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## **Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery**

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ANNEX 1: Internal Governance BCDR Ownership in Operation

## 1 Definitions

- 1.1 In construing this Schedule 8.6 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery), unless otherwise expressly specified in this Schedule terms defined and used in Schedule 1 (Definitions) will have the same meaning in this Schedule.

## 2 BCDR Plan

- 2.1 As part of the Supplier's overarching Business Continuity Management System and set out in the Baseline Security Requirements, the Supplier shall prepare and deliver to the Authority for the Authority's written approval, in accordance with the requirements in Schedule 6.1 (Implementation Plan), a plan which shall detail the processes and arrangements that the Supplier shall follow to:

- (a) ensure continuity of the business processes and operations supported by the Services following any failure or disruption of any element of the Services;
- (b) ensure compliance with BS ISO 22301:2019, the Security Policy Framework, NCSC guidance including Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) Principles and the Baseline Security Requirements; and
- (c) ensure the Services are recovered within the timescales and recovery points as agreed between the Authority and Supplier on the outcome of an impact analysis.

- 2.2 The BCDR Plan shall:

- (a) be divided into three parts:
  - (i) Part A which shall set out general principles applicable to the BCDR Plan;
  - (ii) Part B which shall relate to business continuity (the "**Business Continuity Plan**"); and
  - (iii) Part C which shall relate to disaster recovery (the "**Disaster Recovery Plan**"); and
- (b) be governed by and operated in accordance with the processes described in the "Internal Governance BCDR Ownership in Operation" document set out in Annex 1 and as updated in accordance with this Schedule from time to time;
- (c) unless otherwise required by the Authority in writing, be based upon and be consistent with the provisions of Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

## 3 Part A - General Principles of the BCDR Plan

- 3.1 Part A of the BCDR Plan shall:

- (a) set out how the business continuity and disaster recovery elements of the BCDR Plan link to each other;
- (b) provide details of how the invocation of any element of the BCDR Plan may impact upon the operation of the Services and any services provided to the Authority by a Related Service Provider;
- (c) contain an obligation upon the Supplier to liaise with the Authority and (at the Authority's request) any Related Service Provider with respect to issues concerning business continuity and disaster recovery where applicable;

- (d) detail how the BCDR Plan links and interoperates with any overarching and/or connected disaster recovery or business continuity plan of the Authority and any of its other Related Service Providers in each case as notified to the Supplier by the Authority from time to time;
- (e) contain a communication strategy including details of an incident and problem management service and advice and help desk facility which can be accessed via multichannel (including but without limitation a website (with FAQs), e-mail, phone and fax) for both portable and desktop configurations, where required by the Authority;
- (f) contain a risk analysis, including:
  - (i) failure or disruption scenarios and assessments and estimates of frequency of occurrence;
  - (ii) identification of any single points of failure within the Services and processes for managing the risks arising therefrom;
  - (iii) identification of risks arising from the interaction of the Services with the services provided by a Related Service Provider; and
  - (iv) a business impact analysis (detailing the impact on business processes and operations) of different anticipated failures or disruptions;
- (g) provide for documentation of processes, including business processes, and procedures;
- (h) set out key contact details (including roles and responsibilities) for the Supplier (and any Sub-contractors) and for the Authority;
- (i) identify the procedures for reverting to “normal service”;
- (j) set out method(s) of recovering or updating data collected (or which ought to have been collected) during a failure or disruption to ensure that there is no more than the accepted amount of data loss and to preserve data integrity;
- (k) identify the responsibilities (if any) that the Authority has agreed it will assume in the event of the invocation of the BCDR Plan;
- (l) provide for the provision of technical advice and assistance to key contacts at the Authority as notified by the Authority from time to time to inform decisions in support of the Authority's business continuity plans; and
- (m) contain the plans for dealing with a Financial Distress Event in accordance with Schedule 7.4 (Financial Distress).

3.2 The BCDR Plan shall be designed so as to ensure that:

- (a) the Services are provided in accordance with this Agreement at all times during and after the invocation of the BCDR Plan;
- (b) the adverse impact of any Disaster, service failure, or disruption on the operations of the Authority is minimal as far as reasonably possible;
- (c) it complies with the relevant provisions of BS ISO 22301, Security Policy Framework, NCSC CAF Principles and the Baseline Security Requirements; and
- (d) it details a process for the management of disaster recovery testing.

3.3 The BCDR Plan shall be upgradeable and sufficiently flexible to support any changes to the

Services or to the business processes facilitated by and the business operations supported by the Services.

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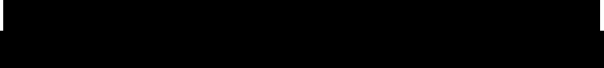


#### 4 Part B - Business Continuity Plan - Contents

4.1 The Business Continuity Plan shall set out the arrangements that are to be invoked to ensure that the business processes and operations facilitated by the Services remain supported and to ensure continuity of the business operations supported by the Services including, unless the Authority expressly states otherwise in writing:

- (a) the alternative processes (including business processes), options and responsibilities that may be adopted in the event of a failure in or disruption to the Services; and
- (b) the steps to be taken by the Supplier upon resumption of the Services in order to address any prevailing effect of the failure or disruption including a root cause analysis of the failure or disruption.

4.2 The Business Continuity Plan shall:

- (a) address the various possible levels of failures of or disruptions to the Services;
- (b) set out the services to be provided and the steps to be taken to remedy the different levels of failures of and disruption to the Services (such services and steps, the “**Business Continuity Services**”);
- (c) specify any applicable Performance Indicators with respect to the provision of the Business Continuity Services and details of any   
and
- (d) clearly set out the conditions and/or circumstances under which the Business Continuity Plan is invoked.

#### 5 Part C - Disaster Recovery Plan - Contents

5.1 The Disaster Recovery Plan shall be designed so as to ensure that upon the occurrence of a Disaster the Supplier ensures continuity of the business operations of the Authority supported by the Services following any Disaster or during any period of service failure or disruption with, as far as reasonably possible, minimal adverse impact.

5.2 The Disaster Recovery Plan shall be invoked only upon the occurrence of a Disaster.

5.3 The Disaster Recovery Plan shall include the following:

- (a) documentation of the procedures and processes to be put in place by the Supplier in relation to the Disaster Recovery Services and any testing of the same including but not limited to the following:
  - (i) identification of all potential disaster scenarios;
  - (ii) risk analysis;
  - (iii) documentation of processes and procedures;



- (iv) invocation rules;
  - (v) service recovery procedures; and
  - (vi) steps to be taken upon resumption of the Services to address any prevailing effect of the failure or disruption of the Services.
- (b) any applicable Performance Indicators with respect to the provision of the Disaster Recovery Services and details of any agreed [REDACTED] during any period of invocation of the Disaster Recovery Plan;
- (c) details of how the Supplier shall ensure that when the Disaster Recovery Plan is invoked the Supplier Solution will maintain compliance with the security controls, policies and standards of the affected system throughout the period of disruption;
- (d) access controls to any disaster recovery sites used by the Supplier in relation to its obligations pursuant to this Schedule; and
- (e) testing and management arrangements.

## 6 Review And Amendment Of The BCDR Plan

6.1 The Supplier shall review the BCDR Plan (and the risk analysis on which it is based):

- (a) on a regular basis and as a minimum once every [REDACTED];
- (b) [REDACTED] of the BCDR Plan (or any part) having been invoked pursuant to Paragraph 8; and
- (c) where the Authority requests any additional reviews (over and above those provided for in Paragraphs 6.1(a) and 6.1(b)) by notifying the Supplier to such effect in writing, whereupon the Supplier shall conduct such reviews in accordance with the Authority's written requirements. Prior to starting its review, the Supplier shall provide [REDACTED]

6.2 Each review of the BCDR Plan pursuant to Paragraph 6.1 shall be a review of the procedures and methodologies set out in the BCDR Plan and shall assess their suitability having regard to any change to the Services or any underlying business processes and operations facilitated by or supported by the Services which have taken place since the later of the original approval of the BCDR Plan or the last review of the BCDR Plan and shall also have regard to any occurrence of any event since that date (or the likelihood of any such event taking place in the foreseeable future) which may increase the likelihood of the need to invoke the BCDR Plan. The review shall be completed by the Supplier within the period required by the BCDR Plan or, if no such period is required, within such period as the Authority shall reasonably require. The Supplier shall, within [REDACTED] of the conclusion of each such review of the BCDR Plan, provide to the Authority a report (a "**BCDR Review Report**") setting out:

- (a) the findings of the review;
- (b) any changes in the risk profile associated with the Services; and
- (c) the Supplier's proposals (the "**Supplier's Proposals**") for addressing any changes in the risk profile and its proposals for amendments to the BCDR Plan following the review detailing the impact (if any and to the extent that the Supplier can reasonably be expected to

be aware of the same) that the implementation of such proposals may have on any services or systems provided by a third party.

6.3 Following receipt of the BCDR Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals, the Authority shall:

- (a) review and comment on the BCDR Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- (b) notify the Supplier in writing that it approves or rejects the BCDR Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals [REDACTED] after the date on which they are first delivered to the Authority.

6.4 If the Authority rejects the BCDR Review Report and/or the Supplier's Proposals:

- (a) the Authority shall inform the Supplier in writing of its reasons for its rejection; and
- (b) the Supplier shall then revise the BCDR Review Report and/or the Supplier's Proposals as the case may be (taking reasonable account of the Authority's comments and carrying out any necessary actions in connection with the revision) and shall re-submit a revised BCDR Review Report and/or revised Suppliers Proposals to the Authority for the Authority's approval [REDACTED]

The provisions of Paragraph 6.3 and this Paragraph 6.4 shall apply again to any resubmitted BCDR Review Report and Suppliers Proposals, provided that either Party may refer any disputed matters for resolution by the Dispute Resolution Procedure at any time.

6.5 The Supplier shall as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving the Authority's approval of the Supplier's Proposals (having regard to the significance of any risks highlighted in the BCDR Review Report) effect any change in its practices or procedures necessary so as to give effect to the Supplier's Proposals. Any such change shall be [REDACTED]

## 7 Testing Of The BCDR Plan

7.1 The Supplier shall test the BCDR Plan on a regular basis (and in any event [REDACTED]) [REDACTED] Subject to Paragraph 7.2, the Authority may require the Supplier to conduct additional tests of some or all aspects of the BCDR Plan at any time where the Authority considers it necessary, including where there has been any change to the Services or any underlying business processes, or on the occurrence of any event which may increase the likelihood of the need to implement the BCDR Plan.

7.2 If the Authority requires an additional test of the BCDR Plan, the test shall comply with Schedule 6.2 (Testing Procedures) and it shall give the Supplier written notice and the Supplier shall conduct the test in accordance with the Authority's requirements and the relevant provisions of the BCDR Plan. [REDACTED]

7.3 The Supplier shall undertake and manage testing of the BCDR Plan in full consultation with the Authority and shall liaise with the Authority in respect of the timing, planning, performance, and review, of each test, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Authority in this regard. Each test shall be carried out under the supervision of the Authority or its nominee.

7.4 The Supplier shall ensure that any use by it or any Sub-contractor of "live" data in such testing is first approved with the Authority. Copies of live test data used in any such testing shall be (if so required by the Authority) destroyed or returned to the Authority on completion of the test.



- 7.5 The Supplier shall, [REDACTED], provide to the Authority a report setting out:
- (a) the outcome of the test;
  - (b) any failures in the BCDR Plan (including the BCDR Plan's procedures) revealed by the test; and
  - (c) the Supplier's proposals for remedying any such failures.
- 7.6 Following each test, the Supplier shall take all measures requested by the Authority, (including requests for the re-testing of the BCDR Plan) to remedy any failures in the BCDR Plan and such remedial activity and re-testing shall be completed by the Supplier, [REDACTED] by the date reasonably required by the Authority and set out in such notice.
- 7.7 For the avoidance of doubt, the carrying out of a test of the BCDR Plan (including a test of the BCDR Plan's procedures) shall not relieve the Supplier of any of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 7.8 The Supplier shall also perform a test of the BCDR Plan in the event of any major reconfiguration of the Services or as otherwise reasonably requested by the Authority.

## **8 Invocation Of The BCDR Plan**

- 8.1 In the event of a complete loss of service or in the event of a Disaster, the Supplier shall immediately invoke the BCDR Plan (and shall inform the Authority promptly of such invocation). In all other instances the Supplier shall invoke or test the BCDR Plan only with the prior consent of the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to instruct the Supplier to invoke the BCDR Plan upon request.

## **ANNEX 1: Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan**

