

costs of that mediator shall be divided equally between the Parties or as the Parties may otherwise agree in writing.

- 25.5 Where a dispute is referred to mediation under Clause 25.3, the Parties will attempt to settle such Dispute by mediation in accordance with the model mediation procedures published by CEDR or such other procedures as the mediator may recommend.
- 25.6 If the Parties reach agreement on the resolution of the Dispute, such agreement shall be recorded in writing and once signed by the Parties' authorised representatives, shall be final and binding on the Parties.
- 25.7 If either Party refuses at any time to participate in the mediation procedure and in any event if the Parties fail to reach agreement on the Dispute within 40 Business Days of the service of the Notice either Party may commence proceedings in accordance with Clause 40.
- 25.8 For the avoidance of doubt, the Service Provider shall continue to provide the Services in accordance with the Contract and without delay or disruption while the Dispute is being resolved pursuant to this Clause 25.
- 25.9 Neither Party shall be prevented from, or delayed in, seeking any order for specific performance or for interim or final injunctive relief as a result of the provisions of this Clause 25 and Clause 25 shall not apply in respect of any circumstances where such remedies are sought.

26. Breach and Termination of Contract

- 26.1 Without prejudice to the Authority's right to terminate at common law, the Authority may terminate the Contract immediately upon giving notice to the Service Provider if:
 - 26.1.1 In addition and without prejudice to Clauses 26.1.2 to 26.1.6 (inclusive), the Service Provider has committed any material or persistent breach of the Contract and in the case of such a breach that is capable of remedy fails to remedy that breach within 10 Business Days (or such other timeframe as specified in writing by the Authority) from the date of written notice to the Service Provider giving details of the breach and requiring it to be remedied;
 - 26.1.2 the Service Provider is subject to an Insolvency Event;
 - 26.1.3 in the event that there is a change of ownership referred to in Clause 9.3 or the Service Provider is in breach of Clause 9.3;
 - 26.1.4 the Authority is not satisfied on the issue of any conflict of interest in accordance with Clause 10;

- 26.1.5 the Service Provider or any of its officers, employees or agents commits any act of bribery described in the Bribery Act 2010; or
- 26.1.6 the Service Provider commits any of the money laundering related offences listed in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015; or
- 26.1.7 the Service Provider fails to comply in the performance of the Services with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour law.
- 26.2 Without prejudice to any of the Authority's other rights, powers or remedies (whether under the Contract or otherwise) if the Service Provider is in breach of any of its warranties, or obligations either under Clause 6 or any other provision of this Contract, the Service Provider shall, if required to do so by the Authority, promptly remedy and/or re-perform the Services or part of them at its own expense to ensure compliance with such warranties and obligations. Nothing in this Clause 26.2 shall prevent the Authority from procuring the provision of any Services or any remedial action in respect of any Services from an alternative contractor and, where the Authority so procures any Services or any remedial action, the Authority shall be entitled to recover from the Service Provider all additional cost, loss and expense incurred by the Authority and attributable to the Authority procuring such Services or remedial action from such alternative contractor.
- 26.3 Neither Party shall be deemed to be in breach of the Contract, or otherwise liable to the other Party in any manner whatsoever, for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under the Contract to the extent that such failure or delay is due to a Force Majeure Event. If a Force Majeure Event has continued for more than 8 weeks from the date on which that Force Majeure Event first arose and is having a material adverse effect on either Party's performance of its obligations under the Contract ("**the Affected Party**"), then for as long as such Force Majeure Event continues and has that effect, the Party not affected by such Force Majeure Event ("**Innocent Party**") may terminate the Contract immediately upon giving notice to the Affected Party. If the Contract is terminated in accordance with this Clause 26.3 then without prejudice to any rights and liabilities which accrued prior to termination the Affected Party shall not be liable to the Innocent Party by reason of such termination.
- 26.4 Without prejudice to the Authority's right to terminate the Contract under Clause 26.1 or to terminate at common law, the Authority may terminate the Contract at any time without cause subject to giving the Service Provider written notice of the period specified in Schedule 1, provided that this Clause 26.4 may be disapplied by notice to that effect in Schedule 1.

- 26.5 Without prejudice to the Authority's right to terminate the Contract under Clauses 26.1, 26.4 or at common law, the Authority may terminate the Contract at any time following a Declaration of Ineffectiveness in accordance with the provisions of Clause 28.
- 26.6 To the extent that the Authority has a right to terminate the Contract under this Clause 26 then, as an alternative to termination, the Authority may by giving notice to the Service Provider require the Service Provider to provide part only of the Services with effect from the date specified in the Authority's notice ("**Change Date**") whereupon the provision of the remainder of the Services will cease and the definition of "the Services" shall be construed accordingly. The Charges applicable with effect from the Change Date will be adjusted proportionately or if in the Authority's opinion a proportionate adjustment would not be reasonable in such manner as the Authority may determine.

27. Consequences of Termination or Expiry

- 27.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 23, wherever the Authority chooses to put out to tender for a replacement service provider some or all of the Services, the Service Provider shall disclose to tenderers such information concerning the Services as the Authority may require for the purposes of such tender and shall also comply with all requirements as are set out at Schedule 8. The Service Provider may impose upon any recipient of such information such obligations of confidentiality as it may require.
- 27.2 The termination or expiry of the Contract shall not prejudice or affect any right, power or remedy which has accrued or shall accrue to either Party prior to or after such termination or expiry.
- 27.3 Upon expiry or termination of the Contract (howsoever caused):
- 27.3.1 the Service Provider shall, at no further cost to the Authority:
- 27.3.1.1 take all such steps as shall be necessary to agree with the Authority a plan for the orderly handover of Services to the Authority (or its nominee), such that the Services can be carried on with the minimum of interruption and inconvenience to the Authority and to effect such handover; and
- 27.3.1.2 on receipt of the Authority's written instructions to do so (but not otherwise), arrange to remove all electronically held information by a mutually agreed date, including the purging of all disk-based information and the reformatting of all disks.
- 27.3.2 the Authority shall (subject to Clauses 17, 27.1 and 27.4 and the provisions of any security for due performance supplied by

the Service Provider) pay the Service Provider any Charges remaining due in relation to any Services properly performed in accordance with the Contract up to the date of termination or expiry calculated so far as is possible in accordance with Schedule 4 or otherwise reasonably determined by the Authority.

- 27.4 On termination of all or any part of the Contract, the Authority may enter into any agreement with any third party or parties as the Authority thinks fit to provide any or all of the Services and (save where terminated under Clause 26.4) the Service Provider shall be liable for all additional expenditure reasonably incurred by the Authority in having such services carried out and all other costs and damages reasonably incurred by the Authority in consequence of such termination. The Authority may deduct such costs from the Charges or otherwise recover such costs from the Service Provider as a debt.

28. Declaration of Ineffectiveness and Public Procurement Termination Event

- 28.1 In the event that a court makes a Declaration of Ineffectiveness, the Authority shall promptly notify the Service Provider. The Parties agree that the provisions of Clause 27 and Clauses 28.1, 28.2, 28.4 to 28.6 (inclusive) and 28.12 shall apply as from the time when the Declaration of Ineffectiveness is made.

- 28.2 The Declaration of Ineffectiveness shall not prejudice or affect any right, liability or remedy which has accrued or shall accrue to either Party prior to or after such Declaration of Ineffectiveness in respect of the period prior to the Declaration of Ineffectiveness, save as otherwise expressly provided to the contrary in Clauses 28.1 to 28.6 inclusive.

- 28.3 During any court proceedings seeking a Declaration of Ineffectiveness, the Authority may require the Service Provider to prepare a Cessation Plan in accordance with this Clause 28.3 by issuing a notice in writing. As from the date of receipt by the Service Provider of such notification from the Authority, the Parties (acting reasonably and in good faith) shall agree or, in the absence of such agreement, the Authority shall reasonably determine an appropriate Cessation Plan with the object of achieving:

28.3.1 an orderly and efficient cessation of the Services or (at the Authority's request) a transition of the Services to the Authority or such other entity as the Authority may specify; and

28.3.2 minimal disruption or inconvenience to the Authority or to customers of the Services or to public passenger transport services or facilities,

in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 28.2 to 28.6 (inclusive) and which the Parties agree would have effect in the event that a Declaration of Ineffectiveness is made.

- 28.4 Where there is any conflict or discrepancy between the provisions of Clause 27 and Clauses 28.2 to 28.6 (inclusive) and 28.12 or the Cessation Plan, the provisions of these Clauses 28.2 to 28.6 (inclusive) and 28.12 and the Cessation Plan shall prevail.
- 28.5 The Parties will comply with their respective obligations under the Cessation Plan (as agreed by the Parties or, where agreement cannot be reached, as reasonably determined by the Authority) in the event that a Declaration of Ineffectiveness is made.
- 28.6 The Authority shall pay the Services Provider's reasonable costs in assisting the Authority in preparing, agreeing and complying with the Cessation Plan. Such costs shall be based on any comparable costs or Charges agreed as part of this Contract or as otherwise reasonably determined by the Authority. Provided that the Authority shall not be liable to the Service Provider for any loss of profit, revenue, goodwill or loss of opportunity as a result of the early termination of this Contract pursuant to any Declaration of Ineffectiveness.
- 28.7 Without prejudice to the Authority's rights of termination implied into the Contract by Regulation 73(3) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or Regulation 89(3) of the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016, in the event that the Authority exercises its right to terminate pursuant to this Clause 28.7 (a "**Public Procurement Termination Event**"), the Authority shall promptly notify the Service Provider and the Parties agree that:
- 28.7.1 the provisions of Clause 27 and these Clauses 28.7 to 28.12 (inclusive) shall apply as from the date of receipt by the Service Provider of the notification of the Public Procurement Termination Event; and
- 28.7.2 if there is any conflict or discrepancy between the provisions of Clause 27 and these Clauses 28.7 to 28.12 or the Cessation Plan, the provisions of these Clauses 28.7 to 28.12 and the Cessation Plan shall prevail.
- 28.8 Termination on the Public Procurement Termination Grounds shall not prejudice or affect any right, liability or remedy which has accrued or shall accrue to either Party prior to or after such termination on Public Procurement Termination Grounds, in respect of the period prior to such termination, save as otherwise expressly provided in Clauses 28.7 to 28.11 inclusive.
- 28.9 As from the date of receipt by the Service Provider of the notification of the termination on Public Procurement Termination Grounds, the Parties (acting reasonably and in good faith) shall agree or, in the

absence of such agreement, the Authority shall reasonably determine an appropriate Cessation Plan with the object of achieving:

- 28.9.1 an orderly and efficient cessation or (at the Authority's election) a transition to the Authority or such other entity as the Authority may specify of: (i) the Services; or (at Authority's election), (ii) the part of the Services which are affected by the Public Procurement Termination Grounds; and
- 28.9.2 minimal disruption or inconvenience to the Authority or to customers of the Services or to public passenger transport services or facilities,

in accordance with the provisions of these Clauses 28.7 to 28.11 (inclusive) and to take account of the circumstances of the Public Procurement Termination Grounds.

- 28.10 Upon agreement, or determination by the Authority, of the Cessation Plan the Parties will comply with their respective obligations under the Cessation Plan.
- 28.11 The Authority shall pay the Service Provider's reasonable costs in assisting the Authority in preparing, agreeing and complying with the Cessation Plan. Such costs shall be based on any comparable costs or Charges agreed as part of this Contract or as otherwise reasonably determined by the Authority, provided that the Authority shall not be liable to the Service Provider for any loss of profit, revenue, goodwill or loss of opportunity as a result of the early termination of this Contract as a result of Public Procurement Termination Grounds.
- 28.12 For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Clause 28 (and applicable definitions) shall survive any termination of the Contract following a Declaration of Ineffectiveness or termination on Public Procurement Termination Grounds.

29. Survival

The provisions of Clauses 1, 3.1.3, 4, 5, 6.1.4, 8.1, 9.2.2, 9.2.3, 11.1.1, 11.1.2, 11.1.5, 11.2, 14, 16-20 (inclusive), 21.2, 22-25 (inclusive), 27, 28-31 (inclusive), 33-40 (inclusive) and any other Clauses or Schedules that are necessary to give effect to those Clauses shall survive termination or expiry of the Contract. In addition, any other provision of the Contract which by its nature or implication is required to survive the termination or expiry of the Contract shall do so.

30. Rights of Third Parties

- 30.1 Save that any member of the Authority Group has the right to enforce the terms of the Contract in accordance with the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 ("Third Party Act"), the Parties do not intend