



INVITATION TO QUOTE

Development of a West of England Digital Inclusion Programme Invitation To Tender

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Introduction To the West of England Combined Authority

The West of England Combined Authority is creating a better, greener future for people who live and work in the region.

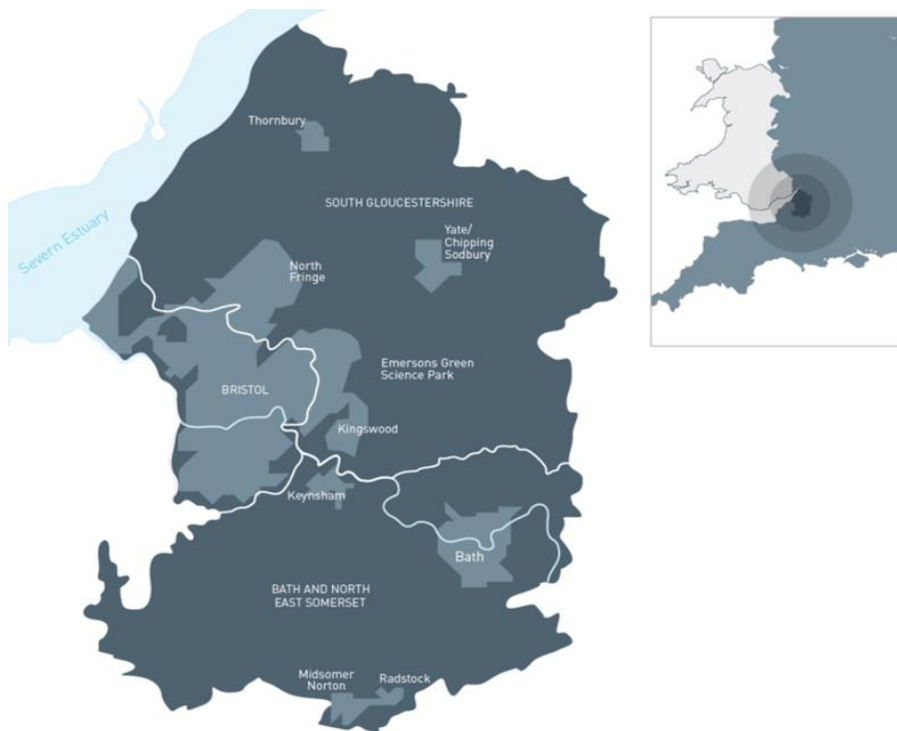
The West of England Combined Authority is currently refreshing its Strategy. It's improving peoples' lives:

- helping residents secure decent jobs and homes they can afford.
- tackling climate change and the ecological emergency.
- providing access to skills and training.
- improving transport and the places people live, work and visit.
- supporting businesses to succeed.

The West of England Combined Authority is creating a region to be proud of. The West of England region:

- has a diverse population of more than 1.1million people.
- boasts a highly skilled workforce and one of the highest levels of graduates in the UK.
- is home to innovative and creative businesses?
- has an economy, built on strong foundations, worth over £40bn a year.

It's a region which competes on global scale. A region where ideas flourish and businesses grow.



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SECTION 1 – THE REQUIREMENT

1.1 Project summary:

To establish a West of England Digital Inclusion programme which will provide the framework to overcoming barriers to digital inclusion in the region through three separate phases of work. **This commission is for the phase 1 work.**

Phase 1 will be a discovery phase to establish a snapshot picture of what digital exclusion looks like in the West of England region. The purpose is to discover what support exists already, what services deliver digital inclusion support in the region, who the key stakeholders are and whether there are any gaps in provision. The output will be a report of findings and a short presentation to relevant stakeholders. This is a wide topic and therefore we do not expect that this review will be exhaustive, however we require enough detail to understand the broad picture of digital exclusion in the region.

The findings in Phase 1 will inform Phase 2 (engagement, establishing a Digital Inclusion taskforce and development of the Digital Inclusion Action Plan).

Phase 3 is dependent on the previous phases (developing and delivering a pilot project)

1.2 Overall Programme Vision

The West of England Mayoral Combined Authority (covering Bristol, B&NES and South Gloucestershire councils) and North Somerset Council jointly published the West of England [Digital Plan](#), Autumn 2023. This plan sets out our digital ambitions for the region. Tackling Digital exclusion is of the utmost importance.

The West of England is a place where everyone has access to services they need, the skills, knowledge, and confidence to participate in our increasingly digital world. Residents, businesses and communities are connected, feel safe, and equipped to take advantage of opportunities made available in the digital space, by ensuring the benefits of digital technologies and the internet are available to everyone. We thrive socially and economically as individuals and as a wider West of England community.

Our recently published Digital Plan for the West of England outlines our strategic objectives. We want to:

- Reduce digital exclusion, focussing on those most affected.
- Improve digital skills at all levels so that:
 - Residents have the foundation skills they need to get online.
 - Residents have the digital skills for life.
 - Residents have the digital skills needed for work.
 - Residents and businesses can benefit from advanced digital skills.

1.3 Background

Digital Technologies have revolutionised almost every aspect of our lives in recent years – changing the way we work, socialise, shop and go to school or college. We now live in a digital world. A big challenge facing us as a region is to continue to keep up with the pace of technological growth without leaving anyone behind. We want to ensure that we embrace the benefits of an increasing digital world whilst also leading the way in ensuring digital inclusion for all.

Digital inclusion gives people the ability to access and use services and opportunities in a practical, equitable and meaningful way, thus ensuring the benefits of the internet and digital technologies are available to everyone. Being digitally connected allows us to thrive socially and economically as individuals and as a wider West of England community. Improving digital inclusion encourages more innovation and creativity and broadens opportunities. Our region is often highlighted nationally as a 'Tech for Good' hub, based on the prominence of organisations aiming to have a positive societal impact. We need to build on the knowledge, and our 'Tech for Good' ecosystem in the West of England to create a fairer society where everyone has the access to the things that they need and the opportunities to thrive.

Addressing Mayor Dan Norris's vision that location is not a barrier to good connectivity across the region is currently underway, and this will directly benefit some of our most digitally excluded people in our region. We are also delivering through our Employment and Skills plan to ensure that our residents have the essential digital skills for life and work, and we continue to integrate digital skills into a wide range of Combined Authority employment and skills programmes across the West of England. We are looking to build on these initiatives and others to make a positive change in the West of England.

We recognise that a lack of digital skills and access to online services can have a huge impact on a person's life. People on the wrong side of this divide are more likely to have negative effects in their health both physically and mentally, their employment, education and opportunities, and also financially. We need to harness our digital innovation ecosystem to address the regional challenges. We want to help tackle this challenge in collaboration with others and the purpose of this commission is to enable us to discover where we can have best impact.

1.4 Description of Commission:

The Digital Inclusion programme aims to address the inequalities that exist in the digital space. Through the Phase 1 discovery work we want to build a picture of digital exclusion in the West of England and as a result we aim to identify where we can make the most impact by specifically targeting those areas (geographic and/or thematic) that are found to be digitally excluded. In addition to identifying pathways to impact, we also want to discover areas where we can enhance existing provision.

Using data and insights to improve our understanding of how digital exclusion affects/impacts on people across our region and using data to target our interventions more effectively, the resulting impact of the programme will mean that our residents will have:

- Improved quality of life through participation in the digital world
- Improved access to the skills, advice, and services that people require.

- Support that is sustainable, and delivered in the right way for them, in a place they know from a partner they trust
- Improved access to good quality jobs and training
- Local businesses are able to address their digital skills gaps and vacancies.
- Our region has a resilient thriving economy.
- Communities are empowered to build knowledge and support.

There is no one size fits all approach and therefore we will need to structure our programme to produce bespoke solutions to account for as many different needs as possible for both businesses and residents in the West of England. We want you to help us shape this programme of work so that it accurately reflects the needs of residents and businesses in the West of England Combined authority region and are keen to work collaboratively with the right person/persons.

1.5 Structure

The Digital Inclusion programme will be split into three phases.

Phase 1: Discovery & benchmark (this project)

Phase 2: Engagement and programme of work

Phase 3: Delivery

This commission is for Phase 1 of the programme and aims to provide the foundations to the work going forward.

1.6 Detailed Statement of Requirements

What Phase 1 of the Digital Inclusion Programme needs to deliver

Phase 1 is designed to establish a picture of what digital exclusion looks like in the West of England Combined Authority region. It aims to increase knowledge and understanding around the services that exist already, who the key stakeholders are, and what services currently deliver digital inclusion support for our businesses and residents. It will also seek to reveal where the gaps in provision occur and where there may be potential to create connections to enhance provision or to fill those gaps in the places that need it. Once we have assessed the levels and geographical spread of digital exclusion in the West of England, we can design our Digital Inclusion Programme (Phase 2) and produce an Action Plan to address the strategic objectives of the Digital Plan with an understanding of the current picture of digital exclusion, and with a view to improve on this.

The outcome of Phase 1 will inform the shape of Phase 2 and indeed whether it is necessary.

Phase 1 of the Digital Inclusion Programme will utilise various data collection techniques to gain a better understanding of the extent and shape of digital exclusion in the West of England. Information will be collected from a range of different sources to help to discover the current position and this information will be used as a baseline going forward. Using

data collection techniques including but not limited to questionnaires, face to face meetings, and data analysis tools, this commission is a very important part of the Digital Inclusion Programme in the West of England and will form the baseline of our work going forward.

We understand that this is a wide and varied topic and therefore we do not expect that this review will be exhaustive. However, we require enough detail to understand the general picture of digital exclusion in the region at a high level, to enable us to compare our progress to other areas nationally. We also need data and analysis at a more granular level to ensure that we can accurately target those groups (geographic and/or thematic) that are most in need in the West of England Combined Authority region.

The timeframe is compact as we are looking to keep momentum, make tangible benefits through our Phase 2 and 3 and encourage engagement from the Digital Inclusion support network to fix the digital divide.

Requirement 1: An evidenced and researched report into digital exclusion in the West of England region

The West of England Combined Authority is seeking support to create a useable, publishable document that provides the evidence and recommendations with which to help inform the work of the Combined Authority in phase 2. In producing the overview/ picture of digital exclusion in the West of England region, we would like you to use a range of methods including through consultation with the key stakeholders to ensure that the information aligns with their 'on the ground' experience.

Recognising the need to ensure that we have a high-level picture of what digital exclusion looks like in the region, we would like the report to include the following requirements aimed at providing a snapshot of current activity that we would like to be addressed:

1. Who is digitally excluded?

- Understanding who is excluded in the West of England and why and what is the extent of their digital exclusion using specific examples.

2. What is the current provision for support to residents and businesses in the West of England and who are digitally excluded?

- Understanding what support is available to residents and businesses who are digitally excluded, understanding what data is already available and where there are gaps or any overlap in the provision.
- Identify the key initiatives in the region to tackle the digital exclusion challenge. What are they, what do they do and who is eligible?
- What funding is currently available to organisations who are trying to address digital exclusion in the West of England Combined Authority region and are there any future potential funding opportunities? What types of projects are currently being financed?
- Examples of relevant good practice regionally, nationally and internationally.

3. Who are the Key stakeholders in the region?

- Identify key stakeholders in the region to understand what their residents and businesses need. Who are they? What are their views? What do they think is needed? What would they like the Combined Authority to do?

4. Conclusion

- A list of priorities for reducing digital exclusion in the West of England Combined Authority region to be identified. Ranking the priorities across level of input necessary (from the Combined Authority or other partners) against impact of intervention.
- Indicative recommendation on where the Combined Authority should focus its efforts and the rationale behind this.

We will provide support through key touch points throughout the project to include bi-weekly progress meetings, and at key delivery milestones with an initial kick off meeting to agree the way forward.

Requirement 2: Presentation to stakeholders

Date and event format TBC to take place in Autumn 2024 – anticipate end Oct/ beginning Nov. This will be an opportunity to present findings of the Phase 1 discovery work.

The above list is our Statement of Requirements as we currently understand them. We are however looking for a partner to work with us to find the best solution and therefore are open to suggestions on how we can identify and understand the current levels of digital exclusion in the West of England.

1.7 Detailed Outputs

We would like this work to occur between September and November 2024.

The successful tenderer will need to provide the following outputs in response to the requirements above:

1. An evidenced and researched report into digital exclusion in the West of England region

This document should include:

- **Who is digitally excluded?**
- **What is the current provision for support to residents and businesses who are digitally excluded?**
- **Who are the Key stakeholders in the region?**
- **Conclusion**

2. Presentation to stakeholders

1.8 Reporting

Bi-weekly progress reports are required, with meetings/check-ins as needed to review progress and emerging findings. Meetings can be in person/ teams as necessary.

1.9 Terms of Contract

Contract will use the standard WECA terms and conditions for this contract.

1.10 Contract Value

The budget for this work is up to £20,000 inclusive of all fees and expenses and exclusive of VAT. All bids will be evaluated in accordance with Section 4 which is designed to help the Combined Authority obtain best value for money.

We always refer to NET cost in terms and Tenders.

You should include in your submission the total number of days you have allocated for this tender and your day rate, with an overall total cost.

1.11 Milestones

Timescales/Project Milestones:	September – November 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contract acceptance- Kick off meeting to agree working arrangements and milestones.- Bi-weekly progress reports- Draft report produced (31st Oct 2024)- Final report produced (11th Nov 2024)- Stakeholder presentation of findings (Autumn 2024. Date TBC – anticipate mid - late Nov)
Provide estimate of fees and proposal by:	5 September 2024

SECTION 2 – INSTRUCTIONS TO QUOTE

2.1 E-Quote System

The Authority uses ATAMIS as its e-procurement system. Assistance in relation to the e-procurement system is available to suppliers via the Supplier Help Icon within the system. Supplier Guidance documents are also available to view and download.

2.2 Register Interest or opt out.

Once the Quote Information has been viewed suppliers will be able to click on “Register Interest” which will inform the Authority of your intention to respond to this opportunity.

2.3 Preparation of Quote

Suppliers must obtain for themselves all information necessary for the preparation of their Quote response and all costs, expenses and liabilities incurred by the supplier in connection with the preparation and submission of the Quote shall be borne by the supplier, if their offer is successful.

Information supplied to the supplier by Authority staff or contained in Authority publications is supplied only for general guidance in the preparation of the Quote. It shall remain the property of the Authority and shall be used only for the purpose of this procurement exercise.

Suppliers must satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of any such information and no responsibility is accepted by the Authority for any loss or damage of whatever kind and howsoever caused arising from the use by suppliers of such information.

2.4 Price Schedule/s

The Authority requires suppliers to complete and upload Price Schedule(s) where requested to do so within the e-procurement system.

All prices shall be in Pounds Sterling.

2.5 Other Documents or Supporting Evidence

If instructed to do so within the e-procurement system, the supplier must complete and upload other documentation that may be provided with this Invitation to Quote, or upload evidence to support their submission.

Documentation: Do not include any macro enabled spreadsheets or embedded documents. Acceptable file formats are *txt, rtf, mpp, vsd, dwg, rar, msg, ics, html, gif, jpg, png, jpeg, tiff, tif, zip, pdf, doc, xls, ppt, docx, xlsx, pptx, mp3, mov, m4a, swf,*

wmv, mpg, mpeg, avi, wav, odt, odp, ods, numbers and pages. If you are uploading multiple documents, it is recommended that you zip them using WinZip or WinRAR

Quotes must not be qualified or conditional. Only Quotes submitted without qualification will be accepted for consideration. If a Quote is excluded from consideration, the supplier will be notified.

2.6 Submission deadline

Suppliers are required to submit their Quote within the e-procurement system by **5 September** and should allow sufficient time to complete questions and upload documentation were requested to do so. Quotes received after the closing date will not be considered and will result in the Authority rejecting the Quote as a Fail / Non-compliant Quote. Emailed or hard copy Tenders will not be accepted.

The Authority is under no obligation to consider partial or late submissions.

If the Authority issues an amendment to the original Quote and if it regards that amendment as significant, an extension of the closing date may, at the discretion of the Authority, be given to all Organisations.

The Authority expressly reserves the right to require a supplier to provide additional information supplementing or clarifying any of the information provided in response to the requests set out in the Quote. However, the Authority is not obliged to make such requests.

Suppliers shall accept and acknowledge that by issuing this ITQ the Authority shall not be bound to accept any Quote and reserves the right not to conclude a Contract for some or all of the services for which Quotes are invited.

2.7 Quote Validity

The Quote should remain open for acceptance for a period of 60 days. A Quote valid for a shorter period may be rejected.

2.8 Communication

All contact and communication during this procurement should be submitted in writing through the e-procurement system including any clarification questions in sufficient time before the closing date, to enable the Authority to respond to all suppliers. It is not acceptable for suppliers to seek clarifications via telephone or e-mail outside of the e-procurement system.

2.9 Confidentiality

The supplier must keep confidential and will not disclose to any third parties any information contained within their bid. They shall not release details other than on an 'In Confidence' basis to those whom they need to consult for the purpose of preparing the Quote response, such as professional advisors or joint bidders.

The Quote shall not be canvassed for acceptance or discussed with the media, any other Organisation, member/officer of the West of England Mayoral Combined

Authority, or their representatives. Any supplier trying to exert any undue influence during the tender process could be excluded from the process.

2.10 Disclaimer

Neither the Authority, [nor any relevant Other Contracting Bodies], nor their advisors, respective directors, officers, members, partners, employees, other staff or agents:

- make any representation or warranty (express or implied) as to the accuracy, reasonableness or completeness of the ITQ; or
- accepts any responsibility for the information contained in the ITQ or for their fairness, accuracy or completeness of that information nor shall any of them be liable for any loss or damage (other than in respect of fraudulent misrepresentation) arising as a result of reliance on such information or any subsequent communication.

Any resulting Contract shall be governed by English law.

2.11 Freedom of Information Act

Suppliers should note that the Authority is subject to the 'Freedom of Information Act 2000'. Suppliers are requested to state which part, if any, of the information supplied with their Quote is confidential or commercially sensitive or should not be disclosed in response to a request for information and why. Suppliers' statements will be considered however the Authority is unable to give any guarantee that the information in question will not be disclosed.

2.12 Transparency

Suppliers and those organisations who bid should be aware that if they are awarded a contract, the resulting contract between the supplier and the Authority will be published under the government transparency policy. To view details of what we MUST publish, see the Local Government Transparency Code 2015 at [Local Government Transparency code 2015](#)

The Authority is required to publish details of all expenditure over £500 made to its suppliers and all contracts and framework agreements over £5000.

Details will be published on the Authority's website and the government's transparency website (Data.gov.uk) and Contracts Finder.

2.13 Procurement Timetable

Milestone	Date
Publication of Invitation to Tender	22 August 2024
Clarification deadline	4 September 2024
Deadline for Tender submissions	5 September 2024
Evaluation	5 September – 12 September 2024
Award/ Contract starts	W/C 23 September 2024
Kick off meeting	W/C 23 September 2024

SECTION 3 – QUESTIONNAIRE

3.1 Quality Questions

Questions which will be used to assess the Quality element are reproduced below, and the Price/Quality split is detailed in section 4.1.

1. Demonstrate a good understanding and knowledge of digital inclusion/exclusion in the West of England and how this issue impacts residents in the region. Reference national context as required. Explain how this qualifies you to deliver this project.
2. Demonstrate prior experience delivering similar projects in the public sector. Explain how this qualifies you to deliver this project.
3. Detail the specific staff that will work on this project and provide CVs that demonstrate relevant experience.
4. Provide a methodology for how you would deliver this research by the indicated deadlines, demonstrating a clear understanding of the aims, objectives and scope of study. Describe how you will identify, engage and collaborate with the key stakeholders. Include information on the handling of data. Detail any potential risks in this project and how you will mitigate.

SECTION 4 – EVALUATION AND AWARD

4.1 Evaluation

This request for quote will be evaluated as follows.

The price and quality split are detailed in the table below:

AWARD CRITERIA	Sub Weighting	Criteria	Question
Price 30%	N/A	Pricing	Submission of breakdown of costs including fixed day rate with set number of days
Quality 70%	30%	Knowledge and Experience	<p>Criteria 1: Demonstrate a good understanding and knowledge of digital inclusion/exclusion in the West of England and how this issue impacts residents in the region. Reference national context as required. Explain how this qualifies you to deliver this project.</p> <p>Criteria 2: Demonstrate prior experience delivering similar projects in the public sector. Explain how this qualifies you to deliver this project.</p>
	15%	Experience of team	Criteria 3: Detail the specific staff that will work on this project and provide CVs that demonstrate relevant experience.
	25%	Proposed Methodology	<p>Criteria 4: Provide a methodology for how you would deliver this research by the indicated deadlines, demonstrating a clear understanding of the aims, objectives and scope of study. Describe how you will identify, engage and collaborate with the key stakeholders. Include information on the handling of data. Detail any potential risks in this project and how you will mitigate.</p>

** Maximum 5 A4 pages for proposal (min font size 11pt). CV not included in page limit.

Quality Scoring

Where responses to questions are to be scored, the following scores are applied by Evaluators to a Bidder's submitted responses.

The scores are awarded dependent on the level of evidence provided to each question. A score of 3 represents an acceptable level of evidence.

0 – No response and/or evidence is unacceptable or non-existent, or there is a failure to properly address any issue. The Authority does not have any confidence in the Bidder's experience, capacity and ability to meet its requirements.

1 – The response and/or the evidence are deficient (or not relevant) in the majority of areas and the Authority has a low level of confidence in the Bidder's experience, capacity and capability to meet its requirements.

2 – Large portions of the response are not satisfactory and/or are not supported by a satisfactory level of evidence and the Authority has limited confidence in the Bidder's experience, capacity and capability to meet its requirements.

3 – The response is satisfactory and supported by an acceptable standard of relevant evidence but with some reservations/issues not addressed. The Authority is satisfied with the Bidder's experience, capacity and capability to meet its requirements.

4 – The response is comprehensive and supported by a good standard of relevant evidence and provides the Authority with a good standard of confidence in the Bidder's experience, capacity and capability to meet its requirements.

5 – The standard of the response is very high, and the relevance of the response and the supporting evidence is very comprehensive and provides the Authority with a very high level of confidence in the Bidder's experience, capacity and capability to meet the Authority's requirements.

Applying weightings to scores

The weighting for the overall tender between quality and price is listed in the table above. The quality and price criteria are given sub-weightings (also listed above).

The total score will depend on the number of questions for that criterion. So, if there are 20 questions for Contract Management, for example, then the maximum marks will be 100 (20 x 5) because each question is scored out of 5.

The weighted score is the total score represented as a percentage of the sub-weighting. So, if the sub-weighting for Contract Management was 20%, then scoring 100 would achieve the full 20%. 50 would achieve 10% out of 20% etc.

All sub-criteria weighted scores are added together to achieve a total weighted score out of the main quality weighting.

Price Evaluations: The scoring is carried out within an Excel spread sheet outside of the e-tender system.

All price bids are compared against the lowest bid to reach the percentage difference from the lowest bid.

Example with price weighting 40%, the calculation is:

$(40 \times \text{lowest price}) / \text{bid price}$

The lowest price bid would receive the full 40 points.

The price weighting applicable to this tender is in the table above.

4.2 **Recommendation**

An evaluation will be produced by the panel and recommendation made to award to the winning Contractor.

4.3 **Contract Award**

The approval of the award will be made by the appropriate Authority representative.

SECTION 5 - APPENDICES

Appendices

1. Non-Collusion Certificate
2. Terms and Conditions of Contract

APPENDIX 1

NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying Quote to

(Name of Client)

.....

in relation to (details of Quote and reference)

.....

certify on behalf of (name of supplier)

that, with the exception of any information attached hereto (see * below):

- 1) this Quote is made in good faith and is intended to be genuinely competitive.
- 2) the amount of this Quote has been arrived at independently, and has not been fixed, adjusted or influenced by any agreement or arrangement with any other undertaking, and has not been communicated to any competitor.
- 3) we have not entered into any agreement or arrangement with any competitor or potential competitor in relation to this Quote.
- 4) I have read, and I understand the contents of this Certificate, and I understand that knowingly making a false declaration on this form may result in legal action being taken against me.

In this certificate, the word 'competitor' includes any undertaking who has been requested to submit a Quote or who is qualified to submit a Quote in response to this request for Quote, and the words 'any agreement or arrangement' include any such transaction, whether or not legally binding, formal or informal, written or oral.

* Information is/is not attached hereto (delete as appropriate)

SIGNED:

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

DATE:

Invitation to Quote Appendix 2 – Form of Tender

For Development of a West of England Digital Inclusion Programme

Form of Tender Letter

Important Note: Where a Bidder is a consortium, this Form of Tender Letter must be signed by the authorised signatories of all members of the consortium. Each signatory must confirm his/her name and title as well as the full name and address of the member of the consortium on whose behalf he/she is signing.

To: West of England Combined Authority (the “Combined Authority”)

I/We the undersigned, having read the draft Contract and Specification do hereby offer to complete the supply of services required to be performed in the carrying out of the above contract in accordance with the above documents, to the criteria as appended to this letter.

I/We understand that the Combined Authority is not bound to accept the lowest or any Tender and will not pay any expenses incurred by me/us in connection with the preparation and submission of this Tender.

I/We agree that my/our Tender remains open for consideration for a period of 90 days from the date fixed for submission of Tenders. I/We declare that the insurance specified in the draft Contract is currently maintained by us.

I/We confirm that I/we have the capability and resources to meet all requirements of the draft Contract and the Specification in terms of quality, cost and time.

Signed:

Designation:

(Duly authorised to sign tenders and give such certificate for and on behalf of):

Tenderer:

Date:

Address:

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Appendix A - Variation Form

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A1 Definitions and Interpretation

A1.1 In this Contract unless the context otherwise requires the following provisions shall have the meanings given to them below:

“Agreement” means this Contract.

“Approval” means the written consent of the Authority. **“Authority”** means West

of England Combined Authority. **“Commencement Date”** means the date of the

Contract.

“Commercially Sensitive Information” means the information listed in the Commercially Sensitive Information Schedule comprised of information:

- (a) which is provided by the Contractor to the Authority in confidence for the period set out in that Schedule; and/or
- (b) that constitutes a trade secret.

“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, trade secrets, Intellectual Property Rights and know-how of either Party and all personal data and sensitive personal data within the meaning of the DPA 2018. Confidential Information shall not include information which:

- (a) was public knowledge at the time of disclosure (otherwise than by breach of clause E3 (Confidential Information)).
- (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.

“Contract” means this written agreement between the Authority and the Contractor consisting of these clauses and any attached Schedules.

“Contracting Authority” means any contracting authority as defined in Part 1 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

“Contractor” means the person, firm or company with whom the Authority enters into the Contract.

“Contract Period” means the period from the Commencement Date to:

- (a) the date of expiry set out in clause A2 (Initial Contract Period), or
- (b) following an extension pursuant to clause F8 (Extension of Initial Contract Period), the date of expiry of the extended period,

or such earlier date of termination or partial termination of the agreement in accordance with the Law or the provisions of the Contract.

“Contract Price” means the price (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Contractor by the Authority under the Contract, as set out in the Pricing Schedule, for the full and proper performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract but before taking into account the effect of any adjustment of price in accordance with clause C4 (Price Adjustment on Extension of Initial Contract Period).

“Data Loss Event” means any event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Contractor under this Agreement, and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Agreement, including any Personal Data Breach.

“DPA 2018” means Data Protection Act 2018

“Data Protection Impact Assessment” means an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged processing on the protection of Personal Data.

“Data Protection Legislation” means (i) the GDPR, the LED and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time (ii) the DPA 2018 [subject to Royal Assent] to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy; (iii) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy;

“Data Subject Access Request” means a request made by, or on behalf of, a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation to access their Personal Data.

“Default” means any breach of the obligations of the relevant Party (including but not limited to fundamental breach or breach of a fundamental term) or any other default, act, omission, negligence or negligent statement of the relevant Party or the Staff in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which such Party is liable to the other.

“Environmental Information Regulations” 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 such regulations.

“Equipment” means the Contractor’s equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

“Fees Regulations” means the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

“FOIA” means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate.

legislation made under this Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such legislation.

“Force Majeure” 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 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 sub-contractor’s organisation; or
- (b) the failure by any sub-contractor to perform its obligations under any sub-contract.

“Fraud” means any offence under Laws creating offences in respect of fraudulent acts or at common law in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to the Contract or defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Crown.

“GDPR” means the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679)

“Good Industry Practice” means 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.

“Information” has the meaning given under section 84 of the FOIA.

“Initial Contract Period” means the period from the Commencement Date to the date of expiry set out in clause A2 (Initial Contract Period), or such earlier date of termination of the Contract in accordance with the Law or the provisions of the Contract.

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

“Key Personnel” means those persons named in the Specification as being key personnel.

“Law” means any applicable Act of Parliament, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, exercise of the royal prerogative, enforceable community right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulatory policy, guidance or industry code, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements or any Regulatory Body of which the Contractor is bound to comply.

“LED” means Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680)

“Monitoring Schedule” means the Schedule containing details of the monitoring arrangements.

“Month” means calendar month.

“Party” means a party to this Agreement.

“Premises” means the location where the Services are to be supplied, as set out in the Specification.

“Pricing Schedule” means the Schedule containing details of the Contract Price.

“Property” means the property, other than real property, issued or made available to the Contractor by the Authority in connection with the Contract.

“Protective Measures” means appropriate technical and organisational measures which may include: pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the such measures adopted by it.

“Provider Personnel” means all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Provider and/or of any Sub-Contractor engaged in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

“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 Schedule.

“Receipt” means the physical or electronic arrival of the invoice at the address of the Authority detailed at clause A5.3 or at any other address given by the Authority to the Contractor for the submission of invoices.

“Regulatory Bodies” means those government departments 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 Authority and “Regulatory Body” shall be construed accordingly.

“Replacement Contractor” means any third-party service provider appointed by the Authority to supply any services which are substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Authority receives in substitution for any of the Services following the expiry, termination or

partial termination of the Contract.

“Request for Information” shall have the meaning set out in FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations as relevant (where the meaning set out for the term “request” shall apply).

“Relevant Convictions” means a conviction that is relevant to the nature of the Services or as listed by the Authority and/or relevant to the work of the Authority.

“Schedule” means a schedule attached to, and forming part of, the Contract.

“Services” means the services to be supplied as specified in the Specification.

“Specification” means the description of the Services to be supplied under the Contract as set out in the Specification Schedule including, where appropriate, the Key Personnel, the Premises and the Quality Standards.

“Specification Schedule” means the Schedule containing details of the Specification.

“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.

“Staff Vetting Procedure” means the Authority’s procedures for the vetting of personnel and as advised to the Contractor by the Authority.

“Sub-processor” means any third Party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of the Contractor related to this Agreement.

“Tender” means the document(s) submitted by the Contractor to the Authority in response to the Authority’s invitation to suppliers for formal.

offers to supply it with the Services.

“Variation” has the meaning given to it in clause F3.1 (Variation).

“VAT” means value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

“Working Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in the City of London.

Controller, Processor, Data Subject, Personal Data, Personal Data Breach, Data Protection Officer take the meaning given in the GDPR.

A1.2 The interpretation and construction of this Contract shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (a) words importing the singular meaning include where the context so admits the plural meaning and vice versa.
- (b) words importing the masculine include the feminine and the neuter.
- (c) reference to a clause is a reference to the whole of that clause unless stated otherwise.
- (d) reference to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or other similar instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as amended by any subsequent enactment, modification, order, regulation or instrument as subsequently amended or re-enacted.
- (e) reference to any person shall include natural persons and partnerships, firms and other incorporated bodies and all other legal persons of whatever kind and however constituted and their successors and permitted assigns or transferees.
- (f) the words “include”, “includes” and “including” are to be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words “without limitation”; and
- (g) headings are included in the Contract for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of the Contract.

A2 Initial Contract Period

The Contract shall take effect on the Commencement Date and shall expire automatically on [..... 20--], unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, or otherwise lawfully terminated, or extended under clause F8 (Extension of Initial Contract Period).

A3 Contractor's Status

At all times during the Contract Period the Contractor shall be an independent contractor and nothing in the Contract shall create a contract of employment, a relationship of agency or partnership or a joint venture between the Parties and accordingly neither Party shall be authorised to act in the name of, or on behalf of, or otherwise bind the other Party save as expressly permitted by the terms of the Contract.

A4 Authority's Obligations

Save as otherwise expressly provided, the obligations of the Authority under the Contract are obligations of the Authority in its capacity as a contracting counterparty and nothing in the Contract shall operate as an obligation upon, or in any other way fetter or constrain the Authority in any other capacity, nor shall the exercise by the Authority of its duties and powers in any other capacity lead to any liability under the Contract (howsoever arising) on the part of the Authority to the Contractor.

A5 Notices

A5.1 Except as otherwise expressly provided within the Contract, no notice or other communication from one Party to the other shall have any validity under the Contract unless made in writing by or on behalf of the Party concerned.

A5.2 Any notice or other communication which is to be given by either Party to the other shall be given by letter (sent by hand, first class post, recorded

delivery or special delivery), or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail (confirmed in either case by letter). Such letters shall be addressed to the other Party in the manner referred to in clause A5.3. Provided the relevant communication is not returned as undelivered, the notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given [2] Working Days after the day on which the letter was posted, or [4] hours, in the case of electronic mail or facsimile transmission or sooner where the other Party acknowledges receipt of such letters, facsimile transmission or item of electronic mail.

A5.3 For the purposes of clause A5.2, the address of each Party shall be:

(a) For the Authority:

[Address:]

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For the attention of:

Tel: []

Email: []

(b) For the Contractor:

[Name]

[Address:]

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For the attention of:

Tel: []

Email: []

A5.4 Either Party may change its address for service by serving a notice in accordance with this clause.

A6 Mistakes in Information

The Contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of all drawings, documentation and information supplied to the Authority by the Contractor in connection with the supply of the Services and shall pay the Authority any extra costs occasioned by any discrepancies, errors or omissions.

therein.

A7 Conflicts of Interest

A7.1 The Contractor shall take appropriate steps to ensure that neither the Contractor nor any Staff is placed in a position where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Contractor and the duties owed to the Authority under the provisions of the Contract. The Contractor will disclose to the Authority full particulars of any such conflict of interest which may arise.

A7.2 The Authority reserves the right to terminate the Contract immediately by notice in writing and/or to take such other steps it deems necessary where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Contractor and the duties owed to the Authority under the provisions of the Contract. The actions of the Authority pursuant to this clause shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Authority.

B. SUPPLY OF SERVICES

B1 The Services

B1.1 The Contractor shall supply the Services during the Contract Period in accordance with the Authority's requirements as set out in the Specification and the provisions of the Contract in consideration of the payment of the Contract Price. The Authority may inspect and examine the manner in which the Contractor supplies the Services at the Premises during normal business hours on reasonable notice.

B1.2 If the Authority informs the Contractor in writing that the Authority reasonably believes that any part of the Services does not meet the requirements of the Contract or differ in any way from those requirements, and this is other than as a result of a Default by the Authority, the

Contractor shall at its own expense re-schedule and carry out the Services in accordance with the requirements of the Contract within such reasonable time as may be specified by the Authority.

B1.3 Subject to the Authority providing written consent in accordance with clause B2.2 (Provision and Removal of Equipment), timely supply of the Services shall be of the essence of the Contract, including in relation to commencing the supply of the Services within the time agreed or on a specified date.

B2 Provision and Removal of Equipment

B2.1 The Contractor shall provide all the Equipment necessary for the supply of the Services.

B2.2 The Contractor shall not deliver any Equipment nor begin any work on the Premises without obtaining prior Approval.

B2.3 All Equipment brought onto the Premises shall be at the Contractor's own risk and the Authority shall have no liability for any loss of or damage to any Equipment unless the Contractor is able to demonstrate that such loss or damage was caused or contributed to by the Authority's Default. The Contractor shall provide for the haulage or carriage thereof to the Premises and the removal of Equipment when no longer required at its sole cost. Unless otherwise agreed, Equipment brought onto the Premises will remain the property of the Contractor.

B2.4 The Contractor shall maintain all items of Equipment within the Premises in a safe, serviceable and clean condition.

B2.5 The Contractor shall, at the Authority's written request, at its own expense and as soon as reasonably practicable:

- (a) remove from the Premises and Equipment which in the reasonable opinion of the Authority is either hazardous, noxious or not in accordance with the Contract; and
- (b) replace such item with a suitable substitute item of Equipment.

B2.6 On completion of the Services the Contractor shall remove the Equipment together with any other materials used by the Contractor to supply the Services and shall leave the Premises in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Contractor is solely responsible for making good any damage to the Premises or any objects contained thereon, other than fair wear and tear, which is caused by the Contractor or any Staff.

B3 Manner of Carrying Out the Services

B3.1 The Contractor shall at all times comply with the Quality Standards, and where applicable shall maintain accreditation with the relevant Quality Standards authorisation body. To the extent that the standard of Services has not been specified in the Contract, the Contractor shall agree the relevant standard of the Services with the Authority prior to the supply of the Services and, in any event, the Contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract in accordance with the Law and Good Industry Practice.

B3.2 The Contractor shall ensure that all Staff supplying the Services shall do so with all due skill, care and diligence and shall possess such qualifications, skills and experience as are necessary for the proper supply of the Services.

B4 Key Personnel

B4.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Key Personnel are essential to the proper provision of the Services to the Authority. [The Key Personnel shall be responsible for ...].

B4.2 The Key Personnel shall not be released from supplying the Services without the agreement of the Authority, except by reason of long-term sickness, maternity leave, paternity leave or termination of employment and other extenuating circumstances.

B4.3 Any replacements to the Key Personnel shall be subject to the agreement of the Authority. Such replacements shall be of at least equal status or of equivalent experience and skills to the Key Personnel being replaced and be suitable for the responsibilities of that person in relation to the Services.

B4.4 The Authority shall not unreasonably withhold its agreement under clauses B4.2 or B4.3. Such agreement shall be conditional on appropriate arrangements being made by the Contractor to minimise any adverse impact on the Contract which could be caused by a change in Key Personnel.

B5 Contractor's Staff

B5.1 The Authority may, by written notice to the Contractor, refuse to admit onto, or withdraw permission to remain on, the Premises:

- (a) any member of the Staff; or
- (b) any person employed or engaged by any member of the Staff,

whose admission or continued presence would, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, be undesirable.

B5.2 At the Authority's written request, the Contractor shall provide a list of the names and addresses of all persons who may require admission in connection with the Contract to the Premises, specifying the capacities in which they are concerned with the Contract and giving such other particulars as the Authority may reasonably request.

B5.3 The Contractor's Staff, engaged within the boundaries of the Premises, shall comply with such rules, regulations and requirements (including those relating to security arrangements) as may be in force from time to time for the conduct of personnel when at or outside the Premises.

B5.4 The Contractor shall comply with Staff Vetting Procedures in respect of all persons employed or engaged in the provision of the Services. The Contractor confirms that all persons employed or engaged by the

Contractor was vetted and recruited on a basis that is equivalent to and no less strict than the Staff Vetting Procedures.

B5.5 The Authority may require the Contractor to ensure that any person employed in the provision of the Services has undertaken a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check as per the Staff Vetting Procedures. The Contractor shall ensure that no person who discloses that he/she has a Relevant Conviction, or is found by the Contractor to have a Relevant Conviction (whether as a result of a police check or through the DBS check or otherwise) is employed or engaged in the provision of any part of the Services.

B5.6 If the Contractor fails to comply with clause B5.2 within [2] Months of the date of the request and in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, such failure may be prejudicial to the interests of the Crown, then the Authority may terminate the Contract, provided always that such termination shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Authority.

B5.7 The decision of the Authority as to whether any person is to be refused access to the Premises and as to whether the Contractor has failed to comply with clause B5.2 shall be final and conclusive.

B6 Inspection of Premises

Save as the Authority may otherwise direct, the Contractor is deemed to have inspected the Premises before submitting its Tender and to have made appropriate enquiries so as to be satisfied in relation to all matters connected with the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

B7 Licence to occupy Premises.

B7.1 Any land or Premises made available from time to time to the Contractor by the Authority 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 Premises as licensee and shall vacate the same on completion, termination or abandonment of the Contract.

B7.2 The Contractor shall limit access to the land or Premises to such Staff as is necessary to enable it to perform its obligations under the Contract and the Contractor shall co-operate (and ensure that its Staff co-operate) with such other persons working concurrently on such land or Premises as the Authority may reasonably request.

B7.3 Should the Contractor require modifications to the Premises, such modifications shall be subject to prior Approval and shall be carried out by the Authority at the Contractor's expense. The Authority shall undertake approved modification work without undue delay. Ownership of such modifications shall rest with the Authority.

B7.4 The Contractor shall (and shall ensure that its Staff shall) observe and comply with such rules and regulations as may be in force at any time for the use of such Premises as determined by the Authority, and the Contractor shall pay for the cost of making good any damage caused by the Contractor or its Staff other than fair wear and tear. For the avoidance of doubt, damage includes damage to the fabric of the buildings, plant, fixed equipment or fittings therein.

B7.5 The Parties agree that there is no intention on the part of the Authority to create a tenancy of any nature whatsoever in favour of the Contractor or its Staff and that no such tenancy has or shall come into being and, notwithstanding any rights granted pursuant to the Contract, the Authority retains the right at any time to use any premises owned or occupied by it in any manner it sees fit.

B8 Property

B8.1 Where the Authority issues Property free of charge to the Contractor such Property shall be and remain the property of the Authority and the Contractor irrevocably licences the Authority and its agents to enter upon

any premises of the Contractor during normal business hours on reasonable notice to recover any such Property. The Contractor shall not in any circumstances have a lien or any other interest on the Property and the Contractor shall at all times possess the Property as fiduciary agent and bailee of the Authority. The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the title of the Authority to the Property and the exclusion of any such lien or other interest are brought to the notice of all sub- contractors and other appropriate persons and shall, at the Authority's request, store the Property separately and ensure that it is clearly identifiable as belonging to the Authority.

B8.2 The Property shall be deemed to be in good condition when received by or on behalf of the Contractor unless the Contractor notifies the Authority otherwise within 5 Working Days of receipt.

B8.3 The Contractor shall maintain the Property in good order and condition (excluding fair wear and tear) and shall use the Property solely in connection with the Contract and for no other purpose without prior Approval.

B8.4 The Contractor shall ensure the security of all the Property whilst in its possession, either on the Premises or elsewhere during the supply of the Services, in accordance with the Authority's reasonable security requirements as required from time to time.

B8.5 The Contractor shall be liable for all loss of, or damage to, the Property (excluding fair wear and tear), unless such loss or damage was caused by the Authority's Default. The Contractor shall inform the Authority within [2] Working Days of becoming aware of any defects appearing in, or losses or damage occurring to, the Property.

B9 Offers of Employment

For the duration of the Contract and for a period of 12 months thereafter neither the Authority nor the Contractor shall employ or offer employment to any of the other Party's staff who have been associated with the

procurement and/or the contract management of the Services without that other Party's prior written consent.

C PAYMENT AND CONTRACT PRICE

C1 Contract Price

C1.1 In consideration of the Contractor's performance of its obligations under the Contract, the Authority shall pay the Contract Price in accordance with clause C2 (Payment and VAT).

C1.2 The Authority shall, in addition to the Contract Price and following Receipt of a valid VAT invoice, pay the Contractor a sum equal to the VAT chargeable on the value of the Services supplied in accordance with the Contract.

C2 Payment and VAT

C2.1 The Authority shall pay all sums due to the Contractor within 30 days of Receipt of a valid invoice, submitted monthly in arrears.

C2.2 The Contractor shall ensure that each invoice contains all appropriate references and a detailed breakdown of the Services supplied and that it is supported by any other documentation reasonably required by the Authority to substantiate the invoice.

C2.3 Where the Contractor enters into a sub-contract with a supplier or contractor for the purpose of performing its obligations under the Contract, it shall ensure that a provision is included in such a sub-contract which requires payment to be made of all sums due by the Contractor to the sub- contractor within a specified period not exceeding 30 days from the receipt of a valid invoice.

C2.4 The Contractor shall add VAT to the Contract Price at the prevailing rate as applicable.

C2.5 The Contractor shall indemnify the Authority on a continuing basis against any liability, including any interest, penalties or costs incurred, which is levied, demanded or assessed on the Authority at any time in respect of the Contractor's failure to account for or to pay any VAT relating to payments made to the Contractor under the Contract. Any amounts due under this clause C2.5 shall be paid by the Contractor to the Authority not less than 5 Working Days before the date upon which the tax or other liability is payable by the Authority.

C2.6 The Contractor shall not suspend the supply of the Services unless the Contractor is entitled to terminate the Contract under clause H2.3 (Termination on Default) for failure to pay undisputed sums of money. Interest shall be payable by the Authority on the late payment of any undisputed sums of money properly invoiced in accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.

C3 Recovery of Sums Due

C3.1 Wherever under the Contract any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor (including any sum which the Contractor is liable to pay to the Authority in respect of any breach of the Contract), the Authority may unilaterally deduct that sum from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due to the Contractor under the Contract or under any other agreement or contract with the Authority.

C3.2 Any overpayment by either Party, whether of the Contract Price or of VAT or otherwise, shall be a sum of money recoverable by the Party who made the overpayment from the Party in receipt of the overpayment.

C3.3 The Contractor shall make all payments due to the Authority without any deduction whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise unless the Contractor has a valid court order requiring an amount equal to such deduction to be paid by the Authority to the Contractor.

C3.4 All payments due shall be made within a reasonable time unless otherwise.

specified in the Contract, in cleared funds, to such bank or building society account as the recipient Party may from time to time direct.

C4 Price adjustment on extension of the Initial Contract Period

C4.1 The Contract Price shall apply for the Initial Contract Period. In the event that the Authority agrees to extend the Initial Contract Period pursuant to clause F8 (Extension of Initial Contract Period) the Authority shall, in the 6 month period prior to the expiry of the Initial Contract Period, enter into good faith negotiations with the Contractor (for a period of not more than 30 Working Days) to agree a variation in the Contract Price.

C4.2 If the Parties are unable to agree a variation in the Contract Price in accordance with clause C4.1, the Contract shall terminate at the end of the Initial Contract Period.

C4.3 If a variation in the Contract Price is agreed between the Authority and the Contractor, the revised Contract Price will take effect from the first day of any period of extension and shall apply during such period of extension.

C4.4 Any increase in the Contract Price pursuant to clause C4.1 shall not exceed the percentage change in the Office of National Statistics' Consumer Prices Index (CPI) (or another such index specified in the Pricing Schedule) between the Commencement Date and the date 6 Months before the end of the Initial Contract Period.

D. STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS AND REGULATIONS

D1 Prevention of Corruption

D1.1 The Contractor shall not offer or give, or agree to give, to the Authority or any other public body or any person employed by or on behalf of the Authority or any other public body any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing, refraining from doing, or for having done or refrained from doing, any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the Contract or any other contract with the Authority or any

other public body, or for showing or refraining from showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the Contract or any such contract.

D1.2 The Contractor warrants that it has not paid commission or agreed to pay commission to the Authority or any other public body or any person employed by or on behalf of the Authority or any other public body in connection with the Contract.

D1.3 If the Contractor, its Staff or anyone acting on the Contractor's behalf, engages in conduct prohibited by clauses D1.1 or D1.2, the Authority may:

- (a) terminate the Contract and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss suffered by the Authority resulting from the termination, including the cost reasonably incurred by the Authority of making other arrangements for the supply of the Services and any additional expenditure incurred by the Authority throughout the remainder of the Contract Period; or
- (b) recover in full of the Contractor any other loss sustained by the Authority in consequence of any breach of those clauses.

D2 Prevention of Fraud

D2.1 The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps, in accordance with Good Industry Practice, to prevent Fraud by Staff and the Contractor (including its shareholders, members, directors) in connection with the receipt of monies from the Authority.

D2.2 The Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately if it has reason to suspect that any Fraud has occurred or is occurring or is likely to occur.

D2.3 If the Contractor or its Staff commits Fraud in relation to this or any other contract with the Crown (including the Authority) the Authority may:

- (a) terminate the Contract and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss suffered by the Authority resulting from the termination, including the cost reasonably incurred by the Authority of making.

other arrangements for the supply of the Services and any additional expenditure incurred by the Authority throughout the remainder of the Contract Period; or

- (b) recover in full of the Contractor any other loss sustained by the Authority in consequence of any breach of this clause.

D3 Discrimination

D3.1 The Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate either directly or indirectly on such grounds as race, colour, ethnic or national origin, disability, sex or sexual orientation, religion or belief, or age and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998 or other relevant or equivalent legislation, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

D3.2 The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of clause D3.1 by all Staff and the staff of its sub-contractors if appointed.

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D4 The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

A person who is not a Party to the Contract shall have no right to enforce any of its provisions which, expressly or by implication, confer a benefit on him, without the prior written agreement of both Parties. This clause does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 and does not apply to the Crown.

D5 Environmental Requirements

The Contractor shall, when working on the Premises, perform its obligations under the Contract in accordance with the Authority's environmental policy, which is to conserve energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, reduce waste and phase out the use of ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the

environment.

D6 Health and Safety

D6.1 The Contractor shall promptly notify the Authority of any health and safety hazards which may arise in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Authority shall promptly notify the Contractor of any health and safety hazards which may exist or arise at the Premises, and which may affect the Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

D6.2 While on the Premises, the Contractor shall comply with any health and safety measures implemented by the Authority in respect of Staff and other persons working there.

D6.3 The Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately in the event of any incident occurring in the performance of its obligations under the Contract on the Premises where that incident causes any personal injury or damage to property which could give rise to personal injury.

D6.4 The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and any other acts, orders, regulations and codes of practice relating to health and safety, which may apply to Staff and other persons working on the Premises in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

D6.5 The Contractor shall ensure that its health and safety policy statement (as required by the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974) is made available to the Authority on request.

D7 Modern Slavery Act 2015

D7.1 The Contractor shall prepare a slavery and human trafficking statement for each financial year in accordance with Section 54¹ of the Modern Slavery

¹ Section 54 requires commercial organisations with a turnover of more than £36m to prepare an annual Modern Slavery statement. See the Modern Slavery Act 2015 for full details.

Act 2015 showing:

- (a) a statement of the steps the Contractor has taken during the financial year to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place.
 - (i) in any of its supply chains, and
 - (ii) in any part of its own business, or
- (b) a statement that the Contractor has taken no such steps.

D7.2

The Contractor:

- a) shall not use, or allow its Subcontractors to use, forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour.
- b) shall not require any of its employees or Subcontractor's employees to lodge deposits or identity papers or deny its employees' freedom to leave their employment after reasonable notice.
- c) warrants and represents that it has not been convicted of any slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world.
- d) warrants that to the best of its knowledge it is not currently under investigation, inquiry, or enforcement proceedings in relation to any allegation of slavery or human trafficking offenses anywhere around the world.
- e) shall make reasonable enquiries to ensure that its officers, employees and Subcontractors have not been convicted of slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world.
- f) shall have and maintain throughout the term of the Contract its own policies and procedures to ensure its compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and shall include in its contracts with its Subcontractor's anti-slavery and human trafficking provisions.
- g) shall implement due diligence procedures to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in any part of its supply chain performing obligations under the Contract.
- h) shall prepare and deliver to the Customer (if requested) within 2 months from the date of a request, a report, pertaining to the Contract, demonstrating its approach to modern slavery and human trafficking, including, workforce conditions, working/employment practices, its recruitment practices, evidence of risk management and monitoring.

processes and details of its ongoing supply chain monitoring and updates on any action plans it puts in place with its supply chain.

l) shall not use, or allow its employees or Subcontractors to use, physical abuse or discipline, the threat of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse or other forms of intimidation of its employees or Subcontractors.

j) shall not use, or allow its Subcontractors to use, child or slave labour.

k) shall report the discovery or suspicion of any slavery or trafficking by it or its Subcontractors to the Customer and Modern Slavery Helpline.

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

D7.3 The Contractor shall ensure that its subcontractors are contractually bound by the same terms as themselves in relation to modern slavery and human rights issues and terms are cascaded throughout the supply chain.

D7.4 The Customer shall approve all sub-contractors, and any changes to subcontractors, who are to carry out services as part of the Contract.

D7.5 The Contractor may terminate a sub-contract if the sub-contractor is in breach of any of the terms of the sub-contract relating to modern slavery and human rights issues.

D7.6 The Customer reserves the right to carry out unannounced inspections of the Contractor's premises themselves or a through a third-party auditor, at the Contractor's expense, and maintain the right to speak directly to Contractor's employees.

D7.7 The Customer reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit, agree and deliver an action plan to remedy any modern slavery issues identified by the Customer or a third party. The action plan and the timeline for delivery of the action plan will be agreed between the Customer and the Contractor and, if necessary, the Contract will be varied in accordance with

the action plans. Failure to comply with D7.7 may result in the termination of the Contract with immediate effect.

E PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

Clause E1 AND Data Processing Schedule to be deleted where the contractor is not processing personal data.

E1 Data Protection Act

E1.1 The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Customer is the Controller, and the Contractor is the Processor. The only processing that the Contractor is authorised to do is listed in the Data Processing Schedule by the Customer and may not be determined by the Contractor.

E1.2 The Contractor shall notify the Customer immediately if it considers that any of the Customer's instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.

E1.3 The Contractor shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Customer in the preparation of any Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to commencing any processing. Such assistance may, at the discretion of the Customer, include:

- (a) a systematic description of the envisaged processing operations and the purpose of the processing.
- (b) an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the processing operations in relation to the Services.
- (c) an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
- (d) the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data.

E1.4 The Contractor shall, in relation to any Personal Data processed in connection with its obligations under this Agreement:

- (a) process that Personal Data only in accordance with the Data Processing Schedule, unless the Contractor is required to do otherwise by

Law. If it is so required, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Customer before processing the Personal Data unless prohibited by Law.

(b) ensure that it has in place Protective Measures, which have been reviewed and approved by the Customer as appropriate to protect against a Data Loss Event having taken account of the:

- (i) nature of the data to be protected.
- (ii) harm that might result from a Data Loss Event.
- (iii) state of technological development; and
- (iv) cost of implementing any measures.

(c) ensure that:

(i) the Contractor Personnel do not process Personal Data except in accordance with this Agreement (and in particular the Data Processing Schedule).

(ii) it takes all reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and integrity of any Contractor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and ensure that they:

(A) are aware of and comply with the Contractor's duties under this clause.

(B) are subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings with the Contractor or any Sub-processor.

(C) are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third Party unless directed in writing to do so by the Customer or as otherwise permitted by this Agreement; and

(D) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of Personal Data; and

(d) not transfer Personal Data outside of the EU unless the prior written consent of the Customer has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:

(i) the Customer or the Contractor has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer (whether in accordance with GDPR Article 46 or

LED Article 37) as determined by the Customer.

(ii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies.

- (iii) the Contractor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred (or, if it is not so bound, uses its best endeavours to assist the Customer in meeting its obligations); and
 - (iv) the Contractor complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Customer with respect to the processing of the Personal Data.
- (e) at the written direction of the Customer, delete or return Personal Data (and any copies of it) to the Customer on termination of the Agreement unless the Contractor is required by Law to retain the Personal Data.

E1.5 Subject to clause E1.6, the Contractor shall notify the Customer immediately if it:

- (a) receives a Data Subject Access Request (or purported Data Subject Access Request).
- (b) receives a request to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data.
- (c) receives any other request, complaint or communication relating to either Party's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation.
- (d) receives any communication from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data processed under this Agreement.
- (e) receives a request from any third Party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by Law.

or

- (f) becomes aware of a Data Loss Event.

E1.6 The Contractor's obligation to notify under clause E1.5 shall include the provision of further information to the Customer in phases, as details become available.

E1.7 Taking into account the nature of the processing, the Contractor shall provide the Customer with full assistance in relation to either Party's obligations under Data Protection Legislation and any complaint, communication or request made under clause E1.5 (and insofar as

possible within the timescales reasonably required by the Customer) including by promptly providing:

- (a) the Customer with full details and copies of the complaint, communication or request.
- (b) such assistance as is reasonably requested by the Customer to enable the Customer to comply with a Data Subject Access Request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation.
- (c) the Customer, at its request, with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject.
- (d) assistance as requested by the Customer following any Data Loss Event.
- (e) assistance as requested by the Customer with respect to any request from the Information Commissioner's Office, or any consultation by the Customer with the Information Commissioner's Office.

E1.8 The Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause. This requirement does not apply where the Contractor employs fewer than 250 staff, unless:

- (a) the Customer determines that the processing is not occasional.
- (b) the Customer determines the processing includes special categories of data as referred to in Article 9(1) of the GDPR or Personal Data relating to criminal convictions and offences referred to in Article 10 of the GDPR; and
- (c) the Customer determines that the processing is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects.

E1.9 The Contractor shall allow for audits of its Data Processing activity by the Customer or the Customer's designated auditor.

E1.10 The Contractor shall designate a data protection officer if required by the Data Protection Legislation.

E1.11 Before allowing any Sub-processor to process any Personal Data related to this Agreement, the Contractor must:

- (a) notify the Customer in writing of the intended Sub-processor and processing.
- (b) obtain the written consent of the Customer.
- (c) enter into a written agreement with the Sub-processor which give effect to the terms set out in this clause E1 such that they apply to the Sub-processor; and
- (d) provide the Customer with such information regarding the Sub-processor as the Customer may reasonably require.

E1.12 The Contractor shall remain fully liable for all acts or omissions of any Sub- processor.

E1.13 The Customer may, at any time on not less than 30 Working Days' notice, revise this clause by replacing it with any applicable controller to processor standard clauses or similar terms forming part of an applicable certification scheme (which shall apply when incorporated by attachment to this Agreement).

E1.14 The Parties agree to take account of any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. The Customer may on not less than 30 Working Days' notice to the Contractor amend this agreement to ensure that it complies with any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office.

E2 Confidential Information

E2.1 Except to the extent set out in this clause or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Contract, each Party shall:

- (a) treat the other party's Confidential Information as confidential and safeguard it; accordingly, and
- (b) not disclose the other party's Confidential Information to any other person without the owner's prior written consent.

E2.2 Clause E2.1 shall not apply to the extent that:

- (a) such disclosure is a requirement of Law placed upon the party making the disclosure, including any requirements for disclosure under the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations pursuant to clause E4 (Freedom of Information).
- (b) such information was in the possession of the party making the disclosure without obligation of confidentiality prior to its disclosure by the information owner.
- (c) such information was obtained from a third party without obligation of confidentiality.
- (d) such information was already in the public domain at the time of disclosure otherwise than by a breach of this Contract; or
- (e) it is independently developed without access to the other party's Confidential Information.

E2.3 The Contractor may only disclose the Authority's Confidential Information to the Staff who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and who need to know the information and shall ensure that such Staff are aware of and shall comply with these obligations as to confidentiality.

E2.4 The Contractor shall not, and shall procure that the Staff do not, use any of the Authority's Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of this Agreement.

E2.5 At the written request of the Authority, the Contractor shall procure that those members of the Staff identified in the Authority's notice signs a confidentiality undertaking prior to commencing any work in accordance with this Agreement.

E2.6 Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the Authority from disclosing the Contractor's Confidential Information:

- (a) to any Crown Body or any other Contracting Authority. All Crown Bodies or Contracting Authorities receiving such Confidential Information shall be entitled to further disclose the Confidential Information to other Crown Bodies or other Contracting Authorities on

the basis that the information is confidential and is not to be disclosed to a third party which is not part of any Crown Body or any Contracting Authority.

- (b) to any consultant, contractor or other person engaged by the Authority or any person conducting an Office of Government Commerce gateway review.
- (c) for the purpose of the examination and certification of the Authority's accounts; or
- (d) for any examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources.

E2.7 The Authority shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any government department, Contracting Authority, employee, third party or sub-contractor to whom the Contractor's Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to clause E2.6 is made aware of the Authority's obligations of confidentiality.

E2.8 Nothing in this clause E2 shall prevent either party from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of the Agreement in the course of its normal business to the extent that this use does not result in a disclosure of the other party's Confidential Information or an infringement of IPR.

E3 Freedom of Information

E3.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the Environmental Information Regulations and shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to comply with its Information disclosure obligations.

E3.2 The Contractor shall and shall procure that any sub-contractors shall transfer to the Authority all Requests for Information that it receives as soon as practicable and, in any event, within [two] Working Days of receiving a Request for Information.

- (a) provide the Authority with a copy of all Information in its possession, or power in the form that the Authority requires within [five] Working Days (or such other period as the Authority may specify) of the Authority's request; and
- (b) provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by the Authority to enable the Authority to respond to the Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the FOIA or Regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations.

E3.3 The Authority shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement or any other agreement whether the Commercially Sensitive Information and/or any other Information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations

E3.4 In no event shall the Contractor respond directly to a Request for Information unless expressly authorised to do so by the Authority.

E3.5 The Contractor acknowledges that (notwithstanding the provisions of Clause E4) the Authority may, acting in accordance with the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“**the Code**”), be obliged under the FOIA, or the Environmental Information Regulations to disclose information concerning the Contractor or the Services in certain circumstances:

- (a) without consulting the Contractor; or
- (b) following consultation with the Contractor and having taken their views into account.

provided always that where E3.5(a) applies the Authority shall, in accordance with any recommendations of the Code, take reasonable steps, where appropriate, to give the Contractor advanced notice, or failing that, to draw the disclosure to the Contractor's attention after any such disclosure.

E3.6 The Contractor shall ensure that all Information is retained for disclosure.

and shall permit the Authority to inspect such records as requested from time to time.

E3.7 The Contractor acknowledges that the Commercially Sensitive Information listed in the Commercially Sensitive Information Schedule is of indicative value only and that the Authority may be obliged to disclose it in accordance with this clause E3.

E4 Publicity, Media and Official Enquiries

E4.1 Without prejudice to the Authority's obligations under the FOIA, 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.

E4.2 Both Parties shall take reasonable steps to ensure that their servants, employees, agents, sub-contractors, suppliers, professional advisors and consultants comply with clause E4.1.

E5 Security

E5.1 The Authority shall be responsible for maintaining the security of the Premises in accordance with its standard security requirements. The Contractor shall comply with all security requirements of the Authority while on the Premises and shall ensure that all Staff comply with such requirements.

E5.2 The Authority shall provide the Contractor upon request copies of its written security procedures and shall afford the Contractor upon request with an opportunity to inspect its physical security arrangements.

E6 Intellectual Property Rights

E6.1 All Intellectual Property Rights in any guidance, specifications, instructions, toolkits, plans, data, drawings, databases, patents, patterns, models, designs or other material (the "IP Materials"):

- (a) furnished to or made available to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Authority shall remain the property of the Authority; and
- (b) prepared by or for the Contractor on behalf of the Authority for use, or intended use, in relation to the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract shall belong to the Authority.

and the Contractor shall not, and shall ensure that the Staff shall not, (except when necessary for the performance of the Contract) without prior Approval, use or disclose any Intellectual Property Rights in the IP Materials.

E6.2 The Contractor hereby assigns to the Authority, with full title guarantee, all Intellectual Property Rights which may subsist in the IP Materials prepared in accordance with clause E6.1(b). This assignment shall take effect on the date of the Contract or as a present assignment of future rights that will take effect immediately on the coming into existence of the Intellectual Property Rights produced by the Contractor. The Contractor shall execute all documentation necessary to execute this assignment.

E6.3 The Contractor shall waive or procure a waiver of any moral rights subsisting in copyright produced by the Contract or the performance of the Contract.

E6.4 The Contractor shall ensure that the third party owner of any Intellectual Property Rights that are or which may be used to perform the Contract grants to the Authority a non-exclusive licence or, if itself a licensee of those rights, shall grant to the Authority 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 non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty free and irrevocable and shall include the right for the Authority to sub-license, transfer, novate or assign to other Contracting Authorities, the Replacement Contractor or to any other third-party supplying services to the Authority.

E6.5 The Contractor shall not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights of any third party in supplying the Services and the Contractor shall, during and after the Contract Period, indemnify and keep indemnified and hold the

Authority and the Crown harmless from and against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, damages, costs and expenses and other liabilities which the Authority or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this clause, except where any such claim arises from:

- (a) items or materials based upon designs supplied by the Authority; or
- (b) the use of data supplied by the Authority which is not required to be verified by the Contractor under any provision of the Contract.

E6.6 The Authority shall notify the Contractor in writing of any claim or demand brought against the Authority for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right in materials supplied or licensed by the Contractor.

E6.7 The Contractor shall at its own expense conduct all negotiations and any litigation arising in connection with any claim for breach of Intellectual Property Rights in materials supplied or licensed by the Contractor, provided always that the Contractor:

- (a) shall consult the Authority on all substantive issues which arise during the conduct of such litigation and negotiations.
- (b) shall take due and proper account of the interests of the Authority;
and
- (c) shall not settle or compromise any claim without the Authority's prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

E6.8 The Authority 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 Authority 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 and the Contractor shall indemnify the Authority for all costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, legal costs and disbursements) incurred in doing so. The Contractor shall not, however, be required to indemnify the Authority in

relation to any costs and expenses incurred in relation to or arising out of a claim, demand or action which relates to the matters in clause E6.5(a) or (b).

E6.9 The Authority shall not make any admissions which may be prejudicial to the defence or settlement of any claim, demand or action for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right by the Authority or the Contractor in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

E6.10 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 Authority and, at its own expense and subject to the consent of the Authority (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), use its best endeavours to:

- (a) modify any or all of the Services without reducing the performance or functionality of the same, or substitute alternative Services of equivalent performance and functionality, so as to avoid the infringement or the alleged infringement, provided that the provisions herein shall apply mutates mutandis to such modified Services or to the substitute Services; or
- (b) procure a licence to use and supply the Services, which are the subject of the alleged infringement, on terms which are acceptable to the Authority,

and in the event that the Contractor is unable to comply with clauses E6.7(a) or (b) within [20] Working Days of receipt of the Contractor's notification the Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

E6.11 The Contractor grants to the Authority a royalty-free, irrevocable and non-exclusive licence (with a right to sub-licence) to use any Intellectual Property Rights that the Contractor owned or developed prior to the Commencement Date and which the Authority reasonably requires in order to exercise its rights and take the benefit of this Contract including the

Services provided.

E7 Audit

The Contractor shall keep and maintain until 6 years after the end of the Contract Period, 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, all expenditure reimbursed by the Authority, and all payments made by the Authority. The Contractor shall on request afford the Authority or the Authority's representatives such access to those records as may be requested by the Authority in connection with the Contract.

F. CONTROL OF THE CONTRACT

F1 Transfer and Sub-Contracting

F1.1 Except where F1.4 and 5 applies, the Contractor shall not assign, sub-contract or in any other way dispose of the Contract or any part of it without prior Approval. Sub-contracting any part of the Contract shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations or duties under the Contract.

F1.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its sub-contractors as though they are its own.

F1.3 Where the Authority has consented to the placing of sub-contracts, copies of each sub-contract shall, at the request of the Authority, be sent by the Contractor to the Authority as soon as reasonably practicable.

F1.4 Notwithstanding clause F1.1, the Contractor may assign to a third party ("**the Assignee**") the right to receive payment of the Contract Price or any part thereof due to the Contractor under this Contract (including any interest which the Authority incurs under clause C2.6). Any assignment under this clause F1.4 shall be subject to:

- (a) reduction of any sums in respect of which the Authority exercises its right of recovery under clause C3 (Recovery of Sums Due).

- (b) all related rights of the Authority under the contract in relation to the recovery of sums due but unpaid; and
- (c) the Authority receiving notification under both clauses F1.5 and F1.6.

F1.5 In the event that the Contractor assigns the right to receive the Contract price under clause F1.4, the Contractor or the Assignee shall notify the Authority in writing of the assignment and the date upon which the assignment becomes effective.

F1.6 The Contractor shall ensure that the Assignee notifies the Authority of the Assignee's contact information and bank account details to which the Authority shall make payment.

F1.7 The provisions of clause C2 (Payment and VAT) shall continue to apply in all other respects after the assignment and shall not be amended without the Approval of the Authority.

F1.8 Subject to clause F1.10, the Authority may assign, novate or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under the Contract or any part thereof to:

- (a) any Contracting Authority; or
- (b) any other body established by the Crown or under statute in order substantially to perform any of the functions that had previously been performed by the Authority; or
- (c) any private sector body which substantially performs the functions of the Authority,

provided that any such assignment, novation or other disposal shall not increase the burden of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

F1.9 Any change in the legal status of the Authority such that it ceases to be a Contracting Authority shall not, subject to clause F1.8, affect the validity of the Contract. In such circumstances, the Contract shall bind and inure to the benefit of any successor body to the Authority.

F1.10 If the rights and obligations under the Contract are assigned, novated or

otherwise disposed of pursuant to clause F1.8 to a body which is not a Contracting Authority or if there is a change in the legal status of the Authority such that it ceases to be a Contracting Authority (in the remainder of this clause both such bodies being referred to as the **“Transferee”**):

- (a) the rights of termination of the Authority in clauses H1 (Termination on insolvency and change of control) and H2 (Termination on Default) shall be available to the Contractor in the event of respectively, the bankruptcy or insolvency, or Default of the Transferee; and
- (b) the Transferee shall only be able to assign, novate or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under the Contract or any part thereof with the prior consent in writing of the Contractor.

F1.11 The Authority may disclose to any Transferee any Confidential Information of the Contractor which relates to the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract. In such circumstances the Authority shall authorise the Transferee to use such Confidential Information only for purposes relating to the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract and for no other purpose and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Transferee gives a confidentiality undertaking in relation to such Confidential Information.

F1.12 Each Party shall at its own cost and expense carry out, or use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the carrying out of, whatever further actions (including the execution of further documents) the other Party reasonably requires from time to time for the purpose of giving that other party the full benefit of the provisions of the Contract.

F2 Waiver

F2.1 The failure of either Party to insist upon strict performance of any provision of the Contract, or the failure of either Party to exercise, or any delay in exercising, any right or remedy shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy and shall not cause a diminution of the obligations established by

the Contract.

F2.2 No waiver shall be effective unless it is expressly stated to be a waiver and communicated to the other Party in writing in accordance with clause A6 (Notices).

F2.3 A waiver of any right or remedy arising from a breach of the Contract shall not constitute a waiver of any right or remedy arising from any other or subsequent breach of the Contract.

F3 Variation

F3.1 Subject to the provisions of this clause F3, the Authority may request a variation to the Specification provided that such variation does not amount to a material change to the Specification. Such a change is hereinafter called a "Variation".

F3.2 The Authority may request a Variation by notifying the Contractor in writing of the "Variation" and giving the Contractor sufficient information to assess the extent of the Variation and consider whether any change to the Contract Price is required in order to implement the Variation. The Authority shall specify a time limit within which the Contractor shall respond to the request for a Variation. Such time limits shall be reasonable having regard to the nature of the Variation. If the Contractor accepts the Variation, it shall confirm the same in writing.

F3.3 In the event that the Contractor is unable to accept the Variation to the Specification or where the Parties are unable to agree a change to the Contract Price, the Authority may.

- (a) allow the Contractor to fulfil its obligations under the Contract without the variation to the Specification.
- (b) terminate the Contract with immediate effect, except where the Contractor has already delivered all or part of the Services or where the Contractor can show evidence of substantial work being carried out to fulfil the requirements of the Specification; and in such case.

the Parties shall attempt to agree upon a resolution to the matter. Where a resolution cannot be reached, the matter shall be dealt with under the Dispute Resolution procedure detailed at Clause I2.

F3.4 The Authority reserves the right to renegotiate the terms of the Contract in the event of changes in Service(s) demand or policy. Similarly, the Authority recognises the right of the Provider to request a renegotiation of the Contract terms.

F3.5 Any variation to the terms of the Contract must be recorded in writing and executed by the Authority's Representative and the Provider's Representative or such other authorised Representatives of the parties. Such record of the variation in question must address all consequential amendments required to be made to the Contract as a result of such variation, including adjustment to the Contract Price.

F3.6 Variations will take effect as from the date specified in the signed record of variation and shall not have retrospective effect unless expressly provided for in such record.

F4 Severability

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

F5 Remedies in the event of inadequate performance

F5.1 Where a complaint is received about the standard of Services or about the manner in which any Services have been supplied or work has been performed or about the materials or procedures used or about any other matter connected with the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, then the Authority shall notify the Contractor, and where considered appropriate by the Authority, investigate the complaint.

The Authority may, in its sole discretion, uphold the complaint and take further action in accordance with clause H2 (Termination on Default) of the Contract.

F5.2 In the event that the Authority is of the reasonable opinion that there has been a material breach of the Contract by the Contractor, then the Authority may, without prejudice to its rights under clause H2 (Termination on Default), do any of the following:

- (a) without terminating the Contract, itself supply or procure the supply of all or part of the Services until such time as the Contractor shall have demonstrated to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority that the Contractor will once more be able to supply all or such part of the Services in accordance with the Contract;
- (b) without terminating the whole of the Contract, terminate the Contract in respect of part of the Services only (whereupon a corresponding reduction in the Contract Price shall be made) and thereafter itself supply or procure a third party to supply such part of the Services; and/or
- (c) terminate, in accordance with clause H2 (Termination on Default), the whole of the Contract.

F5.3 Without prejudice to its right under clause C3 (Recovery of Sums Due), the Authority may charge the Contractor for any costs reasonably incurred and any reasonable administration costs in respect of the supply of any part of the Services by the Authority or a third party to the extent that such costs exceed the payment which would otherwise have been payable to the Contractor for such part of the Services and provided that the Authority uses its reasonable endeavours to mitigate any additional expenditure in obtaining replacement Services.

F5.4 If the Contractor fails to supply any of the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract and such failure is capable of remedy, then the Authority shall 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 10 Working Days or such other period of time as the Authority may direct.

F5.5 In the event that:

- (a) the Contractor fails to comply with clause F5.4 above and the failure is materially averse to the interests of the Authority or prevents the Authority from discharging a statutory duty; or
- (b) the Contractor persistently fails to comply with clause F5.4 above,

the Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

F6 Remedies Cumulative

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.

F7 Contract Management

The Contractor shall comply with the management arrangements set out in the Contract Management Schedule including, but not limited to, providing such data and information as the Contractor may be required to produce under the Contract.

F8 Extension of Initial Contract Period

Subject to clause C4, (Price adjustment on extension of the Initial Contract Period), the Authority may, by giving written notice to the Contractor not less than **1** Month(s) prior to the last day of the Initial Contract Period, extend the Contract for a further period of up to **1** Month(s). The

provisions of the Contract will apply (subject to any Variation or adjustment to the Contract Price pursuant to clause C4 (Price adjustment on extension of the Initial Contract Period)) throughout any such extended period.

F9 Entire Agreement

F9.1 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of the matters dealt with therein. The Contract supersedes all prior negotiations between the Parties and all representations and undertakings made by one Party to the other, whether written or oral, except that this clause shall not exclude liability in respect of any Fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

F9.2 In the event of, and only to the extent of, any conflict between the clauses of the Contract, any document referred to in those clauses and the Schedules, the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the following order of precedence:

- (a) the clauses of the Contract.
- (b) the Schedules; and
- (c) any other document referred to in the clauses of the Contract.

F10 Counterparts

This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original, but all counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

G LIABILITIES

G1 Liability, Indemnity and Insurance

G1.1 Neither Party excludes or limits liability to the other Party for:

- (a) death or personal injury caused by its negligence; or

- (b) Fraud; or
- (c) fraudulent misrepresentation; or
- (e) any breach of any obligations implied by Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982.

G1.2 Subject to clauses G1.3 and G1.4, the Contractor shall indemnify the Authority and keep the Authority indemnified fully against all claims, proceedings, actions, damages, costs, expenses and any other liabilities which may arise out of, or in consequence of, the supply, or the late or purported supply, of the Services or the performance or non-performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract or the presence of the Contractor or any Staff on the Premises, including in respect of any 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 or indirectly by any act or omission of the Contractor.

G1.3 The Contractor shall not be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, cost or expense if and to the extent that it is caused by the negligence or wilful misconduct of the Authority or by breach by the Authority of its obligations under the Contract.

G1.4 Subject always to clause G1.1, the liability of either Party for Defaults shall be subject to the following financial limits:

(a) the aggregate liability of either Party for all Defaults resulting in direct loss of or damage to the property of the other under or in connection with the Contract shall in no event exceed five million pounds in respect of any one incident or series of connected incidents.

G1.5 Subject always to clause G1.1, in no event shall either Party be liable to the other for any:

- (a) loss of profits, business, revenue or goodwill; and/or
- [(b) loss of savings (whether anticipated or otherwise); and/or]

[(b)/(c)] indirect or consequential loss or damage.

G1.6 The Contractor shall not exclude liability for additional operational, administrative costs and/or expenses or wasted expenditure resulting from the direct Default of the Contractor.

G1.7 The Contractor shall effect and maintain with a reputable insurance company a policy or policies of insurance providing an adequate level of cover in respect of all risks which may be incurred by the Contractor, arising out of the Contractor's performance of its obligations under the Contract, including death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property or any other loss. Such policies shall include cover in respect of any financial loss arising from any advice given or omitted to be given by the Contractor. Such insurance shall be maintained for the duration of the Contract Period and for a minimum of 6 (six) years following the expiration or earlier termination of the Contract.

G1.8 The Contractor shall hold employer's liability insurance in respect of Staff in accordance with any legal requirement from time to time in force.

G1.9 The Contractor shall give the Authority, on request, copies of all insurance policies referred to in this clause or a broker's verification of insurance to demonstrate that the appropriate cover is in place, together with receipts or other evidence of payment of the latest premiums due under those policies.

G1.10 If, for whatever reason, the Contractor fails to give effect to and maintain the insurances required by the provisions of the Contract the Authority may make alternative arrangements to protect its interests and may recover the costs of such arrangements from the Contractor.

G1.11 The provisions of any insurance or the amount of cover shall not relieve the Contractor of any liabilities under the Contract. 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 referred to in clause G1.2.

G2 Professional Indemnity

The Contractor shall affect and maintain appropriate professional indemnity insurance cover during the Contract Period and shall ensure that all agents, professional consultants and sub-contractors involved in the supply of the Services do the same. To comply with its obligations under this clause and as a minimum, the Contractor shall ensure professional indemnity insurance held by the Contractor and by any agent, sub-contractor or consultant involved in the supply of the Services has a limit of indemnity of not less than **£5,000,000** for each individual claim [or such higher limit as the Authority may reasonably require (and as required by law) from time to time]. Such insurance shall be maintained for a minimum of 6 (six) years following the expiration or earlier termination of the Contract.

G3 Warranties and Representations

The Contractor warrants and represents that:

- (a) 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.
- (b) in entering the Contract, it has not committed any Fraud;
- (c) as at the Commencement Date, all information contained in the Tender remains true, accurate and not misleading, save as may have been specifically disclosed in writing to the Authority prior to execution of the Contract.
- (d) 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 have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract.
- (e) 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.

- (f) no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of its knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Contractor or for its dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar officer in relation to any of the Contractor's assets or revenue;
- (g) 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.
- (h) in the three 3 years prior to the date of the Contract:
- (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
- (i) 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.

H DEFAULT, DISRUPTION AND TERMINATION

H1 Termination on insolvency and change of control.

H1.1 The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where the Contractor is a company and in respect of the Contractor:

- (a) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or of any other composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors; or
- (b) a shareholders' meeting is convened for the purpose of considering a resolution that it be wound up or a resolution for its winding-up is.

passed (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation); or

- (c) 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; or
- (d) a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets; or
- (e) 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; or
- (f) it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (g) 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
- (h) any event similar to those listed in H1.1(a)-(g) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.

H1.2 The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where the Contractor is an individual and:

- (a) 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; or
- (b) a petition is presented and not dismissed within 14 days or order made for the Contractor's bankruptcy; or
- (c) 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; or
- (d) 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; or
- (e) 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: or

- (f) he dies or is adjudged incapable of managing his affairs within the meaning of Part VII of the Mental Capacity Act 2005; or
- (g) he suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, to carry on all or a substantial part of his business.

H1.3 The Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately if the Contractor undergoes a change of control within the meaning of section 416 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 ("**change of control**"). The Authority may terminate the Contract by notice in writing with immediate effect within six months of:

- (a) being notified that a change of control has occurred; or
- (b) where no notification has been made, the date that the Authority becomes aware of the change of control,

but shall not be permitted to terminate where an Approval was granted prior to the change of control.

H2 Termination on Default

H2.1 The Authority may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor with immediate effect if the Contractor commits a Default and if:

- (a) the Contractor has not remedied the Default to the satisfaction of the Authority within 25 Working Days, or such other period as may be specified by the Authority, after issue of a written notice specifying the Default and requesting it to be remedied: or
- (b) the Default is not, in the opinion of the Authority, capable of remedy; or
- (c) the Default is a material breach of the Contract.

H2.2 In the event that 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 Authority in respect of any charge levied for its transmission and any other costs charged in connection with such Default.

H2.3 If the Authority fails to pay the Contractor undisputed sums of money when due, the Contractor shall notify the Authority in writing of such failure to pay. If the Authority fails to pay such undisputed sums within 90 Working Days of the date of such written 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 Authority exercising its rights under clauses C3.1 (Recovery of Sums Due).

H3 Break

The Authority shall have the right to terminate the Contract at any time by giving [3] Months' written notice to the Contractor.

H4 Consequences of Expiry or Termination

H4.1 Where the Authority terminates the Contract under clause H2 (Termination on Default) and then makes other arrangements for the supply of Services, the Authority may recover from the Contractor the cost reasonably incurred of making those other arrangements and any additional expenditure incurred by the Authority throughout the remainder of the Contract Period. The Authority shall take all reasonable steps to mitigate such additional expenditure. Where the Contract is terminated under clause H2 (Termination on Default), no further payments shall be payable by the Authority 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 Authority), until the Authority has established the final cost of making the other arrangements envisaged under this clause.

H4.2 Subject to clause H1, where the Authority terminates the Contract under clause H3 (Break), the Authority shall indemnify the Contractor against any.

commitments, liabilities or expenditure which represent an unavoidable direct loss to the Contractor by reason of the termination of the Contract, provided that the Contractor takes all reasonable steps to mitigate such loss. Where the Contractor holds insurance, the Authority shall only indemnify the Contractor for those unavoidable direct costs that are not covered by the insurance available. The Contractor shall submit a fully itemised and costed list of unavoidable direct loss which it is seeking to recover from the Authority, with supporting evidence, of losses reasonably and actually incurred by the Contractor as a result of termination under clause H3 (Break).

H4.3 The Authority shall not be liable under clause H4.2 to pay any sum which:

- (a) was claimable under insurance held by the Contractor, and the Contractor has failed to make a claim on its insurance, or has failed to make a claim in accordance with the procedural requirements of the insurance policy.
- (b) when added to any sums paid or due to the Contractor under the Contract, exceeds the total sum that would have been payable to the Contractor if the Contract had not been terminated prior to the expiry of the Contract Period; or
- (c) is a claim by the Contractor for loss of profit, due to early termination of the Contract.

H4.4 Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Contract:

- (a) 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
- (b) termination of the Contract shall not affect the continuing rights, remedies or obligations of the Authority or the Contractor under clauses C2 (Payment and VAT), C3 (Recovery of Sums Due), D1 (Prevention of Corruption), E1 (Data Protection Act), E2 (Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989, Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989), E3

(Confidential Information), E4 (Freedom of Information), E7 (Intellectual Property Rights), E8 (Audit), F6 Remedies Cumulative), G1 (Liability, Indemnity and Insurance), G2 (Professional Indemnity), H4 (Consequences of Expiry or Termination), H6 (Recovery upon Expiry or Termination) and I1 (Governing Law and Jurisdiction).

H5 Disruption

H5.1 The Contractor shall take reasonable care to ensure that in the performance of its obligations under the Contract it does not disrupt the operations of the Authority, its employees or any other contractor employed by the Authority.

H5.2 The Contractor shall immediately inform the Authority of any actual or potential industrial action, whether such action be by their own employees or others, which affects or might affect its ability at any time to perform its obligations under the Contract.

H5.3 In the event of industrial action by the Staff, the Contractor shall seek Approval to its proposals to continue to perform its obligations under the Contract.

H5.4 If the Contractor's proposals referred to in clause H5.3 are considered insufficient or unacceptable by the Authority acting reasonably, then the Contract may be terminated with immediate effect by the Authority by notice in writing.

H5.5 If the Contractor is temporarily unable to fulfil the requirements of the Contract owing to disruption of normal business of the Authority, the Contractor may request a reasonable allowance of time and in addition, the Authority will reimburse any additional expense reasonably incurred by the Contractor as a direct result of such disruption.

H6 Recovery upon Termination

H6.1 On the termination of the Contract for any reason, the Contractor shall:

- (a) immediately return to the Authority all Confidential Information, Personal Data and IP Materials in its possession or in the possession or under the control of any permitted suppliers or sub-contractors, which was obtained or produced in the course of providing the Services.
- (b) immediately deliver to the Authority all Property (including materials, documents, information and access keys) provided to the Contractor under clause B8. Such property shall be handed back in good working order (allowance shall be made for reasonable wear and tear).
- (c) assist and co-operate with the Authority to ensure an orderly transition of the provision of the Services to the Replacement Contractor and/or the completion of any work in progress.
- (d) promptly provide all information concerning the provision of the Services which may reasonably be requested by the Authority for the purposes of adequately understanding the manner in which the Services have been provided or for the purpose of allowing the Authority or the Replacement Contractor to conduct due diligence.

H6.2 If the Contractor fails to comply with clause H6.1 (a) and (b), the Authority may recover possession thereof and the Contractor grants a licence to the Authority or its appointed agents to enter (for the purposes of such recovery) any premises of the Contractor or its permitted suppliers or sub- contractors where any such items may be held.

H6.3 Where the end of the Contract Period arises due to the Contractor's Default, the Contractor shall provide all assistance under clause H6(c) and (d) free of charge. Otherwise, the Authority shall pay the Contractor's reasonable costs of providing the assistance and the Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to mitigate such costs.

H7 Force Majeure

H7.1 Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, its obligations under the Contract (other than a

payment of money) to the extent that such delay or failure is a result of Force Majeure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Party shall use all reasonable endeavours to continue to perform its obligations under the Contract for the duration of such Force Majeure. However, if such Force Majeure prevents either Party from performing its material obligations under the Contract for a period in excess of 6 Months, either Party may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

H7.2 Any failure or delay by the Contractor in performing its obligations under the Contract which results from any failure or delay by an agent, sub- contractor or supplier shall be regarded as due to Force Majeure only if that agent, sub-contractor or supplier is itself impeded by Force Majeure from complying with an obligation to the Contractor.

H7.3 If either Party becomes aware of Force Majeure which gives rise to, or is likely to give rise to, any failure or delay on its part as described in clause H7.1 it shall immediately notify the other by the most expeditious method then available and shall inform the other of the period for which it is estimated that such failure or delay shall continue.

I DISPUTES AND LAW

I1 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

Subject to the provisions of clause I2, the Authority and the Contractor accept the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts and agree that the Contract and all non-contractual obligations and other matters arising from or connected with it are to be governed and construed according to English Law.

I2 Dispute Resolution

I2.1 The Parties shall attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement to any dispute between them arising out of or in connection with the Contract within 20 Working Days of either Party notifying the other of the dispute and such efforts shall involve the escalation of the dispute to the **finance**.

director (or equivalent)] of each Party.

12.2 Nothing in this dispute resolution procedure shall prevent the Parties from seeking from any court of competent jurisdiction an interim order restraining the other Party from doing any act or compelling the other Party to do any act.

12.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved by the Parties pursuant to clause 12.1 the Parties shall refer it to mediation pursuant to the procedure set out in clause 12.5 unless

- (a) the Authority considers that the dispute is not suitable for resolution by mediation; or
- (b) the Contractor does not agree to mediation.

12.4 The obligations of the Parties under the Contract shall not cease or be suspended or delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation (or arbitration) and the Contractor and the Staff shall comply fully with the requirements of the Contract at all times.

12.5 The procedure for mediation and consequential provisions relating to mediation are as follows:

- (a) a neutral adviser or mediator (the “**Mediator**”) shall be chosen by agreement between the Parties or, if they are unable to agree upon a Mediator within 10 Working Days after a request by one Party to the other or if the Mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, either Party shall within 10 Working Days from the date of the proposal to appoint a Mediator or within 10 Working Days of notice to either Party that he is unable or unwilling to act, apply to the President of the Law Society of England to appoint a Mediator.
- (b) The Parties shall within 10 Working Days of the appointment of the Mediator meet with him in order to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant information and the structure to be adopted for negotiations to be held. If considered appropriate, the Parties may at any stage seek assistance from an appropriate mediation.

provider to provide guidance on a suitable procedure.

- (c) Unless otherwise agreed, all negotiations connected with the dispute and any settlement agreement relating to it shall be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the Parties in any future proceedings.
- (d) If the Parties reach agreement on the resolution of the dispute, the agreement shall be recorded in writing and shall be binding on the Parties once it is signed by their duly authorised representatives.
- (e) If the Parties fail to reach agreement in the structured negotiations within 60 Working Days of the Mediator being appointed, or such longer period as may be agreed by the Parties, then any dispute or difference between them may be referred to the Courts [unless the dispute is referred to arbitration pursuant to the procedures set out in clause I2.6].

I2.6 Subject to clause I2.2, the Parties shall not institute court proceedings until the procedures set out in clauses I2.1 and I2.3 have been completed save that:

- (a) the Authority may at any time before court proceedings are commenced, serve a notice on the Contractor requiring the dispute to be referred to and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I2.7.
- (b) if the Contractor intends to commence court proceedings, it shall serve written notice on the Authority of its intentions and the Authority shall have 21 days following receipt of such notice to serve a reply on the Contractor requiring the dispute to be referred to and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I2.7.
- (c) the Contractor may request by notice in writing to the Authority that any dispute be referred and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I2.7, to which the Authority may consent as it sees fit.

I2.7 In the event that any arbitration proceedings are commenced pursuant to clause I2.6:

- (a) the arbitration shall be governed by the provisions of the Arbitration.

Act 1996.

- (b) the Authority shall give a written notice of arbitration to the Contractor (the “**Arbitration Notice**”) stating:
 - (i) that the dispute is referred to arbitration; and
 - (ii) providing details of the issues to be resolved.
- (c) the London Court of International Arbitration (“**LCIA**”) procedural rules in force at the date that the dispute was referred to arbitration in accordance with I2.7(b) shall be applied and are deemed to be incorporated by reference to the Contract and the decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on the Parties in the absence of any material failure to comply with such rules;
- (d) the tribunal shall consist of a sole arbitrator to be agreed by the Parties.
- (e) if the Parties fail to agree the appointment of the arbitrator within 10 days of the Arbitration Notice being issued by the Authority under clause I2.7 (b) or if the person appointed is unable or unwilling to act, the arbitrator shall be appointed by the LCIA.
- (f) the arbitration proceedings shall take place in London and in the English language; and
- (g) the arbitration proceedings shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, English law.

IN WITNESS of which this Agreement has been duly executed by the parties.

SIGNED for and on behalf of **West of England Combined Authority**

Signature.....

Name.....

Position.....

Date.....

SIGNED for and on behalf of **[Contractor Name]**

Signature..... **Name**.....

Position..... **Date**.....

SPECIFICATION SCHEDULE

[insert description of the Services to be supplied including, where appropriate, the Key Personnel, the Premises and the Quality Standards]

PRICING SCHEDULE

[insert pricing provisions as appropriate]

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

[insert monitoring provisions as appropriate]

DATA PROCESSING SCHEDULE

DELETE IF CONTRACTOR IS NOT PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA

Processing, Personal Data and Data Subjects

1. The Contractor shall comply with any further written instructions with respect to processing by the Customer.
2. Any such further instructions shall be incorporated into this Schedule.

Description	Details
Subject matter of the processing	<i>[This should be a high level, short description of what the processing is about i.e. its subject matter]</i>
Duration of the processing	<i>[Clearly set out the duration of the processing including dates]</i>
Nature and purposes of the processing	<i>[Please be as specific as possible, but make sure that you cover all intended purposes. The nature of the processing means any operation such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction of data (whether or not by automated means) etc. The purpose might include employment processing, statutory obligation, recruitment assessment etc]</i>
Type of Personal Data	<i>[Examples here include name, address, date of birth, NI number, telephone number, pay, images, biometric data etc]</i>
Categories of Data Subject	<i>[Examples include Staff (including volunteers, agents, and temporary workers), customers/ clients, suppliers, patients, students / pupils, members of the public, users of a particular website etc]</i>
Plan for return and destruction of the data once the processing is complete UNLESS requirement under union or member state law to preserve that type of data	<i>[Describe how long the data will be retained for, how it be returned or destroyed]</i>

COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION SCHEDULE

[insert commercially sensitive information as appropriate and if known the dates that the information will remain commercially sensitive]

APPENDIX A

[Contract Reference]

[Contract Title]

VARIATION TO CONTRACT FORM

TO:	VARIATION NUMBER: X DATE: XX/XX/XXXX
FROM: DEPARTMENT:	

1. The Contract is varied as follows:

2. Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.
3. The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

SIGNED for and on behalf of **West of England Combined**

Authority Signature.....

Name.....

Position.....

Date.....

SIGNED for and on behalf of **[Contractor]**

Signature.....

Name.....

Position.....

Date.....