Contractor under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle;

- ii. the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Contractor was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to the Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime; and/or
- (b) any tax return of the Contractor submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 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 Commencement Date or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion.

**“Performance Measures/Standards”** means the standards which the Contractor will be measured against in respect of the delivery of the Services aligned to defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

**“Personnel”** means all persons employed by the Contractor to perform its obligations under the Contract together with the Contractor’s servants, agents, suppliers and Sub-Contractors used in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

**“Prohibited Act”** means:

- (a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by the DFE a financial or other advantage to:
  - 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;
- (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 the Contract;
- (c) an offence:
  - i. under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act);
  - ii. under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts; or
  - iii. the defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the DFE;
- (d) any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute one of the offences listed under (c) above if such activity, practice or conduct has been carried out in the UK.

**“Quality Standards”** means the quality standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardization or other reputable or equivalent body, (and their successor bodies) that a skilled and experienced operator in the same type of industry or business sector as the Contractor would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with, and as may be further detailed in the Specification.

**“Regulations”** means the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

**“Regulatory Body”** means a government department and regulatory,

statutory and other entities, committees, ombudsmen and bodies which, whether under statute, rules, regulations, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to regulate, investigate, or influence the matters dealt with in the Contract or any other affairs of the DFE.

**“Relevant Conviction”** means a conviction for an offence involving violence or dishonesty, of a sexual nature or against minors, or for any other offence that is relevant to the nature of the Services.

**“Relevant Requirements”** means all applicable Law relating to bribery, corruption and fraud, including the Bribery Act 2010 and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Justice pursuant to section 9 of the Bribery Act 2010.

**“Relevant Tax Authority”** means HMRC or, if applicable, a tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Contractor is established.

**“Replacement Contractor”** means any third party supplier appointed by the DFE to supply any services which are substantially similar to any of the Services in substitution for the Contractor following the expiry, termination or partial termination of the Contract.

**“Request for Information”** means a request for information under the FOIA or the EIR.

**“Restricted Country”** means:

- a) any country outside the European Economic Area; and
- b) any country not deemed adequate by the European Commission pursuant to Article 25(6) of Directive 95/46/EC

**“Returning Employees”** means those persons agreed by the Parties to be employed by the Contractor (and/or any Sub-Contractor) wholly or mainly in the supply of the Services immediately before the end of the Term.

**“Services”** means the services described in the Specification.

**“Services Commencement Date”** means [insert date].

**“Service Credits”** means the service credits specified in schedule 4 which shall be payable to the DFE by the Contractor in the event that the Service Levels are not met in respect of Services.

**“Service Level”** means the levels of Service defined in schedule 4.

**“Service Period”** means the following:

- (a) the first Service Period of the Contract shall begin on the Services Commencement Date and shall expire at the end of the calendar month in which the Service Commencement Date falls; and
- (b) after the first Service Period of the Contract a Service Period shall be a calendar month during the Contract save that the final Service Period of the Contract shall commence on the first day of the calendar month in which the Contract expires or terminates and shall end on the expiry or termination of the Contract.

**“Service Users”** means those receiving the Services.

**“Specification”** means the description of the Services to be supplied under the Contract set out in schedule 1.

**“Staff”** means all persons employed by the Contractor to perform its obligations under the Contract together with the Contractor’s servants, agents, suppliers and Sub-Contractors used in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

**“Sub-Contract”** means a contract between 2 or more suppliers, at any stage of remoteness from DfE in a sub-contracting chain, made wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) the whole or any part of the Contract and **“Sub-Contractor”** shall be construed accordingly.

**“Term”** means the period from the Effective Date until the date the Contract ends for whatever reason.

**“TFEU”** means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

**“Treaties”** means the TFEU and the Treaty on European Union.

**“TUPE”** means the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006.

**“Variation”** means any variation to the Contract requiring a Change Control Note to be completed in accordance with schedule 6.

1.2. The following notes of construction and interpretation apply to the Contract:

- 1.2.1. references to a statute or statutory provision shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include a reference to that statute or statutory provision as from time to time amended, modified, extended, re-enacted or consolidated and all statutory instruments or orders made pursuant to it whether replaced before or after the date of the Contract which are in force prior to the date of the Contract;
- 1.2.2. the expression “person” means any individual, firm, body corporate, unincorporated association, partnership, government, state or agency of a state or joint venture;
- 1.2.3. the words “include”, “includes”, “including” and “included” will be construed without limitation unless inconsistent with the context;
- 1.2.4. the masculine includes the feminine and the neuter, and the singular includes the plural and vice versa as the context shall admit or require;
- 1.2.5. any reference in the Contract to a clause or schedule is a reference to a clause or schedule of the Contract and references in any schedule to paragraphs relate to the paragraphs in that schedule;
- 1.2.6. the clause headings are included for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of the Contract; and
- 1.2.7. the schedules and appendices form part of the Contract and shall have effect as if set out in full in the body of the Contract and any reference to the Contract includes the schedules.



## **2. TERM**

- 2.1. The Contract commences on the Effective Date and, subject to any provision of this Contract for earlier termination, or extension set out in this clause 2, will terminate at the end of the Initial Term.
- 2.2. DFE may extend the Initial Term for such further period as the DFE may choose by giving not less than 3 months' written notice to the Contractor prior to the expiry of the Initial Term.

## **3. THE SERVICES**

- 3.1. The Contractor shall provide the Services in the Area in accordance with the Specification and undertake and be responsible for all obligations of the Contractor in respect of the Services.
- 3.2. The DFE may appoint other Contractors for the Services in the Area.
- 3.3. The Contractor shall, in performing its obligations under the Contract:
  - 3.3.1. conform to the requirements of the Specification and the Contractor's Solution or as otherwise agreed in writing between the Parties;
  - 3.3.2. carry out and complete the Services in a proper professional manner (taking account of the standards of a reasonably proficient practitioner) and in conformity with all reasonable directions and requirements of the DFE specified by the DFE from time to time;
  - 3.3.3. comply with Good Industry Practice;
  - 3.3.4. ensure that the Services are provided by competent and appropriately trained personnel;
  - 3.3.5. comply with the Quality Standards and where applicable, shall maintain accreditation with the relevant Quality Standards authorisation body;
  - 3.3.6. comply with the KPIs, Service Levels and Service Credit requirements set out in schedule 4;
  - 3.3.7. comply with the Implementation Plan;
  - 3.3.8. in so far as is reasonably practicable, comply with any policies and procedures adopted by the DFE from time to time within 14 days of the same being brought to the attention of the Contractor by the DFE;
  - 3.3.9. comply with applicable law, any applicable codes of practice or governmental regulation, and monitor compliance with relevant legislation;
  - 3.3.10. comply with all health and safety legislation, adopt and maintain safe operating systems of work and appropriate safety policies in order to protect the health and safety of Personnel, employees of the DFE, the Service Users and all other persons including members of the public; and
  - 3.3.11. comply with all safety, security, acceptable use and other policies of the DFE from time to time notified to it and procure that

the Personnel also comply.

- 3.4. The DFE may provide data and materials to the Contractor and access to systems for the purposes of providing the Services that the Contractor may use but only to the extent necessary to enable the Contractor to provide the Services.
- 3.5. All equipment and other property brought onto DFE Premises shall be at the Contractor's own risk and the DFE shall have no liability for any loss of or damage to any such equipment and property unless the Contractor is able to demonstrate that such loss or damage was caused by the negligence of the DFE.
- 3.6. Any land or DFE Premises made available from time to time to the Contractor by the DFE in connection with the Contract shall be made available to the Contractor on a non-exclusive licence basis free of charge and shall be used by the Contractor solely for the purpose of performing its obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall have the use of such land or DFE Premises as a licensee and shall vacate the same on completion, termination or abandonment of the Contract or the task in respect of which such land or DFE Premises was made available.
- 3.7. The Contract does not create a tenancy of any nature whatsoever in favour of the Contractor or any of the Personnel and no such tenancy has or shall come into being and, notwithstanding any rights granted pursuant to the Contract, the DFE retains the right at any time to use any DFE Premises in any manner.

#### **4. CONSORTIA**

- 4.1. If the Contractor is a Consortium it shall comply with the terms of this clause 4.
- 4.2. The Contractor may appoint additional or replacement Consortium Members to assist it in carrying out its obligations under the Contract subject to compliance with clause 4.3.
- 4.3. No new person or entity may become a Consortium Member until:
  - 4.3.1. the DFE has given its prior written consent to the new Consortium Member;
  - 4.3.2. the new Consortium Member has signed a Deed of Adherence; and
  - 4.3.3. a copy of the Deed of Adherence has been given to the DFE.
- 4.4. The Contractor shall promptly inform the DFE if and how any Consortium Member breaches the terms of the Consortium Agreement.

#### **5. TRANSFER AND SUB-CONTRACTING**

- 5.1 Save as set out in this clause 5 the Contractor may not sub-contract, assign, transfer, charge the benefit and/or delegate the burden of the whole or any part of the Contract (a "**Transfer**") without the prior written consent of the DFE.

- 5.2 If the DFE consents to a Transfer the Contractor will evidence the Transfer in writing and provide a copy of the Transfer document on request.
- 5.3 The Contractor may award Sub-Contracts with a value per annum not exceeding £10,000 without the DFE's consent.
- 5.4 Where the DFE has consented to a Sub-Contract, copies of each Sub-Contract shall, at the request of the DFE, be sent by the Contractor to the DFE as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 5.5 The Contractor shall not terminate or materially amend the terms of any Sub-Contract without the DFE's prior written consent.
- 5.6 The DFE may require the Contractor to terminate a Sub-Contract if the acts or omissions of the Sub-Contractor have given rise to the DFE's right of termination pursuant to clause 23 unless the Sub-Contractor can remedy the breach to the DFE's satisfaction within 21 days of receipt by the Contractor of written notice from the DFE requiring the Sub-Contract to be terminated.
- 5.7 The Contractor shall remain responsible for all acts and omissions of its Sub-Contractors as if they were its own.
- 5.8 If the DfE believes there are:
  - 5.8.1 compulsory grounds for excluding a Sub-Contractor pursuant to regulation 57 of the Regulations, the Contractor shall replace or not appoint the Sub-Contractor; or
  - 5.8.2 non-compulsory grounds for excluding a Sub-Contractor pursuant to regulation 57 of the Regulations, the DfE may require the Contractor to replace or not appoint the Sub-Contractor and the Contractor shall comply with such requirement.

## **6. PERSONNEL**

- 6.1 The DFE may refuse admission to DFE Premises and/or direct the Contractor to end the involvement in the Services of any Personnel whom the DFE believes is a security risk.
- 6.2 If the DFE require the removal of any Personnel pursuant to clause 8.1, any Employment Liabilities and any other costs connected with that removal shall be at the Contractor's cost.
- 6.3 The Contractor shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure continuity of Personnel and to ensure that the turnover rate of Personnel is at least as good as the prevailing industry norm for similar services, locations and environments.
- 6.4 The Contractor shall ensure that no person who discloses a Relevant Conviction or who is found to have any Relevant Convictions (whether as a result of a police check or through the Disclosure and Barring Service Procedures or otherwise), is employed or engaged in providing the Services without the DFE's prior written consent.
- 6.5 For each of the Personnel who, in providing the Services, has, will have or is likely to have access to children, vulnerable persons or other members of the public to whom the DFE owes a special duty of care

the Contractor shall (and shall procure that any relevant Sub-Contractor shall) ensure a police check is completed and such other checks as may be carried out through the Disclosure and Barring Service, and the Contractor shall not (and shall ensure that any Sub-Contractor shall not) engage or continue to employ in the provision of the Services any person who has a Relevant Conviction or what would reasonably be regarded as an inappropriate record.

- 6.6 The Contractor acknowledges that Key Personnel and Key Sub-Contractors are essential to the proper provision of the Services. The Parties have agreed to the appointment of Key Personnel and Key Sub-Contractors listed in schedule 7 as at the Effective Date.
- 6.7 Key Personnel shall not be released from supplying the Services without the DFE's consent except by reason of long-term sickness, maternity leave, paternity leave or termination of employment or other similar reason.
- 6.8 Any replacements of Key Personnel shall be subject to DFE consent and shall be of at least equal status, experience and skills to Key Personnel being replaced and be suitable for the responsibilities of that person in relation to the Services.
- 6.9 The DFE shall not unreasonably withhold consent under clauses 6.7 or 6.8. Such agreement shall be conditional on appropriate arrangements being made by the Contractor to minimise any adverse effect on Services which could be caused by a change in Key Personnel or Key Sub-Contractors.
- 6.10 DFE may require the Contractor to remove any Key Personnel who the DFE considers in any respect unsatisfactory.
- 6.11 The DFE shall not be liable for the cost of replacing any Key Personnel and the Contractor shall indemnify the DFE against all Employment Liabilities that may arise in this respect.
- 6.12 Except in respect of any transfer of staff under TUPE, for the Term and for 12 months after the Term neither Party shall (except with the prior written consent of the other) solicit the services of any staff of the other Party who have been engaged in providing the Services or the management of the Contract or any significant part thereof either as principal, agent, employee, independent contractor or in any other form of employment or engagement other than by means of an open national advertising campaign and not specifically targeted at staff of the other Party.

## **7. TUPE**

- 7.1 No later than 6 Months prior to the end of the Term the Contractor shall fully and accurately disclose to the DFE, within 30 days of the request, all information that the DFE may reasonably request in relation to the Staff including the following:
  - 7.1.1 the total number of Staff whose employment/engagement shall terminate at the end of the Term;
  - 7.1.2 the age, gender, salary or other remuneration, future pay

settlements and redundancy and pensions entitlement of the Staff referred to in clause 7.1.1;

- 7.1.3 the terms and conditions of employment/engagement of the Staff referred to in clause 7.1.1, their job titles and qualifications;
- 7.1.4 details of any current disciplinary or grievance proceedings ongoing or circumstances likely to give rise to such proceedings and details of any claims current or threatened; and
- 7.1.5 details of all collective agreements with a brief summary of the current state of negotiations with any such bodies and with details of any current industrial disputes and claims for recognition by any trade union

(together the “**TUPE Information**”).

- 7.2 At intervals determined by the DFE (which shall not be more frequent than once every 30 days) the Contractor shall give the DFE updated TUPE Information.
- 7.3 Each time the Contractor supplies TUPE Information to the DFE it shall warrant its completeness and accuracy and the DFE may assign the benefit of this warranty to any Replacement Contractor.
- 7.4 The DFE may use TUPE Information for the purposes of any retendering process.
- 7.5 If TUPE applies to the transfer of the Services on termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall indemnify and keep indemnified the DFE, the Crown and any Replacement Contractor against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, damages, costs and expenses and other liabilities which they may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with:
  - 7.5.1 the provision of TUPE Information;
  - 7.5.2 any claim or demand by any Returning Employee (whether in contract, tort, under statute, pursuant to EU law or otherwise) in each case arising directly or indirectly from any act, fault or omission of the Contractor or any Sub-Contractor in respect of any Returning Employee on or before the end of the Term;
  - 7.5.3 any failure by the Contractor or any Sub-Contractor to comply with its obligations under regulations 13 or 14 of TUPE or any award of compensation under regulation 15 of TUPE save where such failure arises from the failure of the DFE or a Replacement Contractor to comply with its duties under regulation 13 of TUPE;
  - 7.5.4 any Court or Employment Tribunal claims (including any individual employee entitlement under or consequent on such a claim) by any trade union or other body or person representing any Returning Employees arising from or connected with any failure by the Contractor or any Sub-Contractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person; and
  - 7.5.5 any claim by any person who is transferred by the Contractor to the DFE and/or a Replacement Contractor whose name is not

included in the list of Returning Employees.

- 7.6 If the Contractor becomes aware that TUPE Information it provided has become inaccurate or misleading, it shall promptly notify the DFE and provide the DFE with up to date TUPE Information.
- 7.7 This clause 7 applies during the Term and indefinitely thereafter.
- 7.8 The Contractor undertakes to the DFE that, during the 12 Months prior to the end of the Term the Contractor shall not (and shall procure that any Sub-Contractor shall not) without written approval of DFE (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed):
  - 7.8.1 amend or vary (or purport to amend or vary) the terms and conditions of employment or engagement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, pay) of any Personnel (other than where such amendment or variation has previously been agreed between the Contractor and the Personnel in the normal course of business and where any such amendment or variation is not in any way related to the transfer of the Services);
  - 7.8.2 terminate or give notice to terminate the employment or engagement of any Personnel (other than in circumstances in which the termination is for reasons of misconduct or lack of capability);
  - 7.8.3 transfer away, remove, reduce or vary the involvement of any other Personnel from or in the provision of the Services (other than where such transfer or removal: (i) was planned as part of the individual's career development; (ii) takes place in the normal course of business; and (iii) will not have any adverse effect on the delivery of the Services, (provided that any such transfer, removal, reduction or variation is not in any way related to the transfer of the Services); or
  - 7.8.4 recruit or bring in any new or additional individuals to provide the Services who were not already involved in providing the Services prior to the relevant period.

## **8. CHARGES**

- 8.1 Except where otherwise expressly stated in the Contract the only payments to be paid by the DFE for the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract shall be the Charges which shall be inclusive of all costs and expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of its obligations.
- 8.2 In consideration for the provision of the Services the DFE shall pay the Charges in accordance with the schedule 3 subject to the receipt of correct invoices pursuant to clause 8.7 being issued by the Contractor.
- 8.3 Except where otherwise expressly stated in schedule 3 the Contractor shall not be entitled to increase the Charges or any rates identified in schedule 3 throughout the Term.
- 8.4 The Charges are exclusive of Value Added Tax ("VAT") and all other taxes, duties and levies, but shall be inclusive of all charges, costs and expenses of whatever nature the Contractor incurs in providing the

Services, and performing all other obligations of the Contractor, under the Contract (unless expressly stated otherwise in the Contract). The Contractor should notify the DFE of any direct VAT charges for the delivery of the Contract. The Contractor shall identify VAT and other applicable taxes, duties and levies separately on invoices, including identifying the elements of the Charges that are subject to VAT at the standard rate or at any other rates and that are zero rated or exempt from VAT.

- 8.5 Payment of the Charges by the DFE shall be without prejudice to any rights the DFE may have by reason of any Services, or any part thereof, failing to comply with any provision of the Contract and any breach by the Contractor of the Contract shall not be deemed to be accepted or waived by the DFE by reason of such payment.
- 8.6 The DFE may deduct from or offset against any monies due or becoming due to the Contractor under the Contract (including the Charges) any monies due from the Contractor under the Contract or otherwise under any other agreement or account whatsoever.
- 8.7 Invoices shall be submitted to [APinvoices-DFE-U@sscl.gse.gov.uk](mailto:APinvoices-DFE-U@sscl.gse.gov.uk) and/or sent, within 30 days of the end of the relevant invoicing date, to SSCL Accounts Payable Team, Room 6124, Tomlinson House, Norcross, Blackpool, FY5 3TA. An invoice is a "Valid Invoice" if it is legible and includes:
  - 8.7.1 the date of the invoice;
  - 8.7.2 Contractor's full name and address;
  - 8.7.3 Contract reference number;
  - 8.7.4 the charging period;
  - 8.7.5 a detailed breakdown of the appropriate Charges including deliverables or milestones achieved (if applicable);
  - 8.7.6 days and times worked (if applicable);
  - 8.7.7 Service Credits (if applicable); and
  - 8.7.8 VAT if applicable.
- 8.8 The DFE shall not pay an invoice which is not a Valid Invoice.
- 8.9 The DFE intends to pay Valid Invoices within 10 days of receipt. Valid Invoices not paid within 30 days are subject to interest at the rate of 2% above the base rate from time to time of Barclays Bank. This clause 8.9 is a substantial remedy for late payment of any sum payable under the Contract in accordance with section 8(2) Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.
- 8.10 The DFE shall not be responsible for any delay in payment caused by receipt of invoices which are not Valid Invoices and shall, within 10 Business Days of receipt, return to the Contractor for correction invoices that are not Valid Invoices together with an explanation of the need for correction.
- 8.11 At the end of the Term the Contractor shall promptly draw-up a final invoice which shall cover all Services provided up to the end of the

Term which have not already been invoiced to the DFE. The final invoice shall be submitted not later than 30 days after the end of the Term.

- 8.12 The DFE shall not be obliged to pay the final invoice until the Contractor has carried out all of the Service.
- 8.13 The Contractor shall ensure that a term is included in all Sub-Contracts which requires payment to be made of all sums due to Sub-Contractors within 30 days from the receipt of a valid invoice.
- 8.14 If the DFE disputes any amount specified in a Valid Invoice it shall pay such amount of the invoice as is not in dispute and within 10 Business Days notify the Contractor of the reasons for disputing the invoice. The DFE may withhold the disputed amount pending resolution of the dispute.
- 8.15 The Parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to resolve any dispute over invoices within 10 Business Days of the dispute being raised, after which period either Party may refer the matter for resolution in accordance with clause 36.

## **9. TAX and VAT**

- 9.1 Where the Contractor is liable to be taxed in the UK in respect of consideration received under the Contract it shall at all times comply with the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and all other statutes and regulations relating to income tax in respect of that consideration.
- 9.2 If the Services are liable for VAT the Contractor shall comply with HMRC rules and regulations. The Contractor will be liable for paying to HMRC any identified VAT including those which may fall due.
- 9.3 If the Contractor is liable to NICs in respect of consideration received under the Contract it shall comply with the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and all other statutes and regulations relating to NICs in respect of that consideration.
- 9.4 The DFE may ask the Contractor to provide information which demonstrates how the Contractor complies with clauses 9.1 to 9.3 or why those clauses do not apply to it.
- 9.5 A request under clause 9.4 may specify the information which the Contractor must provide and the period within which that information must be provided.
- 9.6 The DFE may terminate this Contract if:
  - 9.6.1 in the case of a request mentioned in clause 9.4 the Contractor:
    - (i) fails to provide information in response to the request within a reasonable time; or
    - (ii) provides information which does not demonstrate either how the Contractor complies with clauses 9.1 to 9.3 or why those clauses do not apply to it;
  - 9.6.2 it receives information which demonstrates that, if clauses 9.1 to



9.3 apply, the Contractor is not complying with those clauses.

- 9.7 The DFE may supply any information which it receives under clause 9.4 to HMRC.
- 9.8 The Contractor bears sole responsibility for the payment of tax and national insurance contributions due from it in relation to any payments or arrangements made under the Contract or in relation to any payments made by the Contractor to its officers or employees in connection with the Contract.
- 9.9 The Contractor will account to the appropriate authorities for any applicable income tax, national insurance, VAT and all other taxes, liabilities, charges and duties relating to any payments made to the Contractor under the Contract or in relation to any payments made by the Contractor to its officers or employees in connection with the Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify DFE against any liability, assessment or claim made by the HMRC or any other relevant authority arising out of the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract (other than in respect of employer's secondary national insurance contributions) and any costs, expenses, penalty fine or interest incurred or payable by DFE in connection with any such assessment or claim.
- 9.10 The Contractor authorises the DFE to provide HMRC and all other departments or agencies of the Government with any information which they may request as to fees and/or expenses paid or due to be paid under the Contract whether or not DFE is obliged as a matter of law to comply with such request.
- 9.11 If, during the Term, an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Contractor shall:
- 9.11.1 notify the DFE in writing of such fact within 5 Business Days of its occurrence; and
  - 9.11.2 promptly give the DFE:
    - (i) details of the steps it is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors it considers relevant; and
    - (ii) such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as the DFE may reasonably require.

## **10. PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION**

- 10.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, nor to the best of its knowledge any Personnel, have at any time prior to the Effective Date:
- 10.1.1 committed a Prohibited Act or been formally notified that it is subject to an investigation or prosecution which relates to an alleged Prohibited Act; or
  - 10.1.2 been listed by any government department or agency as being debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment,

or otherwise ineligible for participation in government procurement programmes or contracts on the grounds of a Prohibited Act.

10.2 The Contractor shall not:

10.2.1 commit a Prohibited Act; or

10.2.2 do or suffer anything to be done which would cause the DFE or any of its employees, consultants, contractors, Sub-Contractors or agents to contravene any of the Relevant Requirements or otherwise incur any liability in relation to the Relevant Requirements.

10.3 The Contractor shall:

10.3.1 and procure that its Sub-Contractors shall, establish, maintain and enforce, policies and procedures which are adequate to ensure compliance with the Relevant Requirements and prevent the occurrence of a Prohibited Act; and

10.3.2 keep appropriate records of its compliance with its obligations under clause 10.3.2 and make such records available to the DFE on request.

10.4 The Contractor shall immediately notify the DFE in writing if it becomes aware of any breach of clauses 10.1 and/or 10.2, or has reason to believe that it has or any of the Personnel have:

10.4.1 been subject to an investigation or prosecution which relates to an alleged Prohibited Act;

10.4.2 been listed by any government department or agency as being debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or otherwise ineligible for participation in government procurement programmes or contracts on the grounds of a Prohibited Act; or

10.4.3 received a request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind in connection with the performance of the Contract or otherwise suspects that any person directly or indirectly connected with the Contract has committed or attempted to commit a Prohibited Act.

10.5 If the Contractor notifies the DFE pursuant to clause 10.4, the Contractor shall respond promptly to the DFE's enquiries, co-operate with any investigation, and allow the DFE to audit any books, records and any other relevant documentation.

10.6 If the Contractor is in Default under clauses 10.1 and/or 10.2, the DFE may by notice:

10.6.1 require the Contractor to remove from performance of the Contract any Staff whose acts or omissions have caused the Default; or

10.6.2 immediately terminate the Contract.

10.7 Any notice served by the DFE under clause 10.6 shall specify the nature of the Prohibited Act, the identity of the party who the DFE

believes has committed the Prohibited Act and the action that the DFE has taken (including, where relevant, the date on which the Contract shall terminate).

## 11. DISCRIMINATION

- 11.1 The Contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract in accordance with all applicable equality law.
- 11.2 The Contractor shall comply with requirements and instructions which the DFE reasonably imposes in connection with any equality obligations imposed on the DFE at any time under equality law.
- 11.3 The Contractor indemnifies the DFE in full from and against all Employment Liabilities that may arise as a result of any claims brought against the DFE by any of its employees, agents, consultants and contractors ("**DFE Personnel**") and/or any of the Personnel where such claim arises from any act or omission of the Personnel in respect of anti-discrimination legislation. The Contractor will also provide all reasonable cooperation, assistance and information as the DFE may request in connection with any investigation by the DFE into any complaint or other grievance received by it from any of the DFE Personnel or Personnel in respect of anti-discrimination legislation which may have arisen from, or been contributed to by, any act or omission of the Contractor or any Personnel.

## 12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 12.1 All Intellectual Property Rights in materials:
  - 12.1.1 furnished to or made available to the Contractor by or on behalf of the DFE (the "**DFE IP Materials**") shall remain the property of the DFE (save for Copyright and Database Rights which shall remain the property of the Crown); and
  - 12.1.2 prepared by or for the Contractor on behalf of the DFE in connection with the Contract (the "**Service Specific IP Materials**") shall vest in the contractor and licenced in perpetuity on a non-exclusive, royalty free basis to the DfE for the entire duration of the contract plus an additional 5 year duration after contract expiry ~~DFE (save for Copyright and Database Rights which shall vest in the Crown)~~ (together the "**IP Materials**").
- 12.2 The Contractor shall not, and shall ensure that Personnel shall not, use or disclose IP Materials during the contract term without the DFE's approval save to the extent necessary for the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract.
- 12.3 ~~The Contractor hereby assigns to the DFE or undertakes to procure the assignment to the DFE of all Intellectual Property Rights which may subsist in the Service Specific IP Materials (save for Copyright and Database Rights which it hereby assigns to the Crown or undertakes to procure the assignment of to the Crown). These assignments shall be given with full access guarantee, shall take effect on the Effective Date or as a present assignment of future rights that will take effect~~

~~immediately on the coming into existence of the Intellectual Property Rights in the Service Specific IP Materials and shall include, without limitation, an assignment to the DFE (or the Crown as appropriate) of all access rights arising in the United Kingdom and the world together with the right to sue for damages and other remedies for infringement occurring prior to the date of assignment. The Contractor shall execute all documents and do all other acts requested by the DFE and necessary to execute and perfect these assignments and to otherwise evidence the DFE's or the Crown's access of such rights.~~ **DOES NOT APPLY**

- 12.4 ~~The Contractor shall waive or procure a waiver on an irrevocable and unconditional basis of any moral rights subsisting in copyright produced by or in connection with the Contract or the performance of the Contract.~~ **DOES NOT APPLY**
- 12.5 The Contractor shall ensure that the third party owner of any Intellectual Property Rights that are or which may be used to perform the Services grants to the non-exclusive licence or, if itself a licensee of those rights, shall grant to the DFE an authorised sub-licence, to use, reproduce, modify, develop and maintain the Intellectual Property Rights in the same. Such licence or sub-licence shall be procured on a best endeavours, non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide and irrevocable basis and shall include the right for the DFE to sub-licence, transfer, novate or assign to a Replacement Contractor. The Contractor shall notify the DFE of any third party Intellectual Property Rights to be used in connection with the Contract prior to their use in connection with the Contract or the creation or development of the Service Specific IP Materials.
- 12.6 The Contractor shall not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights of any third party in performing its obligations under the Contract and the Contractor shall indemnify and keep indemnified the DFE and any Replacement Contractor from and against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, damages, costs and expenses and other liabilities which the DFE may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this clause 14, except to the extent that any such claim arises from:
- 12.6.1 items or materials supplied by the DFE; or
- 12.6.2 the use of data supplied by the DFE which is not required to be verified by the Contractor under any provision of the Contract.
- 12.7 The DFE shall notify the Contractor in writing of any claim or demand brought against the DFE for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right in materials supplied and/or licensed by the Contractor.
- 12.8 The Contractor shall at its own expense conduct all negotiations and any litigation arising in connection with any claim for infringement of Intellectual Property Rights in materials supplied and/or licensed by the Contractor to the DFE, provided always that the Contractor shall:
- 12.8.1 consult the DFE on all substantive issues which arise during the conduct of such litigation and negotiations;

- 12.8.2 take due and proper account of the interests and concerns of the DFE; and
- 12.8.3 not settle or compromise any claim without the DFE's prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- 12.9 Notwithstanding clause 12.8. the DFE may take any action it deems appropriate with respect to any such claim and shall have exclusive control of such claim. If the DFE takes action the Contractor shall at the request of the DFE afford to the Contractor all reasonable assistance to the DFE for the purpose of contesting such claim.
- 12.10 The DFE shall at the request of the Contractor afford to the Contractor all reasonable assistance for the purpose of contesting any claim or demand made or action brought against the DFE or the Contractor by a third party for infringement or alleged infringement of any third party Intellectual Property Rights in connection with the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract subject to the Contractor indemnifying the DFE on demand and in full for all reasonable costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, legal costs and disbursements) incurred in doing so.
- 12.11 If a claim, demand or action for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right is made in connection with the Contract or in the reasonable opinion of the Contractor is likely to be made, the Contractor shall notify the DFE and, at its own expense and subject to the consent of the DFE (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), use reasonable endeavours to:
- 12.11.1 modify any or all of the Service Specific IP Materials and, where relevant, the Services without reducing the performance or functionality of the same, or substitute alternative materials or services of equivalent performance and functionality, so as to avoid the infringement or the alleged infringement, provided that the provisions of this clause 12 shall apply mutatis mutandis to such modified materials or services or to the substitute materials or services; or
- 12.11.2 procure a licence to use and supply the Service Specific IP Materials, other relevant Intellectual Property Rights and Services, which are the subject of the alleged infringement, on terms which are acceptable to the DFE.
- 12.12 If the Contractor is unable to comply with clauses 12.11.1 and 12.11.2 within 20 Business Days of receipt of the Contractor's notification the DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.
- 12.13 The Contractor grants to the DFE and, if requested by DFE, to a Replacement Contractor, a royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable and non-exclusive licence (with a right to sub-licence) to use any Intellectual Property Rights the Contractor owned or developed prior to the Effective Date or otherwise not in connection with the Contract ("**Contractor IP**") and which the DFE (or a Replacement Contractor) reasonably requires in order to exercise its rights and take the benefit of the Contract including the Services provided and the use and further

development of the IP Materials.

- 12.14 The DFE shall comply with the reasonable instructions of the Contractor in respect of the way in which it uses the Contractor IP.
- 12.15 If the Contractor is not able to grant to the DFE a licence to use any Contractor IP for any reason, including due to any Intellectual Property Rights that a third party may have in such Contractor IP, the Contractor shall use its reasonable endeavours to:
- 12.15.1 procure that the third party owner of any Intellectual Property Rights that are or that may be used to perform the Contract grants to the DFE a licence on the terms set out in clause 12.13; or
  - 12.15.2 if the Contractor is itself a licensee of those rights and is able to do so under the terms of its licence, grant to the DFE a sub-licence on the terms set out in clause 12.13.
- 12.16 The Contractor shall not knowingly do or permit to be done, or omit to do in connection with its use of Intellectual Property Rights which are or are to be the DFE IP Materials any act or thing which:
- 12.16.1 would or might jeopardise or invalidate any trade mark application or registration comprised within the same or give rise to an application to remove or amend any such application or registration from the register maintained by the relevant trade mark registry; or
  - 12.16.2 would or might prejudice the right or title of the DFE to any of the DFE IP Materials.
- 12.17 The Contractor shall comply with the DFE's branding guidelines and shall not use any other branding, including its own, other than as set out in the DFE's branding guidelines or as otherwise agreed with the DFE.
- 12.18 When using DFE Trade Marks the Contractor shall observe all reasonable directions given by the DFE from time to time as to colour and size and the manner and disposition thereof on any materials it provides to persons in connection with the Services. The Contractor may not:
- 12.18.1 adopt or use any trade mark, symbol or device which incorporates or is confusingly similar to, or is a simulation or colourable imitation of, any DFE Trade Mark, or unfairly competes with any DFE Trade Mark; or
  - 12.18.2 apply anywhere in the world to register any trade marks identical to or so nearly resembling any DFE Trade Mark as to be likely to deceive or cause confusion.

### **13. DATA, SYSTEMS HANDLING AND SECURITY**

- 13.1 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of schedule 8.

### **14. PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION**

- 14.1 Subject to clause 15.2, without prejudice to the DFE's obligations under the FOIA, the EIR, the Regulations, or any policy requirements as to transparency, neither Party shall make any press announcement or publicise the Contract or any part thereof in any way, except with the written consent of the other Party.
- 14.2 The Contractor shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure its Personnel comply with clause 14.1
- 14.3 Without prejudice to the generality of clauses 12.18 and 14.1, the Contractor shall not itself, and shall procure that Consortium Members shall not, use the DFE's name, brand or DFE Trade Marks or the Personal Data of the DFE to sell, promote, market or publicise the Contractor's other programmes, courses, services or other activities.
- 4.4 Subject to clauses 12 and 15 DFE may disclose, copy and otherwise distribute to the public, including but not limited to, by way of the Open Government Licence, any information arising out of the Services or comprised in any work relating to the Services.

## **15. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 15.1 Except to the extent set out in this clause 15 or if disclosure or publication is expressly permitted elsewhere in the Contract each Party shall treat all Confidential Information belonging to the other Party as confidential and shall not disclose any Confidential Information belonging to the other Party to any other person without the other Party's consent, except to such persons and to such extent as may be necessary for the performance of the Party's obligations under the Contract.
- 15.2 The Contractor hereby gives its consent for the DFE to publish the whole Contract including from time to time agreed changes to the Contract.
- 15.3 The Contractor may only disclose the DFE's Confidential Information to Personnel who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and who need to know the information, and shall ensure that Personnel are aware of and shall comply with these obligations as to confidentiality.
- 15.4 The Contractor shall not, and shall procure that Personnel do not, use any of the DFE's Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of the Contract.
- 15.5 Clause 15.1 shall not apply to the extent that:
  - 15.5.1 such disclosure is a requirement of law placed upon the Party making the disclosure, including any requirements for disclosure under the FOIA or the EIR;
  - 15.5.2 such information was in the possession of the Party making the disclosure without obligation of confidentiality prior to its disclosure by the information owner;
  - 15.5.3 such information was obtained from a third party without obligation of confidentiality;
  - 15.5.4 such information was already in the public domain at the time of

- disclosure otherwise than by a breach of the Contract; or
- 15.5.5 it is independently developed without access to the other Party's Confidential Information.
- 15.6 Nothing in clause 15 shall prevent the DFE disclosing any Confidential Information obtained from the Contractor:
- 15.6.1 for the purpose of the examination and certification of the DFE's accounts;
- 15.6.2 for the purpose of any examination pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the DFE has used its resources;
- 15.6.3 to any other crown body and the Contractor hereby acknowledges that all government departments receiving such Confidential Information may further disclose the Confidential Information to other government departments on the basis that the information is confidential and is not to be disclosed to a third party which is not part of any government department; or
- 15.6.4 to any consultant, contractor or other person engaged by the DFE provided that in disclosing information under clauses 15.8.3 and 15.8.4 the DFE discloses only the information which is necessary for the purpose concerned and requests that the information is treated in confidence and that a confidentiality undertaking is given where appropriate.
- 15.7 Nothing in clauses 15.1 to 15.6 shall prevent either Party from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of its obligations under the Contract in the course of its normal business, to the extent that this does not result in a disclosure of the other Party's Confidential Information or an infringement of the other Party's Intellectual Property Rights.
- 15.8 The DFE shall endeavour to ensure that any government department, employee, third party or sub-contractor to whom the DFE's Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to clause 15.6 is made aware of the DFE's obligations of confidentiality.
- 15.9 If the Contractor does not comply with clauses 15.1 to 15.5 the DFE may terminate the Contract immediately on notice to the Contractor.

## **16. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

- 16.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the DFE is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the EIR.
- 16.2 The Contractor shall transfer to the DFE all Requests for Information that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within 2 Business Days of receipt:
- 16.2.1 give the DFE a copy of all Information in its possession or control in the form that the DFE requires within 5 Business Days (or such other period as the DFE may specify) of the DFE's request;
- 16.2.2 provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by



the DFE to enable the DFE to comply with its obligations under the FOIA and EIR; and

16.2.3 not respond to directly to a Request for Information unless authorised to do so in writing by the DFE.

- 16.3 The DFE shall determine in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any other provision in the Contract or any other agreement whether the Commercially Sensitive Information and any other information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA and/or the EIR.

## **17. OFFICIAL SECRETS ACTS AND FINANCE ACT**

- 17.1 The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of:

17.1.1 the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989; and

17.1.2 section 182 of the Finance Act 1989.

## **18. LIABILITY**

- 18.1 Neither Party excludes or limits its liability (if any) to the other:

18.1.1 for breach of any obligations arising under section 12 Sale of Goods Act 1979 or section 2 Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982;

18.1.2 for personal injury or death resulting from the its negligence;

18.1.3 under section 2(3) Consumer Protection Act 1987;

18.1.4 any breach of clause 15 or schedule 8;

18.1.5 for its own fraud; or

18.1.6 for any other matter which it would be unlawful for it to exclude or to attempt to exclude its liability.

- 18.2 Subject to clauses 18.1 and 18.3, the Contractor shall indemnify the DFE and keep the DFE indemnified fully against all claims, proceedings, demands, charges, actions, damages, costs, breach of statutory duty, expenses and any other liabilities which may arise out of the supply, or the late or purported supply, of the Services or the performance or non-performance by the Contractor or any Personnel on the Premises, including in respect of death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property, financial loss arising from any advice given or omitted to be given by the Contractor, or any other loss which is caused directly by any act or omission of the Contractor.

- 18.3 The Contractor does not exclude or limit its liability (if any) pursuant to any indemnities given by it in clauses 12 (Intellectual Property) and 9 (Tax).

- 18.4 Subject to clauses 18.1, 18.3 and 18.6, neither Party shall have any liability to the other under or in connection with the Contract, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise:

18.4.1 for any losses of an indirect or consequential nature;

18.4.2 for any claims for loss of profits, revenue, business or

opportunity (whether direct, indirect or consequential); or

18.4.3 to the extent that it is prevented from meeting any obligation under the Contract as a result of any breach or other default by the other Party.

18.5 Subject to clauses 18.1 and 18.3, the maximum liability of either Party to the other under the Contract, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise:

18.5.1 in respect of any damage claim to property, liability is limited to [125%] of the sum of the Charges payable in that year in respect of any one incident or series of connected incidents; and

18.5.2 in respect of any claim not covered by clause 18.5.1, is limited in each calendar year in aggregate to [200%] of the sum of the Charges payable in that year.

18.6 The DFE may recover from the Contractor the following losses incurred by the DFE to the extent they arise as a result of a Default by the Contractor:

18.6.1 any additional operational and/or administrative costs and expenses incurred by the DFE, including costs relating to time spent by or on behalf of the DFE in dealing with the consequences of the default;

18.6.2 any wasted expenditure or charges;

18.6.3 the additional costs of procuring a Replacement Contractor for the remainder of the Contract and or replacement deliverables which shall include any incremental costs associated with the Replacement Contractor and/or replacement deliverables above those which would have been payable under the Contract;

18.6.4 any compensation or interest paid to a third party by the DFE;

and

18.6.5 any fine or penalty incurred by the DFE and any costs incurred by the DFE in defending any proceedings which result in such a fine or penalty.

18.7 Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Contract, all remedies available to either Party for breach of the Contract are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately, and the exercise of any one remedy shall not be deemed an election of such remedy to the exclusion of other remedies.

18.8 All property of the Contractor whilst on the DFE's premises shall be there at the risk of the Contractor and the DFE shall accept no liability for any loss or damage howsoever occurring to it.

18.9 The Contractor shall effect and maintain in force with a reputable insurance company employer's liability and public liability insurances for the sum and range of cover as the DFE deems to be appropriate but not less than £5,000,000 for any one claim, for professional indemnity insurances for the sum and range of cover as the DFE deems to be appropriate but not less than £1,000,000 for any one claim and insurance to cover the liability of the Contractor under the

Contract. Such insurances shall be maintained for the Term and for a minimum of 6 years following the end of the Term.

- 18.10 The Contractor shall supply to the DFE on demand copies of the insurance policies maintained under clause 18.9.
- 18.11 The provisions of any insurance or the amount of cover shall not relieve the Contractor of any liabilities under the Contract.
- 18.12 It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to determine the amount of insurance cover that will be adequate to enable the Contractor to satisfy any liability it has under, or in connection with, the Contract.

## **19. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS**

- 19.1 The Contractor warrants and represents that:
  - 19.1.1 it has full capacity and authority and all necessary consents (including where its procedures so require, the consent of its parent company) to enter into and perform its obligations under the Contract and that the Contract is executed by a duly authorised representative of the Contractor;
  - 19.1.2 in entering the Contract it has not committed any fraud;
  - 19.1.3 as at the Effective Date, all information contained in the Contractor's Solution remains true, accurate and not misleading, save as may have been specifically disclosed in writing to the DFE prior to execution of the Contract;
  - 19.1.4 no claim is being asserted and no litigation, arbitration or administrative proceeding is presently in progress or, to the best of its knowledge and belief, pending or threatened against it or any of its assets which will or might, and it is not subject to any contractual obligation, compliance with which is likely to, have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
  - 19.1.5 it owns, has obtained or is able to obtain valid licences for all Intellectual Property Rights that are necessary for the performance of its obligations under the Contract;
  - 19.1.6 the Service Specific IP Materials will be its original work and will not have been copied wholly or substantially from another party's work or materials provided that this clause 19.1.6 shall not apply to any IP Materials used by the Contractor under permission or licence from any other person or entity (including, without limitation, any Sub-Contractor); and
  - 19.1.7 the use by the DFE of any Intellectual Property Rights assigned or licensed to it by the Contractor under the Contract will not infringe or conflict with the rights of any third party;
  - 19.1.8 in the 3 years (or actual period of existence if the Contractor has been in existence for less time) prior to the Effective Date:
    - (i) it has conducted all financial accounting and reporting activities in compliance in all material respects with the generally accepted accounting principles that apply to it in

- any country where it files accounts;
- (ii) it has been in full compliance with all applicable securities and tax laws and regulations in the jurisdiction in which it is established; and
  - (iii) it has not done or omitted to do anything which could have a material adverse effect on its assets, financial condition or position as an ongoing business concern or its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Contract;
- 19.1.9 it has and will continue to hold all necessary regulatory approvals from the Regulatory Bodies necessary to perform its obligations under the Contract; and
- 19.1.10 it has notified the DFE in writing of any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance or any litigation in which it is involved that is in connection with any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance.

## **20. FORCE MAJEURE**

- 20.1 If either Party is prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract by Force Majeure, that Party shall immediately serve notice in writing on the other Party specifying the nature and extent of the circumstances giving rise to Force Majeure, and shall subject to service of such notice and to clause 20.3 have no liability in respect of the performance of such of its obligations as are prevented by the Force Majeure events during the continuation of such events, and for such time after they cease as is necessary for that Party, using all reasonable endeavours, to recommence its affected operations in order for it to perform its obligations.
- 20.2 If either Party is prevented from performance of its obligations for a continuous period in excess of 3 months, the other Party may terminate the Contract forthwith on service of written notice upon the Party so prevented, in which case neither Party shall have any liability to the other except that rights and liabilities which accrued prior to such termination shall continue to subsist.
- 20.3 The Party claiming to be prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract by reason of Force Majeure shall use reasonable endeavours to end Force Majeure or to find solutions by which the Contract may be performed despite the Force Majeure.

## **21. MONITORING AND REMEDIATION**

- 21.1 The DFE or its authorised representatives may visit on reasonable notice to the Contractor any premises of the Contractor, any Consortium Member or any other premises at which the Services (or any part of them) are being or are to be performed to ascertain that the Contractor is conforming in all respects with its obligations arising under the Contract and otherwise to monitor and quality assure the provision of the Services.

- 21.2 During such visits, the DFE may inspect and take copies of such of the records of the Contractor and any Consortium Member as relate to the performance of their obligations under the Contract.
- 21.3 If the DFE reasonably considers that any provision of the Contract is at risk of not being complied with it may, notwithstanding and without prejudice to any other right or remedy that it may have under the Contract or otherwise:
- 21.3.1 require the Contractor to produce a plan of remedial action in order to remedy or remove such risk, which shall be subject to the approval of the DFE (not to be unreasonably withheld) and which, once approved, the Contractor shall implement; and
- 21.3.2 monitor, supervise, direct and/or guide the Contractor's provision of the Services until the DFE reasonably considers that any such risk has been remedied or removed. The Contractor shall cooperate at all times with the DFE in this regard.
- 21.4 If the Contractor fails to comply with any provision of the Contract or fails to supply any of the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract and such failure is capable of remedy, then the DFE may instruct the Contractor to remedy the failure and the Contractor shall at its own cost and expense remedy such failure (and any damage resulting from such failure) within 21 days or such other period of time as the DFE may direct.
- 21.5 The DFE may review from time to time the progress of the Contractor against the Implementation Plan. The Contractor shall cooperate with the DFE in this regard and provide any information and evidence reasonably required by the DFE.
- 21.6 The DFE may instruct the Contractor to take appropriate remedial action where the DFE reasonably considers that the Implementation Plan is not being complied with or is at risk of not being complied with and the Contractor shall take such remedial action.

## **22. STEP IN RIGHTS**

- 22.1 Without prejudice to DFE's rights of termination under clause 23 the DFE may exercise one or more of the rights set out in this clause 22 ("**Step In Rights**") if:
- 22.1.1 there is a Default by the Contractor which materially prevents or materially delays performance of the Services or any part of the Services;
- 22.1.2 an event of Force Majeure occurs which materially prevents or materially delays the performance of the Services or any part of the Services;
- 22.1.3 a Regulatory Body has advised the DFE that exercise by the DFE of its rights under this clause 22 is necessary;
- 22.1.4 a serious risk exists to the health and safety of persons, property or the environment;

- 22.1.5 it is necessary to discharge a statutory duty; or
- 22.1.6 the Contractor becomes insolvent.
- 22.2 If the DFE has a Step In Right it may serve notice on the Supplier (a **“Step-In Notice”**) that it will take action under this clause 22 either itself or with the assistance of a third party.
- 22.3 The Step-In Notice shall set out:
  - 22.3.1 the action the DFE wishes to take and in particular the Services that it wishes to control (the **“Required Action”**);
  - 22.3.2 the event triggering the Step In Rights and whether the DFE believes that the Required Action is due to the Contractor's Default;
  - 22.3.3 the date on which it wishes to commence the Required Action;
  - 22.3.4 the time period which it believes will be necessary for the Required Action;
  - 22.3.5 whether the DFE will require access to the Contractor's premises; and
  - 22.3.6 to the extent practicable, the effect the DFE anticipates the Required Action will have on the Contractor's obligations to provide the Services during the period that the Required Action is being taken.
- 22.4 Following service of a Step-In Notice, the DFE shall:
  - 22.4.1 take the Required Action set out in the Step-In Notice and any consequential additional action as it reasonably believes is necessary to achieve the Required Action;
  - 22.4.2 keep records of the Required Action taken and provide information about the Required Action to the Contractor;
  - 22.4.3 co-operate wherever reasonable with the Contractor in order to enable the Contractor to continue to provide those Services of which the DFE is not assuming control; and
  - 22.4.5 act reasonably in mitigating the cost that the Contractor will incur as a result of the exercise of the Step In Rights.
- 22.5 For as long as and to the extent that the Required Action continues:
  - 22.5.1 the Contractor shall not be obliged to provide the Services to the extent that they are the subject of the Required Action; and
  - 22.5.2 the DFE shall pay the Contractor the Charges after subtracting any applicable Service Credits and the DFE's costs of taking the Required Action.
- 22.6 If the Contractor demonstrates to the DFE's reasonable satisfaction that the Required Action has resulted in the degradation of any Services not subject to the Required Action beyond that which would have been the case had the DFE not taken the Required Action, the DFE may adjust the Charges.

- 22.7 Before ceasing to exercise its Step In Rights the DFE shall deliver a written notice to the Contractor (a **“Step-Out Notice”**), specifying:
- 22.7.1 the Required Action it has taken; and
  - 22.7.2 the date on which the DFE plans to end the Required Action subject to the DFE being satisfied with the Contractor's ability to resume the provision of the Services and the Contractor's plan developed in accordance with clause 22.8.
- 22.8 The Contractor shall, following receipt of a Step-Out Notice and not less than 20 Business Days prior to the date specified in clause 22.7.2, develop for the DFE's approval a draft plan relating to the resumption by the Contractor of the Services, including any action the Contractor proposes to take to ensure that the affected Services satisfy the requirements of the Contract.
- 22.9 If the DFE does not approve the draft plan, it shall inform the Contractor of its reasons for not approving it and the Contractor shall then revise the draft plan taking those reasons into account and shall re-submit the revised plan to the DFE for approval. The DFE shall not withhold or delay its approval of the draft plan unreasonably.
- 22.10 The Contractor shall bear its own costs in connection with any Step-In under this clause 22, provided that the DFE shall reimburse the Contractor's reasonable additional expenses incurred directly as a result of any Step-In action taken by the DFE under clauses 22.1.2 to 22.1.5 (insofar as the primary cause of the DFE serving the Step In Notice is identified as not being the result of a Contractor's Default).

## **23. TERMINATION**

- 23.1 The DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect and without paying compensation to the Contractor where the Contractor is a company and in respect of the Contractor:
- 23.1.1 a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or of any other composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors;
  - 23.1.2 a shareholders' meeting is convened for the purpose of considering a resolution that it be wound up or a resolution for its winding-up is passed (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation);
  - 23.1.3 a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within 14 days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator or a creditors' meeting is convened pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
  - 23.1.4 a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets;
  - 23.1.5 an application order is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given;

- 23.1.6 it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
  - 23.1.7 being a “small company” within the meaning of section 247(3) of the Companies Act 1985, a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
  - 23.1.8 any event similar to those listed in clauses 23.1.1 to 23.1.7 occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.
- 23.2 The DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice and without paying compensation to the Contractor where the Contractor is an individual and:
- 23.2.1 an application for an interim order is made pursuant to sections 252-253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, the Contractor’s creditors;
  - 23.2.2 a petition is presented and not dismissed within 14 days or order made for the Contractor’s bankruptcy;
  - 23.2.3 a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of the Contractor’s assets or a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver, or similar officer over the whole or any part of his assets;
  - 23.2.4 the Contractor is unable to pay his debts or has no reasonable prospect of doing so, in either case within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
  - 23.2.5 a creditor or encumbrancer attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of the Contractor’s assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days;
  - 23.2.6 he dies or is adjudged incapable of managing his affairs within the meaning of Part VII of the Mental Capacity Act 2005;
  - 23.2.7 he suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, to carry on all or a substantial part of his business; or
  - 23.2.8 any event similar to those listed in clauses 23.2.1 to 23.2.7 occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.
- 23.3 The Contractor shall notify the DFE immediately in writing of any proposal or negotiations which will or may result in a merger, take-over, change of control, change of name or status including if the Contractor undergoes a change of control within the meaning of section 1124 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 (“**Change of Control**”). The DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice and without compensation to the Contractor within 6 months of:
- 23.3.1 being notified that a Change of Control has occurred; or
  - 23.3.2 where no notification has been made, the date that the DFE becomes aware of the Change of Control but shall not be permitted to terminate where approval was granted prior to the Change of Control.



23.4 The DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect and without paying compensation to the Contractor where the Contractor is a partnership and:

23.4.1 a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Article 4 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994 or a proposal is made for any other composition, scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors;

23.4.2 it is for any reason dissolved;

23.4.3 a petition is presented for its winding up or for the making of any administration order, or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator;

23.4.4 a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its assets;

23.4.5 the partnership is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of sections 222 or 223 of the Insolvency Act 1986 as applied and modified by the Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994; or

23.4.6 any of the following occurs in relation to any of its partners:

23.4.6.1 an application for an interim order is made pursuant to sections 252-253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, his creditors;

23.4.6.2 a petition is presented for his bankruptcy;

23.4.6.3 a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of his assets; or

23.4.6.4 any event similar to those listed in clauses 23.4.1 to 23.4.6 occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.

23.5 The DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect and without paying compensation to the Contractor where the Contractor is a limited liability partnership and:

23.5.1 a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any other composition, scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors;

23.5.2 it is for any reason dissolved;

23.5.3 an application is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given within Part II of the Insolvency Act 1986;

23.5.4 any step is taken with a view to it being determined that it be wound up (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation) within Part IV of the Insolvency Act 1986;

- 23.5.5 a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within 14 days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator within Part IV of the Insolvency Act 1986;
  - 23.5.6 a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its assets; or
  - 23.5.7 it is or becomes unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
  - 23.5.8 a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
  - 23.5.9 any event similar to those listed in clauses 23.5.1 to 23.5.8 occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.
- 23.6 References to the Insolvency Act 1986 in clause 23.5.1 shall be construed as being references to that Act as applied under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 subordinate legislation.
- 23.7 The DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect and without paying compensation to the Contractor if the Contractor commits a Default and:
- 23.7.1 the Contractor has not remedied the Default to the satisfaction of the DFE within 21 Business Days or such other period as may be specified by the DFE, after issue of a notice specifying the Default and requesting it to be remedied
  - 23.7.2 the Default is not, in the opinion of the DFE, capable of remedy;
- or
- 23.7.3 the Default is a Material Breach.
- 23.8 The DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect and without paying compensation to the Contractor if:
- 23.8.1 the Contractor's warranty in clause 19.1.10 is materially untrue;
  - 23.8.2 the Contractor commits a material breach of its obligation to notify the DfE of any Occasion of Non-Tax Compliance;
  - 23.8.3 the Contractor fails to provide details of proposed mitigating factors which, in the DfE's reasonable opinion are acceptable; or
  - 23.8.4 the Contractor has not, in performing the Services, complied with its legal obligations in respect of environmental, social or labour law.
- 23.9 The DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect and without paying compensation to the Contractor if:
- 23.9.1 the Contract has been subject to a substantial modification which requires a new procurement procedure pursuant to regulation 72(9) of the Regulations;
  - 23.9.2 the Contractor was, at the time the Contract was awarded, in one of the situations specified in regulation 57(1) of the Regulations, including as a result of the application of regulation 57(2), and should therefore have been excluded from the

procurement procedure which resulted in the award of the Contract; or

23.9.3 the Contract should not have been awarded to the Contractor in view of a serious infringement of the obligations under the Treaties and the Regulations which has been declared by the Court of Justice of the European Union in a procedure under Article 258 of the TFEU.

23.10 If the DFE terminates the Contract under clauses 23.7, 23.8 or 23.9:

23.10.1 and makes other arrangements for the supply of the Services, the DFE may recover from the Contractor the cost reasonably incurred of making those other arrangements; and

23.10.2 the DFE shall make no further payments to the Contractor (for Services supplied by the Contractor prior to termination and in accordance with the Contract but where the payment has yet to be made by the DFE), until the DFE has established the final cost of making the other arrangements envisaged under this clause 23.

23.11 Either Party may terminate the Contract (or any part of it) at any time by giving at least 3 months' prior written notice to the other Party.

23.12 If the DFE terminates the Contract under clause 23.11 the DFE shall make no further payments to the Contractor except for Services supplied by the Contractor prior to termination and in accordance with the Contract but where the payment has yet to be made by the DFE.

23.13 If any funding from governmental or other sources for the provision of the Services, or for a programme or a project to which the provision of the Services relates is withdrawn, reallocated or no longer available in such a way that the Contract cannot reasonably continue the DFE may terminate the Contract (or any part of it) by serving 3 months' written notice on the Contractor.

23.14 If the DFE terminates the Contract under clause 23.13 the DFE shall pay to the Contractor for Services supplied prior to the termination and in accordance with the Contract, and any disengagement costs and other costs reasonably incurred by the Contractor as a direct consequence of such termination (excluding any loss of profit and any possible redundancy costs), provided that the Contractor shall use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate the amount of such costs and has provided written evidence of the reasonableness and unavailability of such costs.

23.15 If, through any Default of the Contractor, data transmitted or processed in connection with the Contract is either lost or sufficiently degraded as to be unusable, the Contractor shall be liable for the cost of reconstitution of that data and shall reimburse the DFE in respect of any charge levied for its transmission and any other costs charged in connection with such Default.

23.16 If the DFE fails to pay the Contractor undisputed sums of money when due the Contractor shall give notice to the DFE of its failure to pay. If the DFE fails to pay such undisputed sums within 90 Business Days of

the date of such notice, the Contractor may terminate the Contract in writing with immediate effect, save that such right of termination shall not apply where the failure to pay is due to the DfE exercising its rights under clause 8.6 or to Force Majeure.

**23.17 Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Contract:**

23.17.1 termination or expiry of the Contract shall be without prejudice to any rights, remedies or obligations accrued under the Contract prior to termination or expiration and nothing in the Contract shall prejudice the right of either Party to recover any amount outstanding at such termination or expiry; and

23.17.2 termination of the Contract shall not affect the continuing rights, remedies or obligations of the DfE or the Contractor under clauses 8 (Payment), 9 (Tax and VAT), 10 (Prevention of Fraud), 12 (Intellectual Property Rights), 13 (Data), 15 (Confidentiality), 16 (Freedom of Information), 17 (Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989, Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989), 180 (Warranties and Representations), 19 (Liability), 23 (Termination) 24 (Retendering and Handover), 25 (Exit Management), 26 (Audit), and 37 (Governing Law and Jurisdiction).

**23.18 Termination by DfE if monthly Performance Standards are not met**

23.18.1 If the Contractor fails to meet any of the monthly Performance Standards in any two consecutive months, at either party's request to the other party, both parties must meet to work together in good faith to attempt to understand why the monthly Performance Standards have not been achieved and implement strategies jointly agreed between the parties to attempt to enable the Contractor to achieve the monthly Performance Standards.

23.18.2 If the parties agree on a strategy under clause 23.18.1 and, in the month following the implementation of the joint strategy under clause 23.18.1 the Contractor fails to achieve any of the monthly Performance Standards, DfE may terminate this agreement on 30 days' notice to Contract.

23.18.3 If Contractor fails to meet any of the monthly Performance Standards in any three consecutive months, DfE may terminate this agreement on 10 Business Days' notice to the Contractor.

**24. RETENDERING AND HANDOVER**

24.1 Within 30 days of being requested by the DfE, the Contractor shall provide, and thereafter keep updated, in a fully indexed and catalogued format, all the information reasonably necessary to enable the DfE to issue tender documents for the future provision of replacement services.

24.2 The DfE shall take reasonable precautions to ensure that the information referred to in clause 24.1 is given only to potential contractors who have qualified to tender for the future provision of the replacement services.

- 24.3 The DFE shall require that all potential Contractors treat the information in confidence; that they do not communicate it except to such persons within their organisation and to such extent as may be necessary for the purpose of preparing a response to an invitation to tender issued by the DFE; and that they shall not use it for any other purpose.
- 24.4 The Contractor shall allow access to the Premises in the presence of DFE's authorised representative, to any person representing any potential contractor whom the DFE has selected to tender for the future provision of the Services.
- 24.5 If access is required to the Contractor's Premises for the purposes of clause 26.4, the DFE shall give the Contractor 7 days' notice of a proposed visit together with the names of all persons who will be visiting.
- 24.6 The Contractor shall co-operate fully with the DFE during any handover at the end of the Contract including allowing full access to, and providing copies of, all documents, reports, summaries and any other information necessary in order to achieve an effective transition without disruption to routine operational requirements.
- 24.7 Within 15 Business Days of being requested by the DFE, the Contractor shall transfer to the DFE, or any person designated by the DFE, free of charge, all computerised filing, recording, documentation, planning and drawing held on software and utilised in the provision of the Services.

## **25. EXIT MANAGEMENT**

- 25.1 If the DFE requires a continuation of all or any of the Services at the end of the Term, either by performing them itself or by engaging a third party to perform them, the Contractor shall co-operate fully with the DFE and any such third party and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the timely and effective transfer of the Services without disruption to routine operational requirements.
- 25.2 The Contractor will, within 3 months of the Effective Date, deliver to the DFE, a plan which sets out the Contractor's proposals for achieving an orderly transition of Services from the Contractor to the DFE and/or its Replacement Contractor at the end of the Term (an **"Exit Plan"**).
- 25.3 Within 30 days of the submission of the Exit Plan, both Parties will use reasonable endeavours to agree the Exit Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the Exit Plan the dispute shall be referred to the dispute resolution procedure in clause 36.
- 25.4 The Contractor will review and (if appropriate) update the Exit Plan in the first month of each year of the Term to reflect changes to the Services. Following such update the Contractor will submit the revised Exit Plan to the DFE for review. Within 30 days following submission of the revised Exit Plan, the Parties shall meet and use reasonable endeavours to agree the revised Exit Plan and the changes that have occurred in the Services since the Exit Plan was last agreed. If the Parties are unable to agree the revised Exit Plan within 30 days, such

dispute shall be referred to the dispute resolution procedure in clause 36.

**25.5 If the Contractor:**

25.5.1 does not have to use resources in addition to those normally used to deliver the Services prior to termination or expiry, there shall be no change to the Charges; or

25.5.2 reasonably incurs additional costs

the Parties shall agree a variation of the Charges.

**25.6 If the DFE requests, the Contractor shall deliver to the DFE details of all licences for software used in the provision of the Services including the software licence agreements.**

**25.7 Within one month of receiving the software licence information described above, the DFE shall notify the Contractor of the licences it wishes to be transferred, and the Contractor shall provide for the approval of the DFE a plan for licence transfer.**

**25.8 The Contractor shall co-operate fully with the DFE in order to enable an efficient and detailed knowledge transfer from the Contractor to the DFE at the end of the Term and shall provide the DFE free of charge with full access to Personnel, copies of all documents, reports, summaries and any other information requested by the DFE. The Contractor shall comply with the DFE's request for information no later than 15 Business Days from the date that that request was made.**

## **26. AUDIT**

**26.1 The Contractor shall keep and maintain until 6 years after the end of the Term, or as long a period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of the Contract including the Services supplied under it and all Charges.**

**26.2 The Contractor agrees to make available to the DFE, free of charge, whenever requested, copies of audit reports obtained by the Contractor in relation to the Services**

**26.3 The Contractor shall permit duly authorised representatives of the DFE and/or the National Audit Office to examine the Contractor's records and documents relating to the Contract and to provide such copies and oral or written explanations as may reasonably be required.**

**26.4 The Contractor (and its agents) shall permit the Comptroller and Auditor General (and his appointed representatives) access free of charge during normal business hours on reasonable notice to all such documents (including computerised documents and data) and other information as the Comptroller and Auditor General may reasonably require for the purposes of his financial audit of the DFE and for carrying out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the DFE has used its resources. The Contractor shall provide such explanations as are reasonably required for these purposes.**

## **27. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

- 27.1 The Contract contains all the terms which the Parties have agreed in relation to the subject matter of the Contract and supersedes any prior written or oral agreements, representations or understandings between the Parties.
- 27.2 Nothing in this clause 27 shall exclude any liability which one Party would otherwise have to the other Party in respect of any statements made fraudulently.

## **28. PARTNERSHIP**

- 28.1 Nothing in the Contract is intended to or shall operate to create a legal partnership between the Parties or to authorise either Party to act as an agent for the other, and neither Party shall have authority to act in the name or on behalf of or otherwise to bind the other in any way (including making any representation or warranty, the assumption of any obligation or liability and the exercise of any right or power).

## **29. WAIVER**

- 29.1 No failure or delay by any Party to exercise any right, power or remedy will operate as a waiver of it nor will any partial exercise preclude any further exercise of the same, or of some other right, power or remedy.

## **30. CHANGE CONTROL**

- 30.1 Either Party may at any time request in writing a Variation in accordance with the change control procedure set out in schedule 6 (the “**Change Control Procedure**”). No Variation shall be effective unless made in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

## **31. COUNTERPARTS**

- 31.1 The Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed and delivered shall constitute an original, but together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

## **32. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999**

- 32.1 The provisions of clauses 7.5 and 12.6 confer benefits on a Replacement Contractor and are intended to be enforceable by a Replacement Contractor by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties ) Act 1999 (“**CRTPA**”).
- 32.2 Subject to clause 32.1, a person who is not a Party has no right under CRTPA to enforce provisions of the Contract but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to the CRTPA and does not apply to the Crown.
- 32.3 A Replacement Contractor may not enforce or take steps to enforce the provisions of clauses 7.5 or 12.6 without DFE’s prior written consent.
- 32.4 The Parties may amend the Contract without the consent of any Replacement Contractor.

### 33. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

#### 33.1 The Contractor shall:

33.1.1 not permit its obligations to its other clients and third parties (including other governmental bodies and organisations providing services to other governmental bodies) to interfere or conflict in any material way with its duty (which the Contractor hereby acknowledges) to comply with its obligations under the Contract to the required standards; and

33.1.2 take appropriate steps to ensure that neither the Contractor nor any of the Personnel is placed in a position where, in the reasonable opinion of the DFE, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Contractor or any of the Personnel and the duties owed to the DFE under the provisions of the Contract in either case, referred to in this clause 33 as a **“Conflict of Interest”**.

33.2 If the Contractor becomes aware of any Conflict of Interest (or potential Conflict of Interest) or other situation which has arisen or may arise and which may cause a breach of this clause 35 the Contractor shall forthwith provide full particulars to the DFE.

33.3 In performing its obligations under the Contract the Contractor shall conduct its business, operations and activities in a politically neutral fashion.

33.4 Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this clause 33, if any Conflict of Interest (or potential Conflict of Interest) arises or is likely to arise, the Contractor shall:

33.4.1 take all reasonable steps to remove or avoid the Conflict of Interest or to prevent it occurring in each case, or to manage the conflict to the satisfaction of the DFE (acting reasonably); and

33.4.2 give the DFE a comprehensive and detailed written statement of the action it had taken.

33.5 If the DFE is not satisfied with the Contractor's actions, the Contractor shall, on request by the DFE promptly end any relationship it may have with any third party, where that relationship has given rise to the Conflict of Interest (or potential Conflict of Interest).

33.6 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have, the DFE may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing and/or to take such other steps it deems necessary where, in the reasonable opinion of the DFE, there is any continuing breach by the Contractor of the provisions of this clause 33.

### 34. FURTHER ASSURANCE

34.1 The Parties shall do or procure the doing of all such acts and things and will execute or procure the execution of all such documents as may be reasonably required including on or subsequent to the end of the Contract to vest in the relevant all rights granted under the Contract



and otherwise to comply with its terms.

### **35. NOTICES**

- 35.1 Any notice, demand or communication in connection with the Contract shall be in writing and may be delivered by hand, pre-paid first class post or (where being sent to an address in a different country to where posted) airmail, facsimile or e-mail, addressed to the recipient at its registered office or its address (or such other address, facsimile number or e-mail address as may be notified in writing from time to time).
- 35.2 The notice, demand or communication shall be deemed to have been duly served:
- 35.2.1 if delivered by hand, when left at the proper address for service;
- 35.2.2 if given or made by prepaid first class post 48 hours after being posted or in the case of airmail 14 days after being posted;
- 35.2.3 if given or made by facsimile or e-mail, at the time of transmission, provided that a confirming copy is sent by first class pre-paid post or (where being sent to an address in a different country to where posted) airmail to the other Party within 24 hours after transmission and that, in the case of transmission by e-mail where the time of transmission is not between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, service shall be deemed to occur at 9.00 am on the next following Business Day (such times being local time at the address of the recipient).
- 35.3 If proceedings to which the Civil Procedure Rules apply have been issued, the provisions of Civil Procedure Rule 6 must be complied with in respect of the service of documents in connection with those proceedings.

### **36. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 36.1 Any Dispute shall be dealt with in accordance with this clause 36.
- 36.2 In the first instance, a representative of each Party will each use their reasonable endeavours to resolve the Dispute. If the Dispute cannot be resolved by such representatives within 15 days of the Dispute arising, it will be referred to a senior representative of each Party, who shall each use their reasonable endeavours to resolve the Dispute.
- 36.3 If a Dispute cannot be resolved by negotiation as referred to in clause 36.2 within 30 days of the Dispute arising, either Party may refer the Dispute for determination in accordance with the mediation procedure administered by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, the costs of the mediator being split equally between the Parties, who shall otherwise bear their own costs.

### **37. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

- 37.1 The Contract and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or connection with it will be governed by and construed in accordance

with English Law.

37.2 The courts of England shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute which arises out of or in connection with the Contract.

37.3 If any provision of the Contract is held by any court or other competent authority to be void or unenforceable in whole or part, the other provisions of the Contract and the remainder of the affected provisions shall continue to be valid.

## Schedule 3 – Financials

1. The DFE shall pay the Contractor the Charges in accordance with the Contract, subject to successful delivery of the Services against the KPIs or Service Levels set out in schedule 4. The Charges are inclusive of all expenses incurred by the Contractor in relation to its provision of the Services and unless agreed otherwise between the Contractor and the DFE, the Contractor shall not be entitled to claim any expenses in addition to the Charges.
2. The DFE may review the detailed costs set out in the Implementation Plan to ensure that the Contract is value for money.
3. Indexation shall not apply to the Charges.
4. The Contractor shall be entitled to invoice the Charges following acceptance by the DFE of satisfactory completion of the Services or, where performance of the Services will continue, either monthly in arrears or on satisfactory completion of milestones, outputs or outcomes.
5. Funds allocated to a particular expenditure heading are available for that expenditure heading only. Funds allocated to a particular accounting year are available for that accounting year only.
6. Contractors will be responsible for conducting their financial affairs in a compliant and transparent manner and should ensure that their charges are based on efficient models of delivery and costs are real, auditable and can be justified.
7. The Authority is not setting a Recommended Retail Price for programmes. Contractors are free to determine appropriate cost for their offer based on their own financial modelling work.

### Funding model

8. Funding for governance development programmes will have two separate elements:
  - One-off funding for set-up costs.
  - Unit funding for delivery which will be linked directly to Contractors' success in securing business from clerks and to the volume of support they provide.

#### Funding for set-up costs

9. Intellectual Property for any programme materials will rest with the Contractor regardless of whether development of these materials is funded by the Authority. We will expect each contractor to develop their own course or programme materials, including any learning resources, in line with the Governance Handbook and Clerking Competency Framework. We may reserve the right for the materials to be licenced at no cost to the Authority in perpetuity with no limitation to their future use by the Authority.
10.

### Unit funding rates

11. For governance clerking development we will pay £350 per participant.

### Unit funding allocations

12. The Authority will divide available funding between Governance Development and the separate Clerking Development program. The Authority reserves the right to move funding between priorities over time, but our indicative funding split is as follows:

	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
Leadership Development	£340,000	£1,150,000	£1,150,000
Clerking Development	£90,000	£300,000	£300,000

13. Our intention is to fund activity proportionately in all RSC regions of the country. This means dividing funding across the 8 regions. However, we will reserve the right to adjust regional allocations, particularly towards the end each financial year in order to avoid a situation in which there is both underspend in some regions and unfunded demand in others.
14. We have apportioned funding to each region based on the total number of schools per region. The indicative allocations are as follows:

<b>RSC region</b>	<b>All schools</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
East Midlands & Humber	2,700	£11,000	£37,000
Lancashire & West Yorkshire	3,400	£14,000	£47,000
North	1,800	£8,000	£25,000
North East London & East	2,400	£10,000	£33,000
NW London & South Central	3,000	£12,000	£42,000
South London & South East	3,300	£14,000	£46,000
South West	2,300	£10,000	£33,000
West Midlands	2,700	£11,000	£37,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>£90,000</b>	<b>£300,000</b>

### Unit-funding payment model

15. The available budget within each region will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to Contractors securing the commitment of participants to undertake their programmes. Authorisation to deliver must therefore be sought from the Authority prior to commencing delivery to each participant in order to confirm the eligibility of the participant for funding and the availability of sufficient remaining budget.
16. Each contractor will confirm a secure email address for authorisation correspondence: only emails from and to this mailbox will count as authorisation requests and confirmations.

17. [REDACTED]
18. Authorisation requests will be considered in the order in which they are received in the mailbox. The details of each proposed participant for whom Contractors are seeking authorisation to deliver training will be provided via a shared Excel workbook.
19. On receipt of authorisation requests, the Authority will:
- Check a sample of individual/school/board details in the Government's "Get information about schools" database to check their validity
  - Confirm eligibility for funding and the rate of funding
  - Confirm the availability of funding in the relevant region
  - Consider any case made by Contractors for re-participation.
20. The Authority will aim to email Contractors within 5 working days (and in most cases much more quickly) to confirm the eligibility of the proposed participant and the availability of sufficient funding, authorising the Contractor to commence delivery within the next 180 days, after which time the authorisation will expire.
21. The Authority reserves the right to terminate contracts in cases where providers submit data on fictitious boards; where on more than one occasion a Contractor puts in speculative claims for funding with no firm commitment from participants; where participants commence provision without having been authorised; or where Contractors fail to provide data for authorisation.
22. Contractors will invoice the Authority quarterly. The shared Excel workbook will be used to track all provision that has been authorised, commenced, completed, and terminated prematurely. Contractors will be required to keep commencement, completion and termination information up to date. This will automatically generate and track the value of payments due to Contractors each financial quarter. Contractors will be required to submit a copy of the Excel workbook correct and up to date as at the point they submit each quarterly invoice.
23. The Authority will pay the full unit-funding rate for each participant in the quarterly payment following confirmation that delivery has commenced. We will claw back a proportion of the funding rate for any participant that withdraws from or otherwise does not complete the Contractors' programme.
24. We will recoup clawback over the following two quarterly payments. Any clawback amount due will be subtracted from the payments owing to contractors for that period. If the contract is due to come to an end within two quarters, the Authority will make arrangements to recoup any payments due from suppliers directly.
25. The clawback scale is laid out below.

Percentage of course completed by participant	Amount of clawback*
25% or less	80%
26% - 50%	60%
51% - 75%	30%
76% - 90%	15%
Over 90%	0%

*\*Percentage of clawback to be recouped from the contractor, equally split over the following two quarterly payments.*

26. The Authority will agree with the Contractor how the clawback scale applies to their specific offer.
27. Contractors may consider including reasonable charges to participants or the organisation they represent as a clerk in their terms and conditions of booking in the event of withdrawal from the course. This cannot exceed the amount of clawback applied by the Authority.
28. Contractors may offer participants the opportunity to defer completion in exceptional circumstances. Contractors should set out their conditions for deferral (for example, for maternity/paternity leave or ill-health) or withdrawal from programmes but should ensure that these are clearly communicated to participants ahead of them signing up to any provision. Deferral should be taken to mean instances in which a participant is unable to complete the whole of a Contractor's programme but plans to join the programme again at a later date. The period of deferral should be no longer than 12 months. Withdrawal should be taken to mean instances in which a participant decides not to complete the programme or a Contractor decides to terminate their involvement.
29. Participants who have deferred and then restarted provision should be recorded as such by adding a comment to the start date box on the invoice spreadsheet.
30. Payments will be made by BACS transfer within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice.
31. Regularly, and on request, we will confirm to Contractors via their shared Excel workbook the funding that remains available in each region. We will notify Contractors as and when the full financial year's budget within a given region has been allocated.
32. Prior to the last quarter of the financial year we will require Contractors to forecast the demand they have identified and have the capacity to meet in each region over the final three months of the year. In light of this information, the Authority reserves the right to re-allocate remaining funding between the regions.

## Schedule 4 – KPIs

1. This schedule 4 sets out the key performance indicators which will be used to assess the performance of the Contractor, and will serve as a basis for contract review discussions.
2. The Contractor shall monitor its performance against of each of the KPIs and send a report to the Authority, quarterly or as requested by the Authority.

Key Performance Indicators	
1	Progress in developing or re-purposing course materials: On target/Off target and mitigations in place. (Up to 31/03/2018).
2	Recruitment of numbers to planned cohorts is above 90% of target.
3	Number of training events delivered in the period.
4	Attendance levels of recruits in each live cohort at planned events is above 90% of target.
5	Drop out levels for valid reasons from each cohort (no clawback applied by DfE) not to exceed 5%.
6	Progress towards achieving the minimum contracted income level (cumulative).
7	90% of participants to rate the provider as good or above overall.

In addition, the contractor should provide a narrative of no more than 500 words on current issues and risks, continuous improvements on delivery methodologies and event materials, and their impact.

## **Schedule 5 – Implementation Plan**

1. The Contractor shall provide the Services in accordance with the Implementation Plan set out below.
2. The Implementation Plan shall be sufficiently detailed as is necessary to manage the Services and any proposed changes are subject to the Change Control Procedure.
3. The Contractor shall be responsible for implementing and managing the Services and for taking all such steps as may be necessary so as to ensure that from the Service Commencement Date the Contractor is able to provide the Services:
  - 3.1. in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and
  - 3.2. in a manner that maintains the continuity of Services to the DFE.
4. The Contractor shall monitor its performance against the Implementation Plan and report to the DFE monthly (or more frequently if so required by the DFE) on its performance.

**[IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR  
WITHIN 30 DAYS OF CONTRACT SIGNING]**



## **Schedule 6 – Change Control Procedure**

1. The Parties acknowledge that minor changes to the Contract may be necessary to reflect operational and administrative procedures during the Term and that such minor changes may be agreed in writing between the Parties' respective contract managers.
2. The Contractor shall use reasonable endeavours to incorporate minor changes requested by the DFE within the current Charges and shall not serve a Contractor Notice of Change unless the change involves a demonstrable material increase to its costs or requires a material change to the Contract.
3. Either Party may request a Variation provided that such Variation does not amount to a material change.
4. The DFE may request a Variation by completing the Change Control Note and giving the Contractor sufficient information to assess the extent of the Variation and consider whether any change to the Charges are required in order to implement the Variation within a reasonable time limit specified by the DFE. If the Contractor accepts the Variation it shall confirm it in writing within 21 days of receiving the Change Control Note.
5. If the Contractor is unable to accept the Variation or where the Parties are unable to agree a change to the Charges, the DFE may allow the Contractor to fulfil its obligations under the Contract without Variation or if the Parties cannot agree to the Variation the Dispute will be determined in accordance with clause 36.
6. If the Contractor wishes to introduce a change to the Contract it may request a Variation by serving the Change Control Note on DFE.
7. The DFE shall evaluate the Contractor's proposed Variation in good faith, taking into account all relevant issues.
8. The DFE shall confirm in writing within 21 days of receiving the Change Control Note if it accepts or rejects the Variation.
9. The DFE may at its absolute discretion reject any request for a Variation proposed by the Contractor.

### **Change Control Note**

<b>Contract Number</b>		<b>DFE Contract / Programme Manager</b>
<b>Contractor</b>		<b>Original Contract Value (£)</b>
<b>Contract Start Date</b>		<b>Contract Expiry Date</b>

<b>Variation Requested</b>	
<b>Originator of Variation (tick as appropriate)</b>	<b>DFE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Contractor</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Reason for Variation</b>	
<b>Summary of Variation (e.g. specification, finances, contract period)</b>	
<b>Date of Variation commencement</b>	
<b>Date of Variation expiry (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Total Value of Variation £ (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Payment Profile (if applicable) e.g. milestone payments</b>	
<b>Revised daily rate (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Impact on original contract (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Supporting Information (please attach all supporting documentation for this Change Control)</b>	
<b>Terms and Conditions</b>	Save as herein amended all other terms and conditions of the Original Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

**Variation Agreed****For the Contractor:****For the DFE:****Signature.....****Signature.....****Full Name..... Full****Name.....****Title.....****Title.....****Date.....****Date.....**

**Please note that no works/services described in this form should be undertaken, and no invoices will be paid until both copies of the CCN are signed, returned and counter-signed.**

**To be entered by the Commercial department:**

<b>Commercial Contact</b>		<b>Reference Number</b>	
<b>Date received</b>		<b>EC Reference</b>	

## **Schedule 7 – Key Personnel and Key Sub-contractors**



## Schedule 8 – Data, Systems Handling and Security

### Definitions

<p>“BPSS”</p> <p>“Baseline Personnel Security Standard”</p>	<p>a level of security clearance described as pre-employment checks in the National Vetting Policy.</p>
<p>“CESG”</p>	<p>is the UK government’s National Technical Authority for Information Assurance. The website is</p> <p><a href="http://www.cesg.gov.uk/Pages/homepage.aspx">http://www.cesg.gov.uk/Pages/homepage.aspx</a></p>
<p>“CESG IAP”</p> <p>“CESG Information Assurance Policy Portfolio”</p>	<p>means the CESG Information Assurance policy Portfolio containing HMG policy and guidance on the application of ‘security assurance’ for HMG systems.</p>
<p>“CTAS”</p> <p>“CESG Tailored Assurance”</p>	<p>is an ‘information assurance scheme’ which provides assurance for a wide range of HMG, MOD, Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) and public sector customers procuring IT systems, products and services, ranging from simple software components to national infrastructure networks.</p>
<p>“CPA”</p> <p>“CESG Product Assurance”</p>	<p>is an ‘information assurance scheme’ which evaluates commercial off the shelf (COTS) products and their developers against published security and development standards. These CPA certified products can be used by government, the wider public sector and industry.</p>
<p>“CCSC”</p> <p>“CESG Certified Cyber Security Consultancy”</p>	<p>is CESG's approach to assessing the services provided by consultancies and confirming that they meet CESG's standards. This approach builds on the strength of CLAS and certifies the competence of suppliers to deliver a wide and complex range of cyber security consultancy services to both the public and private sectors.</p>

<p>“CCP”</p> <p>“CESG Certified Professional”</p>	<p>is a CESG scheme in consultation with government, industry and academia to address the growing need for specialists in the cyber security profession and are building a community of recognised professionals in both the UK public and private sectors.</p>
<p>“CC”</p> <p>“Common Criteria”</p>	<p>the Common Criteria scheme provides assurance that a developer’s claims about the security features of their product are valid and have been independently tested against recognised criteria.</p>
<p>“Cyber Essentials”</p> <p>“Cyber Essentials Plus”</p>	<p>Cyber Essentials is the government backed, industry supported scheme to help organisations protect themselves against common cyber-attacks. Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus are levels within the scheme.</p>
<p>“Data”</p> <p>“Data Controller”</p> <p>“Data Processor”</p> <p>“Personal Data”</p> <p>“Sensitive Personal Data”</p> <p>“Data Subject”, “Process” and “Processing”</p>	<p>shall have the meanings given to those terms by the Data Protection Act 1998</p>
<p>“Department’s Data”</p> <p>“Department’s Information”</p>	<p>is any data or information owned or retained in order to meet departmental business objectives and tasks, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any repository or database made up of any of these components) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, and which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) supplied to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Department; or</li> <li>(ii) which the Contractor is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to this Contract; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) any Personal Data for which the Department is the Data Controller;</li> </ul>
<p>“DfE”</p> <p>“Department”</p>	<p>means the Department for Education</p>

“Departmental Security Standards”	means the Department’s security policy or any standards, procedures, process or specification for security that the Contractor is required to deliver.
“Digital Marketplace / GCloud”	the Digital Marketplace is the online framework for identifying and procuring cloud technology and people for digital projects. Cloud services (e.g. web hosting or IT health checks) are on the G-Cloud framework.
“FIPS 140-2”	this is the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) Publication 140-2, (FIPS PUB 140-2), entitled ‘Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules’. This document is the de facto security standard used for the accreditation of cryptographic modules.
“Good Industry Practice” “Industry Good Practice”	means the exercise of that degree of skill, care, prudence, efficiency, foresight and timeliness as would be expected from a leading company within the relevant industry or business sector.
“Good Industry Standard” “Industry Good Standard”	means the implementation of products and solutions, and the exercise of that degree of skill, care, prudence, efficiency, foresight and timeliness as would be expected from a leading company within the relevant industry or business sector.
“GSC” “GSCP”	means the Government Security Classification Policy which establishes the rules for classifying HMG information. The policy is available at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications</a>
“HMG”	means Her Majesty’s Government
“SPF” “HMG Security Policy Framework”	This is the definitive HMG Security Policy which describes the expectations of the Cabinet Secretary and Government’s Official Committee on Security on how HMG organisations and third parties handling HMG information and other assets will apply protective security to ensure HMG can function effectively, efficiently and securely.
“ICT”	means Information and communications technology (ICT) is used as an extended

	synonym for information technology (IT), used to describe the bringing together of enabling technologies used to deliver the end-to-end solution
IS5	this is HMG Information Assurance Standard No. 5 - Secure Sanitisation issued by CESG
"ISO/IEC 27001" "ISO 27001"	is the International Standard for Information Security Management Systems Requirements
"ISO/IEC 27002" "ISO 27002"	is the International Standard describing the Code of Practice for Information Security Controls.
"ISO 22301"	is the International Standard describing for Business Continuity
"IT Security Health Check" "Penetration Testing"	means an assessment to identify risks and vulnerabilities in systems, applications and networks which may compromise the confidentiality, integrity or availability of information held on that IT system.
"Need-to-Know"	the Need-to-Know principle is employed within HMG to limit the distribution of classified information to those people with a clear 'need to know' in order to carry out their duties.
"OFFICIAL" "OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE"	the term 'OFFICIAL' is used to describe the baseline level of 'security classification' described within the Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP) which details the level of protection to be afforded to information by HMG, for all routine public sector business, operations and services. the 'OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE' caveat is used to identify a limited subset of OFFICIAL information that could have more damaging consequences (for individuals, an organisation or government generally) if it were lost, stolen or published in the media, as described in the Government Security Classification Policy.
"Security and Information Risk Advisor" "CCP SIRA" "SIRA"	the Security and Information Risk Advisor (SIRA) is a role defined under the CESG CESG Certified Professional Scheme



- 1 The Contractor shall comply with Departmental Security Standards for Contractors which include but are not constrained to the following clauses.
- 2 Where the Contractor will provide ICT products or Services or otherwise handle information at OFFICIAL on behalf of the Department, the requirements under Cabinet Office Procurement Policy Note – Use of Cyber Essentials Scheme certification - Action Note 09/14 25 September 2014, or any subsequent updated document, are mandated; that “contractors supplying products or services to HMG shall have achieved, and retain certification at the appropriate level, under the HMG Cyber Essentials Scheme”. The certification scope must be relevant to the services supplied to, or on behalf of, the Department.

*(Guidance: The Department’s expectation is that the certification scope will be relevant to the services supplied to, or on behalf of, the Department. However, where a contractor or (sub) contractor is able to evidence a valid exception or certification to an equivalent recognised scheme or standard, such as ISO 27001, then certification under the Cyber Essentials scheme could be waived and this clause may be removed. Changes to the Cabinet Office Procurement Policy Note – Use of Cyber Essentials Scheme certification - Action Note 09/14 25 September 2014 will be tracked by the DSU)*

*(Guidance: The terms OFFICIAL and OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE are taken from the Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP). The Department’s expectations are that all contractors shall handle the Department’s information in a manner compliant with the GSCP – see 12.4 below. Details of the GSCP can be found on the GOV.UK website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>.)*

- 3 The Contractor shall have achieved, and be able to maintain, independent certification to ISO/IEC 27001 (Information Security Management Systems Requirements). The ISO/IEC 27001 certification must have a scope relevant to the services supplied to, or on behalf of, the Department. The scope of certification and the statement of applicability must be acceptable, following review, to the Department, including the application of controls from ISO/IEC 27002 (Code of Practice for Information Security Controls).

*(Guidance: The Department’s expectation is that suppliers claiming certification to ISO/IEC 27001 shall provide the Department with copies of their Scope of Certification, Statement of Applicability and a valid ISO/IEC 27001 Certificate issued by an authorised certification body. Where the provider is an SME that has a valid Cyber Essentials certification then certification under the ISO/IEC 27001 scheme could be waived and this clause may be removed.)*

- 4 The Contractor shall follow the UK Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP) in respect of any Departmental Data being handled in the course of providing this service, and will handle this data in accordance with its security classification. (In the event where the Contractor has an existing Protective Marking Scheme then the Contractor may continue to use this but must map

the HMG security classifications against it to ensure the correct controls are applied to the Departmental Data).

*(Guidance: The Department's expectations are that all contractors shall handle the Department's information in a manner compliant with the GSCP. Details of the GSCP can be found on the GOV.UK website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>.)*

- 5 Departmental Data being handled in the course of providing the ICT solution or service must be segregated from other data on the Contractor's or sub-contractor's own IT equipment to both protect the Departmental Data and enable it to be identified and securely deleted when required. In the event that it is not possible to segregate any Departmental Data then the Contractor and any sub-contractor shall be required to ensure that it is stored in such a way that it is possible to securely delete the data in line with Clause 12.14.

*(Guidance: Advice on HMG secure sanitisation policy and approved methods are described in HMG IS5.)*

- 6 The Contractor shall have in place and maintain physical security and entry control mechanisms (e.g. door access) to premises and sensitive areas and separate logical access controls (e.g. identification and authentication) to ICT systems to ensure only authorised personnel have access to Departmental Data.

*(Guidance: Where the contractor's and sub-contractor services are wholly carried out within Departmental premises and all access to buildings or ICT systems is managed directly by the Department as part of the service, the Department shall be responsible for meeting the requirements of this clause and it need not be included.)*

- 7 The Contractor shall have in place and shall maintain procedural, personnel, physical and technical safeguards to protect Departmental Data, including but not limited to: physical security controls; good industry standard policies and process; anti-virus and firewalls; security updates and up-to-date patching regimes for anti-virus solutions; operating systems, network devices, and application software, user access controls and the creation and retention of audit logs of system use.

*(Guidance: Where the contractor's and sub-contractor services are wholly carried out using Departmental ICT resources or locations managed directly by the Department as part of the service, the Department shall be responsible for meeting the requirements of this clause and it need not be included.)*

- 8 Any electronic transfer methods across public space or cyberspace, including third party provider networks must be protected via encryption which has been certified to a minimum of FIPS 140-2 standard or a similar method approved by the Department prior to being used for the transfer of any Departmental Data.

*(Guidance: The terms “public space” and “cyberspace” are used to describe the internet and any commercially provided third party network used to transmit Departmental information. Even where the contractor’s and sub-contractor services are wholly carried out using Departmental ICT resources managed directly by the Department as part of the service, if there is still the possibility of emails being sent to external addresses, this clause should be included.)*

- 9 Storage of Departmental Data on any portable devices or media shall be limited to the absolute minimum required to deliver the stated business requirement and shall be subject to Clause 12.10 and 12.11 below.
- 10 Any portable removable media (including but not constrained to pen drives, flash drives, memory sticks, CDs, DVDs, or other devices) which handle, store or process Departmental Data to deliver and support the service, shall be under the control and configuration management of the contractor or (sub-)contractors providing the service, shall be both necessary to deliver the service and shall be encrypted using a product which has been certified to a minimum of FIPS140-2 standard or use another encryption standard that is acceptable to the Department.

*(Guidance: Where the use of removable media as described at Clause 12.9 above is either prohibited or not required in order to deliver the service this clause shall be revised as follows: - ‘The use of removable media in any form is not permitted’.)*

- 11 All portable ICT devices, including but not limited to laptops, tablets, smartphones or other devices, such as smart watches, which handle, store or process Departmental Data to deliver and support the service, shall be under the control and configuration management of the contractor or sub-contractors providing the service, and shall be necessary to deliver the service. These devices shall be full-disk encrypted using a product which has been certified to a minimum of FIPS140-2 standard or use another encryption standard that is acceptable to the Department.

*(Guidance: Where there is no suitable FIPS140-2 encryption product available to provide the necessary full-disk encryption, the Department shall agree a suitable alternative product that meets ‘industry good practice’ in this area with the contractor or sub-contractor. Where the contractor’s and sub-contractor services are wholly carried out using Departmental ICT resources managed directly by the Department as part of the service, the Department shall be responsible for meeting the requirements of this clause and it need not be included.)*

- 12 Whilst in the Contractor’s care all removable media and hardcopy paper documents containing Departmental Data must be handled securely and secured under lock and key when not in use and shall be securely destroyed when no longer required, using either a cross-cut shredder or a professional secure waste paper organisation.

*(Guidance: The term ‘lock and key’ is defined as: “securing information in a*

*lockable desk drawer, cupboard or filing cabinet which is under the user's sole control and to which they hold the keys".)*

- 13 When necessary to hand carry removable media and/or hardcopy paper documents containing Departmental Data, the media or documents being carried shall be kept under cover and transported in such a way as to ensure that no unauthorised person has access to the material being carried. This clause shall apply equally regardless of whether the material is being carried inside or outside of company premises.

*(Guidance: The term 'under cover' means that the information is carried within an opaque folder or envelope within official premises and buildings and within a closed briefcase or other similar bag or container when travelling outside of official premises or buildings).*

- 14 At the end of the contract or in the event of equipment failure or obsolescence, all Departmental information and data, in either hardcopy or electronic format, that is physically held or logically stored on the Contractor's ICT infrastructure must be securely sanitised or destroyed in accordance with the current HMG policy (HMG IS5) using a CESG approved product or method. Where sanitisation or destruction is not possible for legal, regulatory or technical reasons, such as a Storage Area Network (SAN) or shared backup tapes, then the Contractor or sub-contractor shall protect the Department's information and data until the time, which may be long after the end of the contract, when it can be securely cleansed or destroyed.

*(Guidance: Where no departmental information or data shall be held by the Contractor or sub-contractor, in either physical or logical form this clause may be removed.)*

*(Guidance: Where there is no acceptable secure sanitisation method available for a piece of equipment, or it is not possible to sanitise the equipment due to an irrecoverable technical defect, the storage media involved shall be destroyed using an approved method described in HMG IS5.)*

- 15 Access by Contractor or sub-contractor staff to Departmental Data shall be confined to those individuals who have a "need-to-know" and the appropriate level of security clearance, as required by the Department for those individuals whose access is essential for the purpose of their duties. All employees with direct or indirect access to Departmental Data must be subject to pre-employment checks equivalent to or higher than the Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS)

*(Guidance: Further details of the requirements for BPSS clearance are available on the website at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework>)*

- 16 All Contractor or sub-contractor employees who handle Departmental Data must have annual awareness training in protecting information.
- 17 The Contractor shall, as a minimum, have in place robust and ISO 22301 conformant Business Continuity arrangements and processes including IT

disaster recovery plans and procedures to ensure that the delivery of the contract is not adversely affected in the event of an incident. An incident shall be defined as any situation that might be, or could lead to, a disruption, loss, emergency or crisis. When a certificate is not available it shall be necessary to verify the ongoing effectiveness of the ISO 22301 conformant Business Continuity arrangements and processes including IT disaster recovery plans and procedures, to the extent that the Contractor must have tested/exercised these plans within the last 12 months and produced a written report of the test/exercise, outcome and feedback, including required actions.

*(Guidance: The creation of robust business continuity and disaster recovery plans are aligned with industry good practice and it is the Department's expectation that all vendors providing services or infrastructure to the Department will have plans that are aligned to the ISO 22301 standard in place. Further information on the requirements of ISO 22301 may be found in the standard.)*

- 18 Any non-compliance with these Departmental Security Standards for Contractors, or other Security Standards pertaining to the solution, or any suspected or actual breach of the confidentiality, integrity or availability of Departmental Data being handled in the course of providing this service, shall be investigated immediately and escalated to the Department by a method agreed by both parties.

*(Guidance: The Department's expectation is that non-compliances, or any suspected or actual breach of the confidentiality, integrity or availability of the Department's Data shall be reported as incidents and investigated by the vendor with outcomes being notified to the Department.)*

- 19 The Contractor shall ensure that any IT systems and hosting environments that are used to hold Departmental Data being handled, stored or processed in the course of providing this service shall be subject to an independent IT Health Check (ITHC) using a CESG approved ITHC provider before go-live and periodically (at least annually) thereafter. The findings of the ITHC relevant to the service being provided are to be shared with the Department and all necessary remedial work carried out. In the event of significant security issues being identified, a follow up remediation test may be required.

*(Guidance: Further information on IT Health Checks and the CESG CHECK Scheme which enables penetration testing by CESG approved companies can be found on the CESG website at:  
<https://www.cesg.gov.uk/scheme/penetration-testing>.)*

- 20 The Contractor or sub-contractors providing the service will provide the Department with full details of any actual storage outside of the UK or any future intention to host Departmental Data outside the UK or to perform any form of ICT management or support function from outside the UK. The Contractor or sub-contractor will not go ahead with any such proposal without the prior written agreement from the Department.

*(Guidance: The offshoring of HMG information outside of the UK is subject to*

*approval by the Departmental SIRO and, in some cases, also by the Office of the Government Senior Information Risk Owner (OGSIRO). Further information on this process can be found at:*  
<https://ogsirooffshoring.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/203107991-HMG-s-Offshoring-Policy>)

- 21 The Department reserves the right to audit the Contractor or sub-contractors providing the service within a mutually agreed timeframe but always within seven days of notice of a request to audit being given. The audit shall cover the overall scope of the service being supplied and the Contractor's, and any sub-contractors, compliance with the clauses contained in this Section.
- 22 The Contractor shall contractually enforce all these Departmental Security Standards for Contractors onto any third-party suppliers, sub-contractors or partners who could potentially access Departmental Data in the course of providing this service.

## **ANNEXE to Schedule 8**

### **DFE SECURITY STANDARDS**

The Contractor shall comply with ISO/IEC/27001 and ISO/IEC27002 or equivalent standards.

The Contractor shall apply the Government's Protective Marking Scheme ("GPMS") in respect of any DFE Data it handles in the course of providing the Services. If the Contractor has an existing protective marking scheme it may continue to use this but must map the GPMS against it to ensure the correct controls are applied to DFE Data.

Any electronic transfer methods across public space or cyberspace must be protected via encryption which has been certified to FIPS140-2 or certified under a CESSG (e.g. CAPS or CPA) or CESSG-endorsed scheme and the method shall be approved by the DFE prior to being used to transfer any DFE Data. If the transfer, handling removable media or handling of portable ICT Equipment involves bulk personal data the encryption shall be certified under a CESSG (e.g. CAPS or CPA) or CESSG-endorsed scheme.

Any portable removable media (including but not limited to pen drives, memory sticks, CDs, DVDs, PDPs and USB devices) used to handle, store or process DFE Data, Personal Data and/or Sensitive Personal Data in connection with the Service, shall be under the configuration management of the Sub-Contractor providing that part of the Service, shall be necessary to deliver the Service, and shall be full-disk encrypted using a product certified to FIPS140-2 or under a CESSG (e.g. CAPS or CPA) or CESSG-endorsed scheme. Should the transfer or handling of portable ICT involve bulk Personal Data the encryption shall be certified under a CESSG (e.g. CAPS or CPA) or CESSG-endorsed scheme.

All portable ICT (including but not limited to laptops, PDAs, smartphones) which handle, store or process in any way DFE Data to deliver and support the service, shall be under the configuration management of the Sub-Contractor providing that part of the Service, shall be necessary to deliver the Service, and shall be full-disk encrypted using a product which has been certified to FIPS140-2 or under a CESSG (e.g. CAPS or CPA) or CESSG-endorsed scheme. If the transfer or handling of portable ICT involves bulk Personal Data the encryption shall be certified under a CESSG (e.g. CAPS or CPA) or CESSG-endorsed scheme.

All paper documents containing DFE Data shall be:

securely protected whilst in the Contractor's care and securely destroyed when no longer required using a cross-cutting shredder and/or a professional secure waste paper organisation; and

transmitted, both within and outside the Contractor's premises, in such a way as to ensure that no unauthorised person has access.

At the end of the Term or if ICT fails or becomes obsolete, all ICT holding DFE Data shall be securely cleansed or destroyed using a CESSG approved product or method. If this is not possible for legal, regulatory or technical reasons the Contractor shall protect the ICT until such time as it can be securely cleansed or destroyed.

Access by Personnel to DFE Data shall be confined to Personnel who need to know

because their access is essential for the delivery of the Service. All Personnel with direct or indirect access to DFE Data must be subject to pre-employment checks equivalent to or higher than the BPSS.

Personnel who handle DFE Data must have annual awareness training in protecting information.

The Contractor shall have robust business continuity arrangements and processes including disaster recovery plans and procedures compliant with ISO22301 to ensure that the delivery of the Contract is not adversely affected if there is an incident.

Any non-compliance with DFE Security Standards, or any suspected or actual breach of the confidentiality or integrity of DFE Data being handled in the course of providing the Services, shall be immediately escalated to the DFE.

The Contractor shall ensure that any systems and hosting environments that are used to hold DFE Data being handled, stored or processed in the course of providing the Services are subject to IT Security Health Checks at least annually. The Contractor shall inform the DFE if there are any results of IT Security Health Checks which are relevant to the Service and shall promptly complete any necessary remedial work which is identified.

The Contractor shall keep an audit trail of where the DFE's Data is held, including all ICT. The DFE may audit the Contractor with 24 hours' notice in respect of the Contractor's compliance with this schedule 8.



## **Schedule 9 – Commercially Sensitive Information**

[This Schedule shall be finalised at contract fine tuning stage]

## **Schedule 10 – The Contractor’s Solution**



## Schedule 11 - Data Protection Act

### 11. Data Protection Act - definitions

<b>"Affiliate"</b>	in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control with, that body corporate from time to time;
<b>"Contractor Personnel"</b>	all employees, agents, Contractors and contractors of the Contractor and/or of any Sub-contractor;
<b>"Control"</b>	means that a person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the other person (whether through the ownership of voting shares, by contract or otherwise) and "Controls" and "Controlled" shall be interpreted accordingly;
<b>"Regulatory Bodies"</b>	those government departments and regulatory, statutory and other entities, committees and bodies which, whether under statute, rules, regulations, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to regulate, investigate, or influence the matters dealt with in this Contract or any other affairs of the Department and "Regulatory Body" shall be construed accordingly.
<b>"Sub-contractor"</b>	the third party with whom the Contractor enters into a Sub-contract or its servants or agents and any third party with whom that third party enters into a Sub-contract or its servants or agents;
<b>"Working Day"</b>	any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales.

11.1 With respect to the parties' rights and obligations under this Contract, the parties agree that the Department is the Data Controller and that the Contractor is the Data Processor. For the purposes of this Clause 11, the terms "Data Controller", "Data Processor", "Data Subject", "Personal Data", "Process" and "Processing" shall have the meaning prescribed under the DPA.

11.2 The Contractor shall:

11.2.1 Process the Personal Data only in accordance with instructions

from the Department (which may be specific instructions or instructions of a general nature as set out in this Contract or as otherwise notified by the Department to the Contractor during the period of the Contract);

- 11.2.2 Process the Personal Data only to the extent, and in such manner, as is necessary for the provision of the Services or as is required by law or any Regulatory Body;
- 11.2.3 Implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect the Personal Data against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure. These measures shall be appropriate to the harm which might result from any unauthorised or unlawful Processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data and having regard to the nature of the Personal Data which is to be protected;
- 11.2.4 Take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of any Contractor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data;
- 11.2.5 Obtain prior written consent from the Department in order to transfer the Personal Data to any Sub-contractors or Affiliates for the provision of the Services;
- 11.2.6 Ensure that all Contractor Personnel required to access the Personal Data are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and comply with the obligations set out in this Clause11;
- 11.2.7 Ensure that none of Contractor Personnel publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party unless directed in writing to do so by the Department;
- 11.2.8 Notify the Department within five Working Days if it receives:
  - 11.2.8.1 a request from a Data Subject to have access to that person's Personal Data; or
  - 11.2.8.2 a complaint or request relating to the Department's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
- 11.2.9 Provide the Department with full cooperation and assistance in relation to any complaint or request made, including by:
  - 11.2.9.1 providing the Department with full details of the complaint or request;
  - 11.2.9.2 complying with a data access request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation and in accordance with the Department's instructions;
  - 11.2.9.3 providing the Department with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject (within the timescales required by the Department); and
  - 11.2.9.4 providing the Department with any information requested by the Department;

11.2.10 Permit the Department or the Department's Representative (subject to reasonable and appropriate confidentiality undertakings), to inspect and audit the Contractor's data processing activities (and/or those of its agents, subsidiaries and Sub-contractors) and comply with all reasonable requests or directions by the Department to enable the Department to verify and/or procure that the Contractor is in full compliance with its obligations under this Contract;

11.2.11 Provide a written description of the technical and organisational methods employed by the Contractor for processing Personal Data (within the timescales required by the Department); and

11.2.12 Not Process or otherwise transfer any Personal Data outside the European Economic Area. If, after the Commencement Date, the Contractor (or any Sub-contractor) wishes to Process and/or transfer any Personal Data outside the European Economic Area, the following provisions shall apply:

11.2.12.1 the Contractor shall submit a request for change to the Department which shall be dealt with in accordance with any Change Control Procedure

11.2.12.2 the Contractor shall set out in its request for change details of the following:

- (a) the Personal Data which will be Processed and/or transferred outside the European Economic Area;
- (b) the country or countries in which the Personal Data will be Processed and/or to which the Personal Data will be transferred outside the European Economic Area;
- (c) any Sub-contractors or other third parties who will be Processing and/or transferring Personal Data outside the European Economic Area; and
- (d) how the Contractor will ensure an adequate level of protection and adequate safeguards (in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation and in particular so as to ensure the Department's compliance with the Data Protection Legislation) in respect of the Personal Data that will be Processed and/or transferred outside the European Economic Area;

11.2.12.3 in providing and evaluating the request for change, the parties shall ensure that they have regard to and comply with then-current Department, Government and Information Commissioner Office policies, procedures, guidance and codes of practice on, and any approvals processes in connection with, the Processing and/or transfers of Personal Data outside the European Economic Area and/or overseas generally; and

- 11.2.12.4 the Contractor shall comply with such other instructions and shall carry out such other actions as the Department may notify in writing, including:
- (a) incorporating standard and/or model clauses (which are approved by the European Commission as offering adequate safeguards under the Data Protection Legislation) in this Contract or a separate data processing agreement between the parties; and
  - (b) procuring that any Sub-contractor or other third party who will be Processing and/or transferring the Personal Data outside the European Economic Area enters into a direct data processing agreement with the Authority on such terms as may be required by the Department, which the Contractor acknowledges may include the incorporation of standard and/or model clauses (which are approved by the European Commission as offering adequate safeguards under the Data Protection Legislation)."
- 11.3 The Contractor shall comply at all times with the Data Protection Legislation and shall not perform its obligations under this Contract in such a way as to cause the Department to breach any of its applicable obligations under the Data Protection Legislation.

**Alternative 11      Data Protection Act**

- 11.1 For the purposes of this Clause 11, the terms "Data Controller", "Data Processor", "Data Subject", "Personal Data", "Process" and "Processing shall have the meaning prescribed under the DPA.
- 11.1.1 The parties recognise that they may handle Personal Data. Both parties shall comply with their legal obligations under the DPA.
- 11.1.2 The Contractor must comply with its legal obligations under the DPA and shall notify the Department, as soon as it becomes aware of any actual or potential data incident or breach of your obligations under the DPA in relation to any personal data processed as a consequence of undertaking this Contract
- 11.2 Insofar as the Contractor is processing Personal Data as a Data Processor for The Department as a consequence of undertaking this contract the Contractor shall:
- 11.2.1 Process the Personal Data only in accordance with instructions from the Department (which may be specific instructions or instructions of a general nature as set out in this Contract or as otherwise notified by the Department to the Contractor during the period of the Contract);
- 11.2.2 Process the Personal Data only to the extent, and in such manner, as is necessary for the provision of the Services or as is required by law or any Regulatory Body;
- 11.2.3 Implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to

protect the Personal Data against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure. These measures shall be appropriate to the harm which might result from any unauthorised or unlawful Processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data and having regard to the nature of the Personal Data which is to be protected;

- 11.2.4 Take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of any Contractor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data;
- 11.2.5 Obtain prior written consent from the Department in order to transfer the Personal Data to any Sub-contractors or Affiliates for the provision of the Services;
- 11.2.6 Ensure that all Contractor Personnel required to access the Personal Data are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and comply with the obligations set out in this Clause 11;
- 11.2.7 Ensure that none of Contractor Personnel publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party unless directed in writing to do so by the Department;
- 11.2.8 Notify the Department within two Working Days if it receives:
  - 11.2.8.1 a request from a Data Subject to have access to that person's Personal Data, or
  - 11.2.8.2 a complaint or request relating to the Department's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
- 11.2.9 Where the department receives a request from a Data Subject to have access to that person's Personal Data; or a complaint or request relating to the Department's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation the Contractor shall assist the Department by:
  - 11.2.9.1 providing the Department with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject (within the timescales required by the Department)
  - 11.2.9.2 providing the Department with full cooperation and assistance in relation to any complaint or request made;
  - 11.2.9.3 providing the Department with full details of the complaint or request;
  - 11.2.9.4 providing the Department with any information requested by the Department;
- 11.2.10 Permit the Department or the Department's Representative (subject to reasonable and appropriate confidentiality undertakings), to inspect and audit the Contractor's data processing activities (and/or those of its agents, subsidiaries and Sub-contractors) and comply with all reasonable requests or directions by the Department to enable the Department to verify and/or procure that the Contractor is in full compliance with its

obligations under this Contract;

- 11.2.11 Provide a written description of the technical and organisational methods employed by the Contractor for processing Personal Data (within the timescales required by the Department); and
- 11.2.12 Not Process or otherwise transfer any Personal Data outside the European Economic Area. If, after the Commencement Date, the Contractor (or any Sub-contractor) wishes to Process and/or transfer any Personal Data outside the European Economic Area, the following provisions shall apply:
  - 11.2.12.1 the Contractor shall submit a request for change to the Department which shall be dealt with in accordance with any Change Control Procedure
  - 11.2.12.2 the Contractor shall set out in its request for change details of the following:
    - (a) the Personal Data which will be Processed and/or transferred outside the European Economic Area;
    - (b) the country or countries in which the Personal Data will be Processed and/or to which the Personal Data will be transferred outside the European Economic Area;
    - (c) any Sub-contractors or other third parties who will be Processing and/or transferring Personal Data outside the European Economic Area; and
    - (d) how the Contractor will ensure an adequate level of protection and adequate safeguards (in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation and in particular so as to ensure the Department's compliance with the Data Protection Legislation) in respect of the Personal Data that will be Processed and/or transferred outside the European Economic Area;
  - 11.2.12.3 in providing and evaluating the request for change, the parties shall ensure that they have regard to and comply with then-current Department, Government and Information Commissioner Office policies, procedures, guidance and codes of practice on, and any approvals processes in connection with, the Processing and/or transfers of Personal Data outside the European Economic Area and/or overseas generally.
- 11.2.13 The Contractor shall comply with such other instructions and shall carry out such other actions as the Department may notify in writing, including:
  - 11.2.13.1 incorporating standard and/or model clauses (which are approved by the European Commission



as offering adequate safeguards under the Data Protection Legislation) in this Contract or a separate data processing agreement between the parties; and

11.2.13.2 procuring that any Sub-contractor or other third party who will be Processing and/or transferring the Personal Data outside the European Economic Area enters into a direct data processing agreement with the Authority on such terms as may be required by the Department, which the Contractor acknowledges may include the incorporation of standard and/or model clauses (which are approved by the European Commission as offering adequate safeguards under the Data Protection Legislation).

11.3 Insofar as the contractor processes personal data for its own administrative purposes, whilst undertaking this contract the Contractor must comply at all times with the Data Protection Legislation and shall not perform its obligations under this Contract in such a way as to cause the Department to breach any of its applicable obligations under the Data Protection Legislation.

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