Schedule 1 Task Order Form

	Task Order Instruction
To (Supplier): AECOM Limited	Address: Aldgate Tower, 2 Leman Street, London, E1 8FA
From (the Contracting Authority): Department for Energy Security & Net Zero	Address: 3-8 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2EG
Project Name:	Project ID: Prj_2277
 Specification 1 The Provision of Advanced Zoning Project and HNDU Project Delivery (AZP_HNDU Zoning Study) 	
 Specification 2 Central Authority and Zone Coordinator (CAZC) Implementation 	
Contract Ref:	Framework reference number: CON_6337 CON_7730
Contract Title:	BE23183 - Heat Network Zoning Programme - Framework Agreement
Lot number:	Lot 2.2
Task Order No. 004	Commencement Date/Effective Date: 07/04/2025

The following documents are incorporated into this Task Order Form. If the documents conflict, the precedence as per the Framework Contract A2-8 apply.

- 1 This Task Order Form.
- 2 Framework Contract BE23183
- 3 The following Schedules:
 - Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)
 - Schedule 2 (Specification)

- Schedule 3 (Supplier proposal)
- Schedule 4 (Variation Form)
- Schedule 5 (Sustainability)
- Schedule 6 (Key Supplier Staff)
- Schedule 7 (Exit Management)
- Schedule 8 (Contract Management)

No other Supplier terms are part of the Task Order Form. That includes any terms written on the back of, added to this Task Order Form, or presented at the time of delivery.

As per the call off process agreed within BE23183 the Department instruct you to:

Overview of requirements: The Task Order is to deliver heat network support as part of Heat Network Zoning Lot 2.2.

Subcontractors:

Due to the high level nature of the proposed scope, the Supplier have identified potential Subcontractors below. The Supplier will review the need for Subcontractors in line with the issued work package order forms.

Asteros Limited

Hermitica Black Limited

CARBON DESCENT INTERNATIONAL LTD

BuroHappold Limited

Recirc Limited

IMPOWER Consulting Ltd

Morson Group

Workwell Global

For any Subcontractor the Supplier will request approval from the Contracting Authority and a Contract Variation will be required to add the Subcontractor to the Contract. The Subcontractor rate card must align with the specified day rate within AW5.2 Price Schedule.

Key Supplier Staff as per Schedule 6:

from the Frameworke.g. permanent or contractorEngagement Route (incl. inside/outside IR35)		Key Staff	• •	(incl. inside/outside
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Specification 1 – Project Manager: Grade: Associate Director	REDACTED UNDER FOIA SECTION 40 PERSONAL INFORM	AECOM Employee	N/A
Specification 1 – Technical Lead Grade: Director		AECOM Employee	N/A
Specification 2 – Technical Lead Grade: Director		AECOM Employee	N/A
Specification 2 – Project Lead Grade: Director		AECOM Employee	N/A

Task Order Reporting Requirements:

The Supplier shall provide the following additional management information under and applicable to this Task Order:

Ref.	Type of Information	Which Services does this requirement apply to?	Required regularity of Submission
0.	Onboarding documentation as per Fran	nework & contra	act
1.	Monthly Management Report		
1.1.	 Project Delivery Update and forward look. SLAs/KPIs report (as per reference Framework Lot 2) Budget register. Finance Update. Review spent & spend forecast Change Control register Risk & Issues register Onboarding Checklist Register 	All	Monthly
	 Contract Management meeting register Lessons learned register 		

Any variations to this Task Order Form shall be in accordance with the Framework Contract and Schedule 4 (Variation Form).

The Task Order will expire on **31 March 2026** unless otherwise notified by the Contracting Authority.

The value of the Task Order shall not exceed **£3,185,000** excluding VAT and split as follows:

- Specification 1 £1,505,000 excluding VAT ;
- Specification 2 £1,680,000 excluding VAT;

The Task shall be invoiced on a time basis and any rates charged shall not exceed those agreed within the Framework Agreement. The invoices must be submitted between calendar day 1 and day 7th of the next month (if day 7 is Sunday then it will be day 5, and if day 7 is Saturday then it will be day 6 of a calendar month), verifying the services carried out to date (including deliverables), the staff grade, the number of days worked, with the period of the work (from 'date to date of Month') and the day rate applied. Suppliers are to note the day rate must align with the specified day rate within AW5.2 Price Schedule.

For and on behalf of AECOM Limited (The Supplier)



Schedule 1: Transparency Reports

- 1.1 The Supplier recognises that the Contracting Authority is subject to PPN 01/17 (Updates to transparency principles v1.1 (<u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0117-update-to-transparency-principles</u>). The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of this Schedule in order to assist the Contracting Authority with its compliance with its obligations under that PPN.
- 1.2 Without prejudice to the Supplier's reporting requirements set out in this Task Order Form, within three (3) Months of the Effective Date the Supplier shall submit to the Contracting Authority for Approval (such Approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) draft Transparency Reports consistent with the content requirements and format set out in the Annex of this Schedule.
- 1.3 If the Contracting Authority rejects any proposed Transparency Report submitted by the Supplier, the Supplier shall submit a revised version of the relevant report for further Approval within five (5) days of receipt of any notice of rejection, taking account of any recommendations for revision and improvement to the report provided by the Contracting Authority. If the Parties fail to agree on a draft Transparency Report the Contracting Authority shall determine what should be included. Any other disagreement in connection with Transparency Reports shall be treated as a Dispute.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall provide accurate and up-to-date versions of each Transparency Report to the Contracting Authority at the frequency referred to in the Annex of this Schedule.

Title	Content	Format	Frequency
Task Order Form Charges	Order charges	Excel sheet	Order period

Annex A: List of Transparency Reports

Schedule 2: Specification

SPECIFICATION FOR

THE PROVISION OF AZP HEAT NETWORK ZONING PROJECT DELIVERY (SPECIFICATION 1)

Annex A Specification Document – Services

Title of Request:	Heat Network Zoning Support for CAZC

Duration of Contract including options for extension:	As per Task Order Form
Project ID reference	Prj_2277
Contract Ref (CON_XXXX) – DESNZ CM to populate	As per Task Order Form
Lot number / Sub Lot number DESNZ WL to populate	2.2
Required Commencement Date:	As per Task Order Form

1. Introduction

The introduction should briefly explain the requirement of the procurement and the context of that requirement e.g.

- The application, purpose, outcome, or function of the services
- The implications for the users of implementing the solution
- An outline of the research, which has been undertaken in order to specify the requirement, including any premarket engagement
- How this requirement is related to other requirements (if applicable)
- Associated risks with the procurement e.g. Continuity, Health and Safety etc.

The Department aims to accelerate zonal-scale heat network delivery, develop best practice guidance, provide project development support services, and promote market transformation ready for national rollout of the heat network zoning policy.

This work will be a key enabler of HN Zoning projects, supporting their development and delivery and test new delivery models under the future Central Authority and Zoning Coordinators as envisaged under the Energy Act and Heat Network Zoning Consultations.

Specifically, this requirement is to deliver the technical element of a HN Zoning Study under Lot 2.2 of the HNZTP Framework.

2. Aims & Objectives

• Aims should provide details of the main aims and reasons of the tender exercise

- Any specific objectives should be detailed here
- Can be broken down to include specific outputs and expectations

The primary aim of this Task Order is to deliver the technical element of a Zonal scale heat network studies.

By the end of this process, the LA (Local Authority) and any partners will be in a position to take a final decision on the best delivery route for the project, including any appropriate investment decisions. The project will be ready to be taken to market in whatever form/route deemed most appropriate by the business case, and the market will be primed to respond.

The LA will have been supported to bring the project to market through a successful procurement exercise.

The specific outputs of each work package are as follows:

ject Review & Scoping Report
nal Network Concept & Delivery Plan
mpleted technical input into sections he business case and nmercialisation support documents
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3. Objectives

•Any specific objectives should be detailed here

Can be broken down to include specific outputs and expectations

See above.

4. Background to the Requirement

Provide background information to the project to help the supplier/bidder understand how it fits in to the business objectives of the procurement. Consider including issues such as:

- any history relevant to the procurement
- recent developments
- a description of the business activities in the area relating to the procurement
- business functions & processes
- organisation & staffing
- roles & responsibilities
- service conditions and environmental factors (see guidance note)

The Task Order Form forms part of a call off under the HNZP Framework. Please refer to the background section of the Scope of Works within the Framework ITT.

5. Scope

This section may include but is not restricted to:

- High-level scope of the procurement i.e. what's included or in-scope with reference to lots as appropriate
- Potential demand over the period of the contract

• Potential for the range of services to expand or reduce as need change (e.g. fluctuation such as seasonal demands); for the range of materials to increase or decrease or for new products to be included or substituted as technology develops i.e. photocopier replaced by multi- functional devices.

• Exclusions e.g. specific locations, product, or service type which providers may otherwise assume are in-scope

• Known constraints e.g. equipment or software which must be used by the provider. Include reference to systems compatibility and software licences as appropriate.

• The Period of the Agreement (e.g. This agreement will be in place up to but not after June 2020)

- Security needs both physical / IT related re Cyber essentials
- GDPR implications

For a summary of the Work Packages and how they relate to the various different sub-lot suppliers on a project level, please refer to section "Lot 2 - Delivery Support" within Appendix 1: HNZTPF Specification document of the HNZTP ITT documents.

Sub-Lot 2.2 – Technical support

Suppliers appointed to this sub-Lot will be expected to provide the following services:

Work Package 1

- Review and update previous zoning and techno-economic feasibility work (where applicable).
- Undertake a data gap analysis to identify additional sources of information required to successfully deliver the project.
- Advise on project technical risks and opportunities.

Work Package 2

- Assessment of heat off-takers including the identification of heat demands required to connect within the area based on heat network zoning policy guidelines.
- Produce a high-level TEM (or populate a DESNZ-supplied TEM) to inform cost and commercialisation discussions.
- Investigation of potential new heat sources where these are prudent and necessary to support the project; and assessment of all heat sources where previous work is out of date.
- Produce a phased delivery plan working with the project manager to inform a program of activities for the successful technical delivery of the project.

Work Package 3

- Evaluation of technical evidence gaps in the business case development process.
- Support on the specification, evaluation and quality assurance of any technical or design work required to inform the business case.
- Support on soft market testing and evaluation of suitable framework or procurement routes.

6. Requirement

• This is a statement of what is to be delivered and forms the main body of the specification. The 'golden rule' is that specifications need to be Clear, Concise and Unambiguous. It also:

- details what will be expected of the contractor under the contract
- how you see the contract operating to ensure aims and objectives are met
- details specific tasks, outputs, and expectations
- do not embed critical requirements in background information

• list the important elements of the requirements first, and work through to least important

• KPI's

Project Call Off's & Work Packages

The above forms the outline scope of works for all HN Zoning projects called off under this Task Order.

The list of projects to be called off under this Task Order comprises of:

Project name	Project Timescales	Project budget
Stockport	12 months	£325,000
Trafford	12 months	£480,000
Bolton	12 months	£450,000
Oldham	12 months	£80,000
OPDC	12 months	£30,000
WCC	12 months	£30,000
LB Enfield	12 months	£50,000

Each project will be broken down into separate package(s) of work which will each be commissioned separately via a Work Package Order Form (see **Appendix A**) with an accompanying detailed scope of works to be issued by the named Project Lead above. The Work Package Order form will also include the budget and timescales for the order.

For the avoidance of doubt, no work should be commenced by the supplier under this Task Order without a Work Package Order Form.

Should it be unclear who the work stream lead is at any point, then kindly contact the framework or contract manager (<u>brett.hagen@energysecurity.gov.uk</u> or <u>maria.clemente@energysecurity.gov.uk</u>)

All deliverables against Work Package Order Forms must be submitted per the timescales agreed in the Work Package Order Form and can only be accepted as submitted once they have been through the suppliers internal QA process as per the QA schedule and submitted QA response to Proj 1.3 in the RFPQ of the HNZTP Framework. At this point the supplier will be assessed against their KPI measure on "Deliverable Timeliness" and "Supplier Deliverable Quality Assurance" as per the framework contract.

The department will then undertake its own QA of submitted outputs and will assess the deliverables against the "Quality Score" KPI measure as per the framework contract.

KPI's against which this Task Order will be measured are as follows:

Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicators	Description	Service Level Threshold
Deliverables timeliness (monthly)	Delivered to agreed timescales	The output of each commission was delivered in the agreed timeframe as outlined in the Task Order	95%
Supplier Internal quality assurance (monthly)	Delivered in line with quality assurance methodology	The output of a commission was subjected to the internal quality controls as outlined in the Task Order	95%
Management Information (MI) is provided at monthly intervals and a minimum of 2 working days before any scheduled call-off contract management meeting.	Delivered to agreed timescales	Confirmation of receipt and time of receipt by DESNZ	100%
Quality Score (monthly)	Accepted by the department as meeting acceptable quality standards	The output of a commission was signed off by the relevant Policy lead as having been produced to satisfactory quality and met the objective set out in the Task Order	100%
Invoice timeliness (monthly)	Delivered to agreed timescales	The invoice was provided with the agreed timeframe stipulated in the Task Order	100%
Invoice Accuracy (monthly)	Delivered to acceptable standard	The invoice provided accurate information and was in accordance with the Task Order	100%

7. Timetable

- Lists key targets and/or milestones expected to be achieved
- can act as a performance indicator to enable stage or interim payments to be made against measurable deliverables.
- be specific on when you expect the outputs to be delivered
- if the completion date is fundamental to the success of the project, then say so

Indicative timescales out outcomes for each work package under this task order are as follows:

Indicative Work Package breakdown	Indicative Duration	Key Outcomes & Deliverables
WP 1: Information review & project scoping	12 months	Project Review & Scoping Report
WP 2: Zonal Network Concept & Delivery Planning	12 months	Zonal Network Concept & Delivery Plan
WP 3: Detailed Business Case & Commercialisation Support	12 months	Completed technical input into sections of the business case and commercialisation support documents

The exact time scales available and deliverables required for each work package will be confirmed in each Work Package Order Form.

SPECIFICATION FOR CENTRAL AUTHORITY AND ZONE COORDINATOR IMPLEMENTATION (SPECIFICATION 2)

Annex A Specification Document – Services

Title of Request:	Central Authority and Zone Coordinator (CAZC) Implementation
Duration of Contract including options for extension:	As per task Order Form
Project ID reference	Prj 2277
Contract Ref (CON_XXXX) – DESNZ CM to populate	As per Task Order Form
Lot number / Sub Lot number DESNZ WL to populate	Lot 2/ Lot 2.2
Required Commencement Date:	As per Task Order Form

8. Introduction

The introduction should briefly explain the requirement of the procurement and the context of that requirement e.g.

- The application, purpose, outcome, or function of the services
- The implications for the users of implementing the solution
- An outline of the research, which has been undertaken in order to specify the requirement, including any premarket engagement
- How this requirement is related to other requirements (if applicable)
- Associated risks with the procurement e.g. Continuity, Health and Safety etc.

This Task Order is for the continuation of CAZC implementation activities, from April 2025. AECOM is expected to provide continuity of key staff from the work undertaken to date.

9. Aims & Objectives

- Aims should provide details of the main aims and reasons of the tender exercise
- Any specific objectives should be detailed here
- Can be broken down to include specific outputs and expectations

The aim of the services is to procure services as part of an integrated team of DESNZ staff and consultants to continue the delivery of the Central Authority & Zone Coordinator (CAZC) workstream implementation strategy, resulting in: an operational Central Authority by November 2025; and the necessary capability and readiness by 31 March 2026 for at least ten advanced local areas to be able to form Zone Coordinators within six months of zoning coming into force

10. Objectives

- Any specific objectives should be detailed here
- Can be broken down to include specific outputs and expectations

As above

11. Background to the Requirement

Provide background information to the project to help the supplier/bidder understand how it fits in to the business objectives of the procurement. Consider including issues such as:

- any history relevant to the procurement
- recent developments
- a description of the business activities in the area relating to the procurement
- business functions & processes
- organisation & staffing
- roles & responsibilities
- service conditions and environmental factors (see guidance note)

History Relevant to the Procurement

The Heat Network Zoning Programme has been initiated to support the government's commitment to decarbonising heat and improving energy efficiency across the country. In response to new legislation, the need for designated heat network zones has been identified, which necessitates the establishment of new zoning bodies. The project's initial phase, Phase 1, focused on foundational elements, including the conceptual design of the Target Operating Model, development of an Implementation Strategy, pipeline development, and mapping of level 1 processes against the zoning value chain.

Recent Developments

Phase 1 and 2 have successfully concluded with significant milestones achieved:

- Conceptual Target Operating Model Design: A framework has been developed outlining the structure and operational functionality of the zoning bodies.
- Implementation Strategy: A detailed plan has been formulated to guide the rollout and operationalisation of the zoning bodies.
- Pipeline Development: Identification and prioritisation of potential projects within the heat network zones.
- Mapping of Level 1 Processes: Key processes across the zoning value chain have been identified and documented.

The next phase involves the detailed design and implementation of the zoning bodies, transitioning from planning to execution.

Description of Business Activities

The primary business activity associated with this procurement is the coordination and delivery of heat network zones. This involves:

- Establishing new zoning bodies responsible for overseeing and managing heat network zones.
- Ensuring compliance with new legislation governing heat networks.

Organisation & Staffing

The Central Authority, to be mobilised within the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), will consist of a combination of existing Heat Networks Delivery Unit (HNDU) and Heat Networks Team (HNT) staff. This integrated team will leverage existing expertise and resources to effectively implement and manage the zoning bodies.

- Leadership: The workstream is led by George D.
- Support: Key support roles are filled by Brett H and Tom A.
- Team Composition: The workstream comprises client staff and consultancy staff from two different consultancies, working collaboratively to deliver project outputs and outcomes.

Service Conditions and Environmental Factors

- Legislative Framework: Compliance with new heat network legislation is paramount.
- Operational Conditions: The implementation will require careful planning and coordination to minimise disruptions and ensure a smooth transition.

• Stakeholder Environment: Effective stakeholder engagement is crucial, given the diverse range of stakeholders involved, including local authorities, utility companies, and end-users.

12. Scope

This section may include but is not restricted to:

- High-level scope of the procurement i.e. what's included or in-scope with reference to lots as appropriate
- Potential demand over the period of the contract
- Potential for the range of services to expand or reduce as need change (e.g. fluctuation such as seasonal demands); for the range of materials to increase or decrease or for new products to be included or substituted as technology develops i.e. photocopier replaced by multi- functional devices.
- Exclusions e.g. specific locations, product, or service type which providers may otherwise assume are in-scope
- Known constraints e.g. equipment or software which must be used by the provider. Include reference to systems compatibility and software licences as appropriate.
- The Period of the Agreement (e.g. This agreement will be in place up to but not after June 2020)
- Security needs both physical / IT related re Cyber essentials
- GDPR implications

General requirements:

The Consultants will work together and with DESNZ as part of an integrated team.

Implementation (Central Authority & Zoning Coordinators)

General

Overall Change Management strategy

- Establish structured change management processes across the Central Authority (CA) and Zoning Coordinators (ZCs).
- Define key change milestones and ensure alignment with DESNZ objectives and programme milestones.
- Capture lessons learned and define strategies to support long-term zoning implementation.

Stakeholder transition and readiness planning

- Conduct change impact assessments to understand readiness of DESNZ and local authorities to take on new responsibilities.
- Provide structured change support for both internal (CA) and external (ZCs) stakeholders.

Training and capability building

- Identify training needs across CA and ZCs.
- Provide induction support, and knowledge-sharing opportunities.

Centralised reporting and performance management

- Implement structured performance tracking for change activities.
- Support DESNZ in monitoring zoning implementation progress and risks.
- Provide regular updates to DESNZ on implementation progress.

Central Authority (CA) Implementation

CA transition and operational readiness

- Provide change management support to the HNDU Team as its takes on the new responsibilities of the Central Authority.
- Develop and refine an updated implementation roadmap for the CA.
- Develop clear handover plans for required HNDU functions.

CA resource planning and recruitment

- Assist in identifying necessary roles and skill sets for CA operations.
- Support DESNZ in recruiting personnel and assisting with HR processes for CA staff as directed by DESNZ.
- Establish interim measures to mitigate capacity constraints until full CA staffing is in place.

Governance (CA Board)

• Ensure CA governance structures align with statutory responsibilities and business case.

Zoning Coordinators (ZCs) Implementation

Support for ZC mobilisation in 14 zones (9 cities and "x" LA) AZP cities

- Assist in the recruitment process.
- Develop standardised role descriptions and competency frameworks for ZC staff.
- Develop governance and operational structures for ZCs.

ZC training and capability development

- Provide structured onboarding materials for new ZC officers.
- Outline training programmes covering zoning responsibilities.
- Provide induction support to ensure staff understand zoning policies and operational expectations.

Stakeholder engagement for ZCs

- Facilitate engagement between Local Authorities taking on ZC responsibilities
- Provide advisory support to ensure smooth integration of ZCs into local governance structures.

Comms and Engagement

Communication strategy & local adjustment

- Work with the Heat Network Communications Team to develop a comprehensive national communication strategy to support zoning implementation.
- Work with Change Managers in Local Authorities to adapt messaging for local contexts.
- Ensure communication efforts reflect the specific needs and concerns of each city.

Messaging alignment & coordination

• Work closely with the PMO to ensure messaging is clear, consistent, and aligned with programme milestones.

 Align messaging across different phases of zoning implementation to maintain clarity and stakeholder confidence.

Content development

- Create high-quality communication materials, including visual and multimedia content.
- Ensure all materials are consistent in tone, style, and branding.
- Develop FAQs, briefing packs, and key messages to support stakeholder engagement.
- Secure approval of all content from the Heat Network Communications Team before publication

Stakeholder engagement & storytelling

- Work with Change Managers in Local Authorities to facilitate storytelling and case studies.
- Highlight real-world benefits of zoning implementation to build trust and stakeholder buy-in.
- Capture lessons learned and success stories to reinforce positive change narratives.

Management and Interface

Governance and Assurance

- Develop and lead the workstream governance to create and align the programme success factors, objectives and benefits with the workstream outputs
- Establish and maintain the agreed delegation and escalation and assurance routes for all deliverables
- Set out the agreed assurance process to include the DESNZ approval cycle and drive quality
- Align programme benefits with workstream objectives
- Define and manage the Change Management process to allow for changes to the integrate programme planning, risk and issue management

Integrated workstream & programme planning & schedule management

- Develop and maintain a structured, integrated schedule for CAZC activities within the wider Heat Network Zoning Programme (HNZP).
- Ensure all CA and ZC implementation activities are coordinated with broader programme timelines and dependencies.
- Identify and mitigate risks related to scheduling conflicts or delays across workstreams.
- Develop and support the system collaboration for sharing Information with Local Authorities, the CA, ZC and AZP workstreams

Risk & issue management

- Identify potential risks or conflicts between workstreams and provide mitigation strategies.
- Ensure alignment between CA and ZC mobilisation plans with legislative and business case developments.
- Address interdependencies that could impact programme delivery, making proactive adjustments as required.

Cross-Workstream interface management

- Lead structured engagement between CAZC and key HNZPT workstreams to ensure seamless coordination.
- Establish clear processes for managing dependencies, ensuring alignment on key milestones.
- Act as the primary interface between CAZC and related DESNZ teams to streamline decision-making.
- Fortnightly interface meetings with Legislation, Route to Market, National Heat Network Zoning Modelling, Digital, Business Case, Analysis & Market Growth workstreams

Performance monitoring & reporting

- Track progress across CAZC activities and dependencies with other workstreams.
- Provide structured updates to DESNZ on interface management, risk status, and cross-workstream challenges.
- Ensure reporting mechanisms capture key decisions, actions, and programme adjustments.

ZC Codesign

Target Operating Model design for each Zoning Coordinator

- Work closely with each Local Authority to design tailored Target Operating Models (TOMs) for their respective ZCs.
- Define key ZC functions, governance structures, reporting lines, and operational processes.
- Ensure each TOM aligns with national zoning objectives while accommodating local governance and resource constraints.

Collaborative co-design with Local Authorities

- Engage Local Authorities to define resourcing needs, decision-making processes, and delivery mechanisms for ZCs.
- Apply the conceptual Target Operating Model and Delivery Model Assessment, approved by DESNZ, that allows flexibility in ZC implementation while ensuring consistency across all zones.
- Facilitate workshops and working sessions with Local Authorities to validate design assumptions and ensure local buy-in.

Integration with change management

- Provide a structured foundation for Change Managers to assess impacts on stakeholders.
- Support Change Management teams to tailor engagement, training, and support based on each ZC's unique operating model.
- Identify key transition challenges and provide inputs for change readiness assessments.

Client Support & Management

Ad-hoc strategic advisory support

- Provide expert advice to DESNZ on zoning implementation challenges.
- Support decision-making processes through technical and policy insights.
- Address emerging challenges and provide targeted problem-solving assistance.
- Identify and address risks affecting zoning implementation.

Programme-wide support

- Attendance at HNZPT Coordination sessions
- Assist in refining zoning regulations and processes as needed.
- Provide input into business case development and financial planning.
- Support policy alignment between zoning regulations and broader heat network policies.
- Facilitate knowledge-sharing and coordination across zoning-related workstreams.
- Provide proactive recommendations to DESNZ for programme improvements.
- Provide NZM programme support
- Participation in programme updates, workstream interface meetings, cyclical reporting

13. Requirement

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- KPI's

Project Call Off's & Work Packages

The above forms the outline scope of works for all AZP/ HNDU projects called off under this Task Order.

The list of projects to be delivered under this Task Order comprises of:

Project
Timescales

(monthly)	methodology	subjected to the internal quality		
Supplier Internal quality assurance	Delivered in line with quality assurance	The output of a commission was	95%	
		delivered in the agreed timeframe as outlined in the Task Order		
Deliverables timeliness (monthly)	Delivered to agreed timescales	The output of each commission was	95%	
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicators	Description	Service Level Threshold	
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The department will then undertake its own QA of submitted outputs and will assess the deliverables against the "Quality Score" KPI measure as per the framework contract.				
The department				
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	For the avoidance of doubt, no work should be commenced by the supplier under this Task Order without a Work Package Order Form.			
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be commissione	ed separately via a Wor	eparate package(s) of v k Package Order Form	(see attached) with an	
Client Support 8	Management	12 months		
ZC Codesign		12 months		
Management &	Interface	12 months		
Comm's & Enga	agement	12 months		
Implementation		12 months		

		controls as outlined in the Task Order	
Management Information (MI) is provided at monthly intervals and a minimum of 2 working days before any scheduled call-off contract management meeting.	Delivered to agreed timescales	Confirmation of receipt and time of receipt by DESNZ	100%
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Invoice timeliness (monthly)	Delivered to agreed timescales	The invoice was provided with the agreed timeframe stipulated in the Task Order	100%
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14. Timetable

- Lists key targets and/or milestones expected to be achieved
- can act as a performance indicator to enable stage or interim payments to be made against measurable deliverables.
- be specific on when you expect the outputs to be delivered
- if the completion date is fundamental to the success of the project, then say so

Key Targets and Milestones

The aim of the services is to procure the supplier to provide services as part of an integrated team of DESNZ staff and consultants to continue the delivery of the AZP programme and Central Authority & Zone Coordinator design and implementation, resulting in:

- an operational Central Authority; and
- the necessary capability and readiness for the formation of the first cohort of Zone Coordinators within six months of zoning coming into force

At the time of writing, Zoning is expected to come into force in November 2025. Any future changes to this date will be confirmed through the HNZ Programme Change Control procedure.

Schedule 3: Supplier proposal

<u>Specification 1 – The provision of AZP HEAT NETWORK ZONING PROJECT DELIVERY:</u> <u>£1,505,000 excluding VAT;</u>

Introduction

AECOM are experienced in delivering for the Advanced Zoning Program having worked on the previous iterations of AZP.

Our understanding and approach:

An indication of the tasks to be undertaken as part of Specification 1 are set out in the high level scope and work may include the following:

Work Package 1

- Review and update previous zoning and techno-economic feasibility work (where applicable).
- Undertake a data gap analysis to identify additional sources of information required to successfully deliver the project.
- Advise on project technical risks and opportunities.

Work Package 2

- Assessment of heat off-takers including the identification of heat demands required to connect within the area based on heat network zoning policy guidelines.
- Produce a high-level TEM (or populate a DESNZ-supplied TEM) to inform cost and commercialisation discussions.
- Investigation of potential new heat sources where these are prudent and necessary to support the project; and assessment of all heat sources where previous work is out of date.
- Produce a phased delivery plan working with the project manager to inform a program of activities for the successful technical delivery of the project.

Work Package 3

- Evaluation of technical evidence gaps in the business case development process.
- Support on the specification, evaluation and quality assurance of any technical or design work required to inform the business case.
- Support on soft market testing and evaluation of suitable framework or procurement routes.

We understand that at this stage the scope set out by the client is indicative in nature and will be set out in detail through a Work Package Order Form process at a later date. Therefore, we are unable to provide a detailed scope of work and will review work order

forms when issued to us and evaluate them before committing to their delivery. We propose that we would develop a methodology to deliver each Work Package Order Form scope and agree that scope (including subcontractors, if required) with the client before accepting or commencing a work order form.

Fee:

Based on the information provided in SPECIFICATION 1, we estimate our maximum fee for this scope of work to be \pounds <u>1,505,000 (ex. VAT</u>). This is based on our agreed framework rates, shown below.

Staff Grade Lot 2.2	Day Rate (£/day ex. VAT)
Director	REDACTED UNDER FOIA SECTION 43 COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE
Associate / Associate Director	
Principal Consultant	
Senior Consultant	
Consultant / Graduate Consultant	

The below shows an estimated build up of the proposed maximum fee based on the indicative scope set out in the task order form. The final fee would be subject to the scope of the individual work package order forms.



<u>Team</u>

As the exact nature of the work is unknown, our key team staff members are limited to EXAMPLE VICE (Technical Lead) and (Project Manager). We will identify specific roles, as required, for each Work Package Order Form. We will draw upon our wide team to resource the remaining roles to deliver the Work Package Order Form scopes of work. Our indicative team with roles is shown below. We will review the need for subcontractors in line with the issued work package order forms. Should subcontractors be needed, we will inform the Department before appointment, and only appoint subcontractors following approval from the Department.

Name	Role/Grade	Scope
REDACTED UNDER FOIA SECTIO	Technical Lead / Director	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form.
		Lead the delivery of Technical Support commissions and has responsibility for ensuring the technical robustness of delivered Work Packages
	Project Manager / Associate	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form.
	Director	Provide day-to-day management including project management responsibilities such as main client contact, risk management, scheduling, financial control, reporting and quality assurance on the AZP.
N/A	Project Director / Director	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form.
		The project Director will provide overall leadership, quality and escalation point for the client team.
N/A	Technical Support Lead /	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form.
Associate Director		Will provide additional capacity to lead Work packages. Will provide technical leadership and engagement with stakeholders.
N/A	Technical Delivery and	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form.
support / Principal Consultar		Our pool of experienced Principal consultants will support the delivery of Work packages. The role may include TEM, energy modelling, analysis of heat sources/off-takers, design, stakeholder engagement, quality assurance and wider technical support such as gap-analysis and risk identification. Commercialisation support.
		May lead discrete sub-packages within Work Package Order Form
N/A	Technical Delivery and	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form.
	support / Senior Consultant	Our pool of experienced Senior consultants will support the delivery of Work packages. The role may include TEM, energy modelling, analysis of heat sources/off-takers, design, stakeholder engagement,

Name	Role/Grade	Scope
		quality assurance and wider technical support such as gap-analysis and risk identification. Commercialisation support.
		May lead discrete sub-packages within Work Package Order Form
N/A	Technical Delivery and support / Consultant & Graduate Consultant	 Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form. Our pool of Consultants and Graduate Consultant will support the delivery of Work packages. The role may include TEM, energy modelling, analysis of heat sources/off-takers, design, stakeholder engagement, quality assurance and wider technical support such as gap-analysis and risk identification. Commercialisation support.

Specification 2 – The provision of CENTRAL AUTHORITY AND ZONE COORDINATOR IMPLEMENTATION: £1,680,000 excluding VAT

Introduction

AECOM are pleased to submit our response to the Task Order for supporting the implementation of the Central Authority (CA) and Zoning Coordinators (ZCs) as part of the Heat Network Zoning Programme. Our proposed approach builds on our ongoing work within CAZC and reflects a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities inherent in delivering zoning at national and local levels. We remain committed to working in an integrated, collaborative manner with DESNZ and other delivery partners, drawing upon our experience in complex public sector transformation programmes.

Our understanding and approach:

We understand that the purpose of Specification 2 is to provide a continuation and expansion of support to DESNZ in its role leading the implementation of the Heat Network Zoning Programme, specifically the operationalisation of the Central Authority and the formation of Zoning Coordinators.

We recognise the scope as comprising both strategic and operational implementation activity including:

- Design and delivery of a change management approach across CA and ZCs
- Stakeholder engagement and readiness planning
- Supporting recruitment and capability development of CA and ZC staff
- Implementation performance management and governance
- Development and deployment of communications, including localised messaging
- ZC Target Operating Model co-design with Local Authorities
- Cross-workstream programme and schedule integration
- Risk, issue and interface management
- Strategic client advisory and programme-wide support

Our approach will draw on lessons learned and insights captured to date, use established tools and frameworks, and reflect the dependencies, risks, and potential slippages identified through our ongoing participation in the CAZC programme. We are particularly mindful of the realistic timelines associated with LA recruitment, governance constraints, and the requirement to simplify Year 1 ZC designs while maintaining strategic alignment with national objectives.

Our methodology will be based on five guiding principles:

- Adaptability ensuring each solution is scalable and appropriate to evolving programme dependencies and readiness
- Local empowerment co-designing with Local Authorities and supporting capacitybuilding
- Clarity and confidence through consistent, transparent communications and governance support
- Integration aligning our work with parallel HNZP workstreams and policy milestones
- Realism and opportunity designing implementation pathways that are deliverable, whilst identifying the value in extended mobilisation windows

We understand that at this stage the scope set out by the client is indicative in nature and will be set out in detail through a Work Package Order Form process at a later date.

Therefore, we are unable to provide a detailed scope of work and will review work order forms when issued to us and evaluate them before committing to their delivery. We propose that we would develop a methodology to deliver each Work Package Order Form scope and agree that scope (including subcontractors, if required) with the client before accepting or commencing a work order form.

Fee:

Based on the information provided in SPECIFICATION 2, we estimate our maximum fee for this scope of work to be \pounds <u>1.680,000 (ex. VAT</u>). This is based on our agreed framework rates, shown below.

Staff Grade Lot 2.2	Day Rate (£/day ex. VAT)
Director	REDACTED UNDER FOIA SECTION 43 COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE
Associate / Associate Director	
Principal Consultant	
Senior Consultant	
Consultant / Graduate Consultant	

The below shows an estimated build-up of the proposed maximum fee based on the indicative scope set out in the task order form. The final fee would be subject to the scope of the individual work package order forms.





<u>Team</u>

As the exact nature of the work is unknown, our key team staff members are limited to (Workstream Delivery Lead) and (Implementation Lead). We will identify specific roles, as required, for each Work Package Order Form. We will draw upon our wide team to resource the remaining roles to deliver the Work Package Order Form scopes of work. Our indicative team with roles is shown below. We will review the need for subcontractors in line with the issued work package order forms. Should subcontractors be needed, we will inform the Department before appointment, and only appoint subcontractors following approval from the Department.

Name	Role	Responsibilities
REDACTED UNDER FOIA SECTIC	Workstream Delivery Lead (Project Lead)	 Lead overall management and coordination of the CAZC workstream Act as primary point of contact with DESNZ for workstream delivery Provide governance oversight, interface coordination and risk management Manage work package planning, monitoring and reporting Coordinate cross-workstream dependencies and align with wider HNZP programme milestones Support DESNZ leadership through strategic advice, programme planning and escalation management Ensure quality, consistency and timeliness of deliverables
	Implementation Lead (Technical Lead)	 Lead development and delivery of change management strategy and tools Develop implementation roadmaps for CA and ZC mobilisation Manage stakeholder readiness assessments Support DESNZ in CA and ZC resource planning, recruitment, and onboarding Coordinate training needs assessments and develop delivery plans
N/A	Project Director / Director	 Lead co-design of ZC governance and operational models in collaboration with Local Authorities Lead alignment of ZC Target Operating Models and implementation planning Drive delivery of communications and engagement content, messaging, and local adaptation, liaising with DESNZ HNT Communications Provide input to national comms and implementation strategy and alignment with programme milestones Monitor and report on performance of implementation activities Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form.
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		The project Director will provide overall leadership, quality and escalation point for the client team.
N/A	Technical Support Lead / Associate Director	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form. Will provide additional capacity to lead Work packages. Will provide technical leadership and engagement with stakeholders.
N/A	Technical Delivery and support / Principal Consultant	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form. Our pool of experienced Principal consultants will support the delivery of Work packages. The role may include change management and implementation coordination. May lead discrete sub-packages within the Workstream.
N/A	Technical Delivery and support / Senior Consultant	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form. Our pool of experienced Senior consultants will support the delivery of Work packages. The role may include change management, implementation coordination and information management. May lead discrete sub-packages within the Workstream.
N/A	Technical Delivery and support / Consultant & Graduate Consultant	Role and scope will be specific to the nature of each Work Package Order Form. Our pool of Consultants and Graduate Consultant will support the delivery of Work packages. The role may include change management, implementation delivery and workstream support.

Schedule 4: Variation Form

This form is to be used in order to change a contract in accordance with Clause C7-11 of the Framework Contract.

Contract Details				
This variation is between:	[insert name of Contracting Authority Authority")	y] ("the Contracting		
	And			
	[insert name of Supplier] ("the Supp	olier")		
Task Order Form name:	[insert name of Task Order Form to I Order Form")	be changed] ("this Task		
Task Order Form reference number:	[insert contract reference number]			
Details of Proposed Variation				
Variation initiated by:	[delete as applicable: Contracting Au	ithority/Supplier]		
Variation number:	[insert variation number]			
Date variation is raised:	[insert date]			
Proposed variation				
Reason for the variation:	[insert reason]			
An Impact Assessment shall be provided within:	[insert number] days			
Impact of Variation				
Likely impact of the [Supplier to insert assessment of impact] proposed variation:				
Outcome of Variation				
Task Order Form	This Task Order Form detailed above is varied as follows:			
variation:	• [Contracting Authority to insert original Clauses or Paragraphs to be varied and the changed clause]			
Financial variation:	Original Task Order Form Value:	£ [insert amount]		
	Additional cost due to variation:	£ [insert amount]		
	New Task Order Form value:	£ [insert amount]		

- 1. This Variation must be agreed and signed by both Parties to this Task Order Form and shall only be effective from the date it is signed by the Contracting Authority.
- 2. Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in this Task Order Form.
- 3. The Task Order Form, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

Signed by an authorised signatory for and on behalf of the Contracting Authority Signature
Date
Name (in Capitals)
Address
Signed by an authorised signatory to sign for and on behalf of the Supplier Signature
Date
Name (in Capitals)
Address

Schedule 5: Sustainability

"Waste Hierarchy"	follow	s prioritisation of waste management in the ring order of preference as set out in the Waste and and Wales) Regulation 2011:
	(a)	Prevention;
	(b)	Preparing for re-use;
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- (c) Recycling;
- (d) Other Recovery; and
- (e) Disposal.

Part A

1. Public Sector Equality Duty

- 1.1 In addition to legal obligations, where the Supplier is providing a Deliverable to which the Public Sector Equality duty applies, the Supplier shall support the Contracting Authority in fulfilling its Public Sector Equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 by ensuring that it fulfils its obligations under this Contract in a way that seeks to:
 - 1.1.1 eliminate discrimination, harassment or victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010; and
 - 1.1.2 advance:
 - (a) equality of opportunity; and
 - (b) good relations,

between those with a protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, and marriage and civil partnership) and those who do not share it.

2. Employment Law

The Supplier must perform its obligations meeting the requirements of all applicable Law regarding employment.

3. Environmental Requirements

- 3.1 The Supplier must perform its obligations meeting in all material respects the requirements of all applicable Laws regarding the environment.
- 3.2 In performing its obligations under this Contract, the Supplier shall, where applicable to this Contract, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Contracting Authority:
 - 3.2.1 prioritise waste management in accordance with the Waste Hierarchy as set out in Law;
 - 3.2.2 be responsible for ensuring that any waste generated by the Supplier and sent for recycling, disposal or other recovery as a consequence of this Contract is taken by a licensed waste carrier to an authorised site for treatment or disposal and that the disposal or treatment of waste complies with the Law; and
 - 3.2.3 ensure that it and any third parties used to undertake recycling, disposal or other recovery as a consequence of this Contract do so in a legally compliant way, and can demonstrate that reasonable checks are undertaken to ensure this on a regular basis and provide relevant data and evidence of recycling, recovery and disposal.
- 3.3 In circumstances that a permit, licence or exemption to carry or send waste generated under this Contract is revoked, the Supplier shall cease to carry or send

waste or allow waste to be carried by any Subcontractor until authorisation is obtained from the Environment Agency.

- 3.4 In performing its obligations under this Contract, the Supplier shall to the reasonable satisfaction of the Contracting Authority (where the anticipated Charges in any Contract Year are above £5 million per annum (excluding VAT)), where related to and proportionate to the contract in accordance with PPN 06/21), publish and maintain a credible Carbon Reduction Plan in accordance with PPN 06/21.
- 3.5 The Supplier shall meet the applicable Government Buying Standards applicable to Deliverables which can be found online at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sustainable-procurement-thegovernment-buying-standards-gbs.

4. Supplier Code of Conduct

4.1 In February 2019, HM Government published a Supplier Code of Conduct setting out the standards and behaviours expected of suppliers who work with government which can be found online at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attac hment_data/file/1163536/Supplier_Code_of_Conduct_v3.pdf

The Contracting Authority expects to meet, and expects its suppliers and subcontractors to meet, the standards set out in that Code.

5. Reporting

The Supplier shall comply with reasonable requests by the Contracting Authority for information evidencing compliance with any of the requirements in Paragraphs Public **Sector Equality Duty**-4 of this Part A above within fourteen (14) days of such request, provided that such requests are limited to [two (2)] per requirement per Contract Year.

Schedule 6: Key Supplier Staff

- 1 Key Supplier Staff
- 1.1 The Task Order Form lists the key roles ("**Key Roles**") and names of the persons who the Supplier shall appoint to fill those Key Roles at the Start Date and the Task Order Form lists the Key Roles and names of persons who the Supplier shall appoint to fill those Key Roles as of the Task Order Form Start Date.
- 1.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the Key Staff fulfil the Key Roles at all times during the Task Order Form Period.
- 1.3 The Contracting Authority may identify any further roles as being Key Roles and, following agreement to the same by the Supplier, the relevant person selected to fill those Key Roles shall be included on the list of Key Staff.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall not remove or replace and shall procure that any Subcontractor shall not remove or replace any Key Staff unless:
- 1.4.1 requested to do so by the Contracting Authority or the Contracting Authority approves such removal or replacement (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);
- 1.4.2 the person concerned resigns, retires or dies or is on maternity or long-term sick leave; or
- 1.4.3 the person's employment or contractual arrangement with the Supplier or Subcontractor is terminated for material breach of contract by the employee.
- 1.5 The Supplier shall:
- 1.5.1 notify the Contracting Authority promptly of the absence of any Key Staff (other than for short-term sickness or holidays of two (2) weeks or less, in which case the Supplier shall ensure appropriate temporary cover for that Key Role);
- 1.5.2 ensure that any Key Role is not vacant for any longer than ten (10) Working Days;
- 1.5.3 give as much notice as is reasonably practicable of its intention to remove or replace any member of Key Staff and, except in the cases of death, unexpected ill health or a material breach of the Key Staff's employment contract, this will mean at least three (3) Months' notice;
- 1.5.4 ensure that all arrangements for planned changes in Key Staff provide adequate periods during which incoming and outgoing staff work together to transfer responsibilities and ensure that such change does not have an adverse impact on the provision of the delivery of the Task Order Form;
- 1.5.5 ensure that any replacement for a Key Role has a level of qualifications and experience appropriate to the relevant Key Role and is fully competent to carry out the tasks assigned to the Key Staff whom he or she has replaced;
- 1.5.6 on written request from the Contracting Authority, provide a copy of the contract of employment or engagement (between the Supplier and Supplier staff) for every member of the Supplier staff made available to the Contracting Authority under the Task Order Form when providing deliverables under any the Task Order Form;
- 1.5.7 on written request from the Contracting Authority, provide details of start and end dates of engagement for all Key Staff filling Key Roles under this Task Order Form.
- 1.6 The Contracting Authority may require the Supplier to remove or procure that any Subcontractor shall remove any Key Staff that the Contracting Authority considers in any respect unsatisfactory. The Contracting Authority shall not be liable for the cost of replacing any Key Staff.

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Schedule 7: Exit Management

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement the Contract:

"Exclusive Assets"	Supplier Assets used exclusively by the Supplier or a Subcontractor in the provision of the deliverables;
"Exit Information"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 3.1 of this Schedule;
"Exit Manager"	the person appointed by each Party to manage their respective obligations under this Schedule;
"Net Book Value"	the current net book value of the relevant Supplier Asset(s) calculated in accordance with the Tender (if stated) or (if not stated) the depreciation policy of the Supplier (which the Supplier shall ensure is in accordance with Good Industry Practice);
"Non-Exclusive Assets"	those Supplier Assets used by the Supplier or a Subcontractor in connection with the deliverables but which are also used by the Supplier or a Subcontractor for other purposes;
"Replacement Goods"	any goods which are substantially similar to any of the Goods and which the Contracting Authority receives in substitution for any of the Goods following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Contracting Authority internally and/or by any third party;
"Replacement Services"	any services which are substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Contracting Authority receives in substitution for any of the Services following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Contracting Authority internally and/or by any third party;
"Transferable Assets"	Exclusive Assets which are capable of legal transfer to the Contracting Authority;
"Transferable Contracts"	Sub-Contracts, licences for Supplier's Software, licences for Third Party Software or other agreements which are necessary to enable the Contracting Authority or any replacement supplier to provide the deliverables or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement

	Services, including in relation to licences all relevant Documentation;
"Transferring Assets"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2.1 of this Schedule;
"Transferring Contracts"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2.3 of this Schedule; and

2. Supplier must always be prepared for contract exit

2.1 Not used

3. Assisting re-competition for deliverables

- 3.1 The Supplier shall, on reasonable notice, provide to the Contracting Authority and/or its potential replacement suppliers (subject to the potential replacement suppliers entering into reasonable written confidentiality undertakings), such information (including any access) as the Contracting Authority shall reasonably require in order to facilitate the preparation by the Contracting Authority of any invitation to tender and/or to facilitate any potential replacement suppliers undertaking due diligence (the "**Exit Information**").
- 3.2 The Supplier acknowledges that the Contracting Authority may disclose the Supplier's Confidential Information (excluding the Supplier's or its Subcontractors' prices or costs) to an actual or prospective replacement supplier to the extent that such disclosure is necessary in connection with such engagement.
- 3.3 The Supplier shall provide complete updates of the Exit Information on an asrequested basis as soon as reasonably practicable and notify the Contracting Authority within five (5) Working Days of any material change to the Exit Information which may adversely impact upon the provision of any deliverables (and shall consult the Contracting Authority in relation to any such changes).
- 3.4 The Exit Information shall be accurate and complete in all material respects and shall be sufficient to enable a third party to prepare an informed offer for those deliverables; and not be disadvantaged in any procurement process compared to the Supplier.

4. Exit Plan

- 4.1 The Supplier shall, within two (2) Months after the Date of this Task Order Form, deliver to the Contracting Authority a plan which complies with the requirements set out in Paragraph 4.3 of this Schedule and is otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Contracting Authority (the "**Exit Plan**").
- 4.2 The Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the Exit Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the contents of the Exit Plan within twenty (20) Working Days of the latest date for its submission pursuant to Paragraph 4.1, then they should follow the process for disputes outlined in the Contract.
- 4.3 The Exit Plan shall set out, as a minimum:
 - 4.3.1 how the Exit Information is obtained;

- 4.3.2 a mechanism for dealing with partial termination on the assumption that the Supplier will continue to provide the remaining deliverables under this Task Order Form;
- 4.3.3 the management structure to be employed during the Termination Assistance Period;
- 4.3.4 a detailed description of both the transfer and cessation processes, including a timetable;
- 4.3.5 how the deliverables will transfer to the replacement supplier and/or the Contracting Authority;
- 4.3.6 details of any contracts which will be available for transfer to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier upon the Expiry Date together with any reasonable costs required to effect such transfer;
- 4.3.7 the scope of Termination Assistance that may be required for the benefit of the Contracting Authority (including which services set out in Annex 1 are applicable);
- 4.3.8 how Termination Assistance will be provided, including a timetable and critical issues for providing Termination Assistance;
- 4.3.9 any charges that would be payable for the provision of Termination Assistance (calculated in accordance with Paragraph 4.4 below) together with a capped estimate of such charges;
- 4.3.10 proposals for the training of key members of the replacement supplier's staff in connection with the continuation of the provision of the deliverables following the expiry of this Task Order Form;
- 4.3.11 proposals for providing the Contracting Authority or a replacement supplier copies of all documentation relating to the use and operation of the deliverables and required for their continued use;
- 4.3.12 proposals for the assignment or novation of all services utilised by the Supplier in connection with the supply of the deliverables;
- 4.3.13 proposals for the identification and return of all Contracting Authority Property in the possession of and/or control of the Supplier or any third party;
- 4.3.14 proposals for the disposal of any redundant deliverables and materials;
- 4.3.15 how the Supplier will ensure that there is no disruption to or degradation of the deliverables during the Termination Assistance Period; and
- 4.3.16 any other information or assistance reasonably required by the Contracting Authority or a replacement supplier.
- 4.4 Any charges payable as a result of the Supplier providing Termination Assistance shall be calculated and charged in accordance with the Contract. The Supplier shall be entitled to increase or vary the charges only if it can demonstrate in the Exit Plan that the provision of Termination Assistance requires additional resources and, in any event, any change to the Charges resulting from the provisions of

Termination Assistance will be strictly proportionate to the level of resources required for the provision of the Termination Assistance Services.

- 4.5 The Supplier shall:
 - 4.5.1 maintain and update the Exit Plan (and risk management plan) no less frequently than:

every six (6) months throughout the duration of the Task Order Form;

- (a) no later than twenty (20) Working Days after a request from the Contracting Authority for an up-to-date copy of the Exit Plan;
- (b) as soon as reasonably possible following a Termination Assistance Notice, and in any event no later than ten (10) Working Days after the date of the Termination Assistance Notice;
- (c) as soon as reasonably possible following, and in any event no later than twenty (20) Working Days following, any material change to the deliverables (including all changes under the Variation Procedure); and
- 4.5.2 jointly review and verify the Exit Plan if required by the Contracting Authority and promptly correct any identified failures.
- 4.6 Only if (by notification to the Supplier in writing) the Contracting Authority agrees with a draft Exit Plan provided by the Supplier under Paragraph 4.2 or 4.4 (as the context requires), shall that draft become the Exit Plan for this Contract.
- 4.7 A version of an Exit Plan agreed between the parties shall not be superseded by any draft submitted by the Supplier.

5. Termination Assistance

- 5.1 The Contracting Authority shall be entitled to require the provision of Termination Assistance at any time during the Contract Period by giving written notice to the Supplier (a "**Termination Assistance Notice**") at least four (4) Months prior to the expiry of the Task Order Form or as soon as reasonably practicable (but in any event, not later than one (1) Month) following the service by either Party of a Termination Notice. The Termination Assistance Notice shall specify:
 - 5.1.1 the nature of the Termination Assistance required; and
 - 5.1.2 the start date and period during which it is anticipated that Termination Assistance will be required, which shall continue no longer than twelve (12) Months after the End Date.
- 5.2 The Contracting Authority shall have an option to extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the initial period specified in the Termination Assistance Notice in one or more extensions, in each case provided that:
 - 5.2.1 no such extension shall extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the date eighteen (18) Months after the end of the Task Order Form; and

- 5.2.2 the Contracting Authority shall notify the Supplier of any such extension by serving not less than twenty (20) Working Days' written notice upon the Supplier.
- 5.3 The Contracting Authority shall have the right to terminate its requirement for Termination Assistance by serving not less than (20) Working Days' written notice upon the Supplier.
- 5.4 In the event that Termination Assistance is required by the Contracting Authority but at the relevant time the parties are still agreeing an update to the Exit Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4, the Supplier will provide the Termination Assistance in good faith and in accordance with the principles in this Schedule and the last Contracting Authority approved version of the Exit Plan (insofar as it still applies).

6. Termination Assistance Period

- 6.1 Throughout the Termination Assistance Period the Supplier shall:
 - 6.1.1 continue to provide the deliverables (as applicable) and otherwise perform its obligations under this Contract and, if required by the Contracting Authority, provide the Termination Assistance;
 - 6.1.2 provide to the Contracting Authority and/or its replacement supplier any reasonable assistance and/or access requested by the Contracting Authority and/or its replacement supplier including assistance and/or access to facilitate the orderly transfer of responsibility for and conduct of the deliverables to the Contracting Authority and/or its replacement supplier;
 - 6.1.3 use all reasonable endeavours to reallocate resources to provide such assistance without additional costs to the Contracting Authority;
 - 6.1.4 subject to Paragraph 6.3, provide the deliverables and the Termination Assistance at no detriment to the Service Levels, the provision of the Management Information or any other reports nor to any other of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract;
 - 6.1.5 at the Contracting Authority's request and on reasonable notice, deliver up-to-date contents of the Virtual Library to the Contracting Authority; and
 - 6.1.6 seek the Contracting Authority's prior written consent to access any Contracting Authority premises from which the de-installation or removal of Supplier Assets is required.
- 6.2 If it is not possible for the Supplier to reallocate resources to provide such assistance as is referred to in Paragraph 6.1.2 without additional costs to the Contracting Authority, any additional costs incurred by the Supplier in providing such reasonable assistance shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.
- 6.3 If the Supplier demonstrates to the Contracting Authority's reasonable satisfaction that the provision of the Termination Assistance will have a material, unavoidable adverse effect on the Supplier's ability to meet one or more particular Service Levels, the Parties shall vary the relevant Service Levels and/or the applicable Service Credits accordingly.

7. Obligations when the contract is terminated

- 7.1 The Supplier shall comply with all of its obligations contained in the Exit Plan.
- 7.2 Upon termination or expiry or at the end of the Termination Assistance Period (or earlier if this does not adversely affect the Supplier's performance of the deliverables and the Termination Assistance), the Supplier shall:
 - 7.2.1 cease to use the Government Data;
 - 7.2.2 vacate any Contracting Authority Premises;
 - 7.2.3 remove the Supplier Equipment together with any other materials used by the Supplier to supply the deliverables and shall leave the Sites in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Supplier is solely responsible for making good any damage to the Sites or any objects contained thereon, other than fair wear and tear, which is caused by the Supplier;
 - 7.2.4 provide access during normal working hours to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier for up to twelve (12) Months after expiry or termination to:
 - (a) such information relating to the deliverables as remains in the possession or control of the Supplier; and
 - (b) such members of the Supplier Staff as have been involved in the design, development and provision of the deliverables and who are still employed by the Supplier, provided that the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier shall pay the reasonable costs of the Supplier actually incurred in responding to such requests for access.
- 7.3 Upon partial termination, termination or expiry (as the case may be) or at the end of the Termination Assistance Period (or earlier if this does not adversely affect the Supplier's performance of the Services and the Termination Assistance and its compliance with the other provisions of this Schedule), each Party shall return to the other Party (or if requested, destroy or delete) all Confidential Information of the other Party in respect of the terminated Services and shall certify that it does not retain the other Party's Confidential Information save to the extent (and for the limited period) that such information needs to be retained by the Party in question for the purposes of providing or receiving any Services or Termination Assistance or for statutory compliance purposes.

8. Assets, Sub-contracts and Software

- 8.1 Following notice of termination of this Contract and during the Termination Assistance Period, the Supplier shall not, without the Contracting Authority's prior written consent:
 - 8.1.1 terminate, enter into or vary any Sub-contract or licence for any software in connection with the deliverables; or
 - 8.1.2 (subject to normal maintenance requirements) make material modifications to, or dispose of, any existing Supplier Assets or acquire any new Supplier Assets.

- 8.2 Within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of the up-to-date contents of the Virtual Library provided by the Supplier, the Contracting Authority shall notify the Supplier setting out:
 - 8.2.1 which, if any, of the Transferable Assets the Contracting Authority requires to be transferred to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier ("**Transferring Assets**");
 - 8.2.2 which, if any, of:
 - (a) the Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets; and
 - (b) the Non-Exclusive Assets,

the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier requires the continued use of; and

- 8.2.3 which, if any, of Transferable Contracts the Contracting Authority requires to be assigned or novated to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier (the "**Transferring Contracts**"), in order for the Contracting Authority and/or its replacement supplier to provide the deliverables from the expiry of the Termination Assistance Period. The Supplier shall provide all reasonable assistance required by the Contracting Authority and/or its replacement supplier to enable it to determine which Transferable Assets and Transferable Contracts are required to provide the deliverables or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement Services. Where requested by the Supplier, the Contracting Authority and/or its replacement supplier in matters unconnected to the Services or Replacement Services.
- 8.3 With effect from the expiry of the Termination Assistance Period, the Supplier shall sell the Transferring Assets to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier for their Net Book Value less any amount already paid for them through the Charges.
- 8.4 Risk in the Transferring Assets shall pass to the Contracting Authority or the replacement supplier (as appropriate) at the end of the Termination Assistance Period and title shall pass on payment for them.
- 8.5 Where the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier requires continued use of any Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets or any Non-Exclusive Assets, the Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable:
 - 8.5.1 procure a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free licence for the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier to use such assets (with a right of sub-licence or assignment on the same terms); or failing which
 - 8.5.2 procure a suitable alternative to such assets, the Contracting Authority or the replacement supplier to bear the reasonable proven costs of procuring the same.
- 8.6 The Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable assign or procure the novation of the Transferring Contracts to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier. The Supplier shall execute such documents and provide

such other assistance as the Contracting Authority reasonably requires to effect this novation or assignment.

- 8.7 The Contracting Authority shall:
 - 8.7.1 accept assignments from the Supplier or join with the Supplier in procuring a novation of each Transferring Contract; and
 - 8.7.2 once a Transferring Contract is novated or assigned to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier, discharge all the obligations and liabilities created by or arising under that Transferring Contract and exercise its rights arising under that Transferring Contract, or as applicable, procure that the replacement supplier does the same.
- 8.8 The Supplier shall hold any Transferring Contracts on trust for the Contracting Authority until the transfer of the relevant Transferring Contract to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier has taken place.
- 8.9 The Supplier shall indemnify the Contracting Authority (and/or the replacement supplier, as applicable) against each loss, liability and cost arising out of any claims made by a counterparty to a Transferring Contract which is assigned or novated to the Contracting Authority (and/or replacement supplier) pursuant to Paragraph 8.6 in relation to any matters arising prior to the date of assignment or novation of such Transferring Contract.

9. No charges

Unless otherwise stated, the Contracting Authority shall not be obliged to pay for costs incurred by the Supplier in relation to its compliance with this Schedule.

10. Dividing the bills

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

- the amounts shall be annualised and divided by three hundred and sixty five (365) to reach a daily rate;
- the Contracting Authority or replacement supplier (as applicable) shall be responsible for or entitled to (as the case may be) that part of the value of the invoice pro rata to the number of complete days following the transfer, multiplied by the daily rate; and
- the Supplier shall be responsible for or entitled to (as the case may be) the rest of the invoice.

Annex 1: Scope of Termination Assistance

1. Scope of Termination Assistance

1.1 The Contracting Authority may specify that any of the following services will be provided by the Supplier as part of its Termination Assistance:

1.1.1 notifying the Subcontractors of procedures to be followed during the Termination Assistance Period and providing management to ensure these procedures are followed; 1.1.2 providing assistance and expertise as necessary to examine all operational and business processes (including all supporting documentation) in place and re-writing and implementing processes and procedures such that they are appropriate for use by the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier after the end of the Termination Assistance Period;

1.1.3 providing details of work volumes and staffing requirements over the twelve (12) Months immediately prior to the commencement of Termination Assistance;

1.1.4 providing assistance and expertise as necessary to examine all governance and reports in place for the provision of the deliverables and re-writing and implementing these during and for a period of twelve (12) Months after the Termination Assistance Period;

1.1.5 providing assistance and expertise as necessary to examine all relevant roles and responsibilities in place for the provision of the deliverables and re-writing and implementing these such that they are appropriate for the continuation of provision of the deliverables after the Termination Assistance Period;

1.1.6 agreeing with the Contracting Authority an effective communication strategy and joint communications plan which sets out the implications for Supplier Staff, Contracting Authority staff, customers and key stakeholders;

1.1.7 not used;

1.1.8 providing an information pack listing and describing the deliverables for use by the Contracting Authority in the procurement of the Replacement Deliverables;

1.1.9 answering all reasonable questions from the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier regarding the deliverables;

1.1.10 agreeing with the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier a plan for the migration of the Government Data to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier;

1.1.11 providing access to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier during the Termination Assistance Period and for a period not exceeding six (6) Months afterwards for the purpose of the smooth transfer of the provision of the deliverables to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier:

(a) to information and documentation relating to the deliverables that is in the possession or control of the Supplier or its Subcontractors (and the Supplier agrees and will procure that its Subcontractors do not destroy or dispose of that information within this period) including the right to take reasonable copies of that material; and

(b) following reasonable notice and during the Supplier's normal business hours, to members of the Supplier Staff who have been involved in the provision or management of the provision of the deliverables and who are still employed or engaged by the Supplier or its Subcontractors, including those employees filling the relevant Key Staff positions and Key Staff with specific knowledge in respect of the Exit Plan;

1.1.12 knowledge transfer services, including:

(a) making available to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier expertise to analyse training requirements and provide all necessary training for the use of tools by such staff at the time of termination or expiry as are nominated by the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier (acting reasonably);

(b) transferring all training material and providing appropriate training to those Contracting Authority and/or replacement supplier staff responsible for internal training in connection with the provision of the deliverables; (c) providing as early as possible for transfer to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier of all knowledge reasonably required for the provision of the deliverables which may, as appropriate, include information, records and documents;

(d) providing the Supplier and/or the replacement supplier with access to sufficient numbers of the members of the Supplier Staff or Subcontractors' personnel of suitable experience and skill and as have been involved in the design, development, provision or management of provision of the deliverables and who are still employed or engaged by the Supplier or its Subcontractors; and

(e) allowing the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier to work alongside and observe the performance of the Services by the Supplier at its Sites used to fulfil the Services (subject to compliance by the Contracting Authority and the replacement supplier with any applicable security and/or health and safety restrictions,

and any such person who is provided with knowledge transfer services will sign a confidentiality undertaking in favour of the Supplier (in such form as the Supplier shall reasonably require)).

1.2 The Supplier will:

1.2.1 provide a documented plan relating to the training matters referred to in Paragraph 1.1.12 for agreement by the Contracting Authority at the time of termination or expiry of this Contract; and

1.2.2 co-operate fully in the execution of the handover plan agreed pursuant to Paragraph 1.1.7, providing skills and expertise of a suitable standard.

1.3 To facilitate the transfer of knowledge from the Supplier to the Contracting Authority and/or its replacement supplier, the Supplier shall provide a detailed explanation of the procedures and operations used to provide the Services to the operations staff of the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier.

1.4 The information which the Supplier will provide to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier pursuant to Paragraph 1.1.11 shall include:

1.4.1 copies of up-to-date procedures and operations manuals;

1.4.2 product information;

1.4.3 agreements with third party suppliers of goods and services which are to be transferred to the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier; and

1.4.4 key support contact details for third party supplier personnel under contracts which are to be assigned or novated to the Contracting Authority pursuant to this Schedule, and such information shall be updated by the Supplier at the end of the Termination Assistance Period.

1.5 During the Termination Assistance Period the Supplier shall grant any agent or personnel (including employees, consultants and suppliers) of the replacement supplier and/or the Contracting Authority access, during business hours and upon reasonable prior written notice, to any Sites for the purpose of effecting a prompt knowledge transfer provided that:

1.5.1 any such agent or personnel (including employees, consultants and suppliers) having such access to any Sites shall:

(a) sign a confidentiality undertaking in favour of the Supplier (in such form as the Supplier shall reasonably require); and

(b) during each period of access comply with the security, systems and facilities operating procedures of the Supplier relevant to such Site and that the Contracting Authority deems reasonable; and

1.5.2 the Contracting Authority and/or the replacement supplier shall pay the reasonable, proven and proper costs of the Supplier incurred in facilitating such access.

Schedule 8: Contract Management

1. Definitions

1.

In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement the Contract:

"Operational Board" the b

the board established in accordance with Paragraph 4.1 of this Schedule;

"Project Manager"

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

2. Project Management

1. The Supplier and the Contracting Authority shall each appoint a Project Manager for the purposes of this Task Order Form through whom the provision of the Services and the Deliverables shall be managed day-to-day.

2. The Parties shall ensure that appropriate resource is made available on a regular basis such that the aims, objectives and specific provisions of this Task Order Form can be fully realised.

3. Without prejudice to Paragraph 4 below, the Parties agree to operate the boards specified as set out in the Annex to this Schedule.

3. Role of the Supplier Project Manager

The Supplier Project Manager shall be:

1. the primary point of contact to receive communication from the Contracting Authority and will also be the person primarily responsible for providing information to the Contracting Authority;

2. able to delegate his position to another person at the Supplier but must inform the Contracting Authority before proceeding with the delegation and it will be delegated person's responsibility to fulfil the Project Manager's responsibilities and obligations;

3. able to cancel any delegation and recommence the position himself; and

4. replaced only after the Contracting Authority has received notification of the proposed change.

2. The Contracting Authority may provide revised instructions to the Supplier's Project Manager in regards to this Task Order Form and it will be the Supplier Project Manager's responsibility to ensure the information is provided to the Supplier and the actions implemented.

3. Receipt of communication from the Supplier Project Manager by the Contracting Authority does not absolve the Supplier from its responsibilities, obligations or liabilities under this Contract.

4. Role of The Operational Board

1. The Operational Board shall be established by the Contracting Authority for the purposes of this Contract on which the Supplier and the Contracting Authority shall be represented.

2. The Operational Board members, frequency and location of board meetings and planned start date by which the board shall be established are set out in Annex to the Schedule.

3. In the event that either Party wishes to replace any of its appointed board members, that Party shall notify the other in writing for approval by the other Party (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). Each Contracting Authority board member shall have at all times a counterpart Supplier board member of equivalent seniority and expertise.

4. Each Party shall ensure that its board members shall make all reasonable efforts to attend board meetings at which that board member's attendance is required. If any board member is not able to attend a board meeting, that person shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that a delegate attends the

Operational Board meeting in his/her place (wherever possible) and that the delegate is properly briefed and prepared and that he/she is debriefed by such delegate after the board meeting.

5. The purpose of the Operational Board meetings will be to review the Supplier's performance under this Task Order Form. The agenda for each meeting shall be set by the Contracting Authority and communicated to the Supplier in advance of that meeting.

5. Contract Risk Management

1. Both Parties shall pro-actively manage risks attributed to them under the terms of this Task Order Form.

2. The Supplier shall develop, operate, maintain and amend, as agreed with the Contracting Authority, processes for:

1. the identification and management of risks;

2. the identification and management of issues; and

3. monitoring and controlling project plans.

3. The Supplier allows the Contracting Authority to inspect at any time within working hours the accounts and records which the Supplier is required to keep.

4. The Supplier will maintain a risk register of the risks relating to this Task Order Form which the Contracting Authority and the Supplier have identified.

Annex: Operational Boards

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

As agreed by the Parties

Appendix A: Detailed Specification for Work Package Order

This is the HNZP Framework - Work Package Order Form that will be sent from Framework Manager to the Supplier for the work to commence.

Task Order Form ID	TOF [note: insert Task Order Form number provided by contract manager under which this Work Package Order relates]
Project Name	[Note: Should match a project name in the Task Order Form]
Version	1
Start Date of Work Package Order	[date]
End Date of Work Package Order	[note: can't exceed the contract end date in the Task Order Form]
Price of Work Package Order	\pounds [note: that if different from the allocated project budget in the Task Order Form this should be confirmed with the workstream lead/ contract manager]
Scope of Works	Detailed Specification to be attached in Appendix A below
Agreed by: Supplier (Work Package Delivery lead)	[Name & email]
Agreed by: Client (Workstream lead)	[Name & email]

Signature Area

