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## A Contract for Services

Between

The Secretary of State for Justice

And

Twofold Limited

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**This contract is dated:**

**PARTIES:**

- (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR JUSTICE of 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ acting as part of the Crown (the “**Authority**”);

**AND**

- (2) Twofold Limited with registered company number 4043149 whose registered office is 77 Milford Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8LG (the “**Supplier**”)

(each a “**Party**” and together the “**Parties**”).

**WHEREAS**

- A. the Authority wishes to appoint the Supplier to provide Kofax Professional services and Kofax Project Management services and the Supplier agrees to provide those services in accordance with these terms and conditions;

**NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED:**

**A GENERAL**

**A1 Definitions and Interpretation**

Unless the context otherwise requires the following terms shall have the meanings given to them below:

“**Affected Party**” means the Party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event.

“**Affiliate**” means in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control with, that body corporate from time to time.

“**Approval**” and “**Approved**” means the prior written consent of the Authority.

“**Associated Person**” means as it is defined in section 44(4) of the Criminal Finances Act 2017.

“**Authorised Representative**” means the Authority representative named in a CCN who is authorised to approve Changes.

“**Authority Data**” means:

- (a) the data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any database made up of any of these) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, and which are: (i) supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority; or (ii) which the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to the Contract; or
- (b) any Personal Data for which the Authority is the Controller.

**“Authority Premises”** means any premises owned, occupied or controlled by the Authority or any other Crown Body which are made available for use by the Supplier or its Sub-Contractors for provision of the Services.

**“Authority Software”** means software which is owned by or licensed to the Authority (other than under or pursuant to the Contract) and which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purposes of providing the Services.

**“Authority System”** means the Authority’s computing environment (consisting of hardware, software and/or telecommunications networks or equipment) used by the Authority or the Supplier in connection with the Contract which is owned by or licensed to the Authority by a third party and which interfaces with the Supplier System or which is necessary for the Authority to receive the Services.

**“Baseline Security Requirements”** means the security requirements in annexe 1 of Schedule 6.

**“Basware”** means Basware eMarketplace, the procurement software used by the Authority for its financial transactions.

**“BPSS”** means the Government’s Baseline Personnel Security Standard for Government employees.

**“Breach of Security”** means an occurrence of:

- (a) any unauthorised access to or use of the ICT Environment and/or any Information Assets and/or Authority Data (including Confidential Information) in connection with the Contract;
- (b) the loss (physical or otherwise) and/or unauthorised disclosure of any Information Assets and/or Authority Data (including Confidential Information) in connection with the Contract, including copies; and/or
- (c) any part of the Supplier System ceasing to be compliant with the Certification Requirements

**“BS 8555”** means the standard published to help organisations improve their environmental performance by the British Standards Institution.

**“Business Continuity Plan”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 2.2(a)(ii) of Schedule 10;

**“Business Continuity Services”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.2(b) of Schedule 10;

**“CCN”** means a contract change notice in the form set out in Schedule 3.

**“Certification Requirements”** means the requirements set out in paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 6.

**“CESG”** means the Government’s Communications Electronics Security Group.

**“Change”** means a change in any of the terms or conditions of the Contract.

**“Change in Law”** means any change in Law which affects the performance of the Services which comes into force after the Commencement Date.

**“Commencement Date”** means the date specified in clause A5.1.

**“Commercially Sensitive Information”** means the information listed in Schedule 4 comprising the information of a commercially sensitive nature relating to:

- (a) the Price; and/or
- (b) the Supplier’s business and investment plans

which the Supplier has informed the Authority would cause the Supplier significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss if it was disclosed.

**“Comparable Supply”** means the supply of services to another customer of the Supplier which are the same or similar to any of the Services.

**“Component”** any constituent parts of the infrastructure for a Service, hardware or Software;

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

- (a) was public knowledge at the time of disclosure otherwise than by breach of clause E4;
- (b) was in the possession of the receiving Party, without restriction as to its disclosure, before receiving it from the disclosing Party;
- (c) is received from a third party (who lawfully acquired it) without restriction as to its disclosure; or
- (d) is independently developed without access to the Confidential Information.

**“Contract”** means these terms and conditions, the attached Schedules and any other provisions the Parties expressly agree are included.

**“Contracting Authority”** means any contracting authority (other than the Authority) as defined in regulation 3 of the Regulations.

**“Contracts Finder”** means the Government’s portal for public sector procurement opportunities.

**“Control”** means that a person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the other person (whether through the ownership of voting shares, by contract or otherwise) and **“Controls”** and **“Controlled”** are interpreted accordingly.

**“Controller”** means, where Personal Data is being processed for Law Enforcement Purposes, as it is defined in the LED; and in all other circumstances, as it is defined in the GDPR.

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

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

**“Data Loss Event”** means any event which results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Supplier under the Contract, and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of the Contract, including any Personal Data.

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

**“Data Protection Legislation”** means:

- (a) the GDPR, the LED and applicable implementing Laws;
- (b) the DPA to the extent that it relates to the processing of Personal Data and privacy; and
- (c) all applicable Laws relating to the processing of Personal Data and privacy.

**“Data Protection Officer”** means as it is defined in the GDPR.

**“Data Subject”** means as it is defined in the GDPR.

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

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

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

**“Department”** a body listed in one of the following sub-categories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics:

- (a) Government Department; or
- (b) Non-Ministerial Department.

**“Disaster”** the occurrence of one or more events which, either separately or cumulatively, mean that the Services, or a material part of the Services will be unavailable for a period of [insert details] or which is reasonably anticipated will mean that the Services or a material part of the Services will be unavailable for that period;

**“Disaster Recovery Plan”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 2.2(a)(iii) of Schedule 10;

**“Disaster Recovery Services”** the services embodied in the processes and procedures for restoring the Services following the occurrence of a Disaster;

**“Disaster Recovery System”** the system identified by the Supplier in the Supplier Solution which shall be used for the purpose of delivering the Disaster Recovery Services;

**“DOTAS”** means the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promotor of tax schemes to tell HMRC of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act and as extended to NICs by the National Insurance (Application of Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004) regulations 2012, SI 2012/1868 made under section 132A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

**“DPA”** means the Data Protection Act 2018.

**“EIR”** means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3391) and any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant Government department in relation to such regulations.

**“Emergency Exit”** any termination of this Agreement which is a:

- (a) termination of the whole or part of this Agreement in accordance with Clause H (Default, Disruption and Termination), except where the period of notice given under that Clause is greater than or equal to 6 months;
- (b) termination of the provision of the Services for any reason prior to the expiry of any period of notice of termination served pursuant to Clause H (Default, Disruption and Termination); or
- (c) wrongful termination or repudiation of this Agreement by either Party;

**“End Date”** means the date specified in clause A5.1.

**“Equipment”** means the Supplier’s equipment, consumables, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Supplier in the delivery of the Services.

**“Ethical Wall Agreement”** an ethical wall agreement in a form similar to the draft ethical wall agreement set out at Annex 2 of Schedule 12;

**“Exclusive Assets”** those Assets used by the Supplier or a Key Sub-contractor which are used exclusively in the provision of the Services;

**“Exit Day”** means as it is defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

**“Exit Information”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 12;

**“Exit Manager”** the person appointed by each Party pursuant to Paragraph 2.3 of Schedule 12 for managing the Parties’ respective obligations under this Schedule;

**“Extension”** means as it is defined in clause A5.2.

**“Financial Year”** means the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April each year to the 31<sup>st</sup> March the following year.

**“FOIA”** means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by

the Information Commissioner or relevant Government department in relation to such legislation.

**“Force Majeure Event”** means any event outside the reasonable control of either Party affecting its performance of its obligations under the Contract arising from acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond its reasonable control and which are not attributable to any wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable preventative action by that Party, including acts of God, riots, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, acts of Government, local government or regulatory bodies, for flood, storm or earthquake, or disaster but excluding any industrial dispute relating to the Supplier or the Staff or any other failure in the Supplier’s supply chain caused by the Covid 19 pandemic or the United Kingdom’s exit from the EU.

**“GDPR”** means the retained EU law version of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), as transposed into UK Law by the Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

**“General Anti-Abuse Rule”** means:

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

**“General Change in Law”** means a Change in Law where the change is of a general legislative nature (including taxation or duties of any sort affecting the Supplier) or which affects or relates to a Comparable Supply.

**“Good Industry Practice”** means standards, practices, methods and procedures conforming to the Law and the degree of skill and care, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person or body engaged in a similar type of undertaking under the same or similar circumstances.

**“Government”** means the government of the United Kingdom.

**“Government Buying Standards”** means the standards published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sustainable-procurement-the-government-buying-standards-gbs>

**“Greening Government Commitments”** means the Government’s policy to reduce its effects on the environment, the details of which are published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/greening-government-commitments>

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

**“HMRC”** means HM Revenue & Customs.

**“ICT Environment”** means the Authority System and the Supplier System.

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

**“Information Assets”** means definable pieces of information stored in any manner which are determined by the Authority to be valuable and relevant to the Services.

**“Information Security Policy Framework”** available at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/996355/information-security-pf.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/996355/information-security-pf.pdf)

**“Initial Term”** means the period from the Commencement Date to the End Date.

**“Insolvency Continuity Plan”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 2.2(a)(iv) of Schedule 10.

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

**“ISMS”** means the Supplier’s information and management system and processes to manage information security as set out in paragraph 2.3 of Schedule 6.

**“ISO 14001”** means the family of standards related to environmental management published by the International Organisation for Standardisation.

**“IT Health Check”** means penetration testing of systems under the Supplier’s control on which Information Assets and/or Authority Data are held which are carried out by third parties in accordance with the CHECK scheme operated by CESG or to an equivalent standard.

**“ITEPA”** means the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003.

**“Key Personnel”** mean the people named in the Specification as key personnel, if any.

**“Know-How”** means all information not in the public domain held in any form (including without limitation that comprised in or derived from drawings, data formulae, patterns, specifications, notes, samples, chemical compounds, biological materials, computer software, component lists, instructions, manuals, brochures, catalogues and process descriptions and scientific approaches and methods).

**“Law”** means any law, statute, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, right within the meaning of Section 4(1) EU Withdrawal Act 2018 as amended by EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements of any regulatory body with which the Supplier is bound to comply.

**“Law Enforcement Purposes”** means as it is defined in the DPA.

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

**“Losses”** means losses, liabilities, damages, costs, fines and expenses (including legal fees on a solicitor/client basis) and disbursements and costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgment interest and penalties whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty or otherwise.

**“Malicious Software”** means any software program or code intended to destroy, interfere with, corrupt, or cause undesired effects on program files, data or other information, executable

code or application software macros, whether or not its operation is immediate or delayed, and whether the malicious software is introduced wilfully, negligently or without knowledge of its existence.

**“Material Breach”** means a breach (including an anticipatory breach):

- (a) which has a material effect on the benefit which the Authority would otherwise derive from a substantial or material portion of the Contract; or
- (b) of any of the obligations set out in clauses D1, D2, D3, D4, G3, I4 or paragraph 9 of Schedule 8.

**“Material Test Issue”** a Test Issue of Severity Level 1 or Severity Level 2;

**“Modern Slavery Helpline”** means the point of contact for reporting suspicion, seeking help or advice and information on the subject of modern slavery available by telephone on 08000 121 700 or online at:

*<https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report>*

**“Month”** means calendar month.

**“MSA”** means the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

**“Net Book Value”** the net book value of the relevant Asset(s) calculated in accordance with the depreciation policy of the Supplier set out in the letter in the agreed form from the Supplier to the Authority of the same date as the Agreement in Schedule 12;

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

**“Non-Exclusive Assets”** those Assets (if any) which are used by the Supplier or a Key Sub-contractor in connection with the Services but which are also used by the Supplier or Key Sub-contractor for other purposes of material value;

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

- (a) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of:
  - i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Supplier under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse principle or under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle;
  - ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Supplier was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to the Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime; and/or
- (b) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 gives rise on or after 1 April 2013 to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Commencement Date or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion.

**"Open Book Data"** means complete and accurate financial and non-financial information which is sufficient to enable the Authority to verify:

- (a) the Price already paid or payable and the Price forecast to be paid during the remainder of the Term;
- (b) the Supplier's costs and manpower resources broken down against each element of the Services;
- (c) the cost to the Supplier of engaging the Staff, including base salary, tax and pension contributions and other contractual employment benefits; and
- (d) operational costs which are not included within the above, to the extent that such costs are necessary and properly incurred by the Service Provider in the delivery of the Services;
- (e) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Services; and
- (f) the profit achieved over the Term and annually

**"Ordinary Exit"** any termination of the whole or any part of the Agreement in Schedule 12 which occurs:

- (a) pursuant to Clause H (Default, Disruption and Termination) where the period of notice given by the Party serving notice to terminate pursuant to such Clause is greater than or equal to 6 months; or
- (b) as a result of the expiry of the Initial Term or any Extension Period;

**"Performance Monitoring Report"** has the meaning given in Paragraph 1.1(a) of Part B of Schedule 14;

**"Performance Review Meeting"** the regular meetings between the Supplier and the Authority to manage and review the Supplier's performance under this Agreement, as further described in Paragraph 1.5 of Part B of Schedule 14;

**"Personal Data"** means as it is defined in the GDPR.

**"Personal Data Breach"** means as it is defined in the GDPR.

**"Premises"** means the location where the Services are to be supplied as set out in the Specification.

**"Price"** means the price (excluding any applicable VAT) payable to the Supplier by the Authority under the Contract, as set out in Schedule 2 for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Contract.

**"Processor"** means, where Personal Data is being processed for Law Enforcement Purposes, as it is defined in the LED; and in all other circumstances, as it is defined in GDPR.

**"Prohibited Act"** means:

- (a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by the Authority a financial or other advantage to:

- i) induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or
  - ii) reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity;
- (b) to directly or indirectly request, agree to receive or accept any financial or other advantage as an inducement or a reward for improper performance of a relevant function or activity in connection with the Contract;
- (c) an offence:
  - i) under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act;
  - ii) under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts (including offences by the Supplier under Part 3 of the Criminal Finances Act 2017); or
  - iii) the defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Authority;
- (d) any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute one of the offences listed under (c) above if such activity, practice or conduct has been carried out in the UK.

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

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

**“PSI 07/2016”** is the Prison Service Instruction published on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 relating to the searching of the person as amended from time to time and available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procedures-for-searching-people-psi-072016>

**“PSI 10/2012”** is the Prison Service Instruction published on 26 March 2012 relating to the Conveyance and Possession of Prohibited Items and other Related Offences as amended from time to time and available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-banned-prohibited-items-psi-102012>

**“PSI 07/2014”** is the Prison Service Instruction published on 2nd June 2014 relating to security vetting as amended from time to time and available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-vetting-psi-072014-pi-032014>

**“Purchase Order”** the Authority’s order for the supply of the Services.

**“Quality Standards”** means the quality standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardization or other reputable or equivalent body (and their successor bodies) that a skilled and experienced operator in the same type of industry or business sector as the Supplier would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with, and as may be further detailed in Schedule 1.

**“Registers”** the register and configuration database referred to in Paragraphs 2.1(a) and 2.1(b) of Schedule 12;

**“Regulations”** means the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102).

**“Regulator Correspondence”** means any correspondence from the Information Commissioner's Office, or any successor body, in relation to the processing of Personal Data under the Contract.

**“Regulatory Body”** means a Government department and regulatory, statutory and other entities, committees, ombudsmen and bodies which, whether under statute, rules, regulations, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to regulate, investigate, or influence the matters dealt with in the Contract or any other affairs of the Authority.

**“Related Service Provider”** any person who provides services to the Authority in relation to this Agreement from time to time, which persons include as at the Effective Date [insert details];

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

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

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

**“Repeat KPI Failure”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 3.1 of Part A of Schedule 14; **“Replacement Supplier”** means any third-party supplier appointed by the Authority to supply any services which are substantially similar to any of the Services in substitution for any of the Services following the expiry, termination or partial termination of the Contract.

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

**“Results”** means any guidance, specifications, reports, studies, instructions, toolkits, plans, data, drawings, databases, patents, patterns, models, designs or other material which is:

- a) prepared by or for the Supplier for use in relation to the performance of its obligations under the Contract; or
- b) the result of any work done by the Supplier or any Staff in relation to the provision of the Services.

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

**“Review Report”** has the meaning given in Paragraphs 7.2(a) to 7.2(c) of Schedule 10;

**“Satisfaction Survey”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 1.1.1 of Part B of Annex 1 of Schedule 14;

**“Security Plan”** means the plan prepared by the Supplier which includes the matters in paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 6.

**“Security Policy Framework”** means the Government’s Security Policy Framework (available from the Cabinet Office’s Government Security Secretariat) as updated from time to time.

**“Security Test”** means a test carried out by the Supplier, the Authority or a third party to validate the ISMS and the security of all relevant processes and systems on which Information Assets and/or Authority Data are held.

**“Services”** means the services set out in Schedule 1 (including any modified or alternative services).

**“Service Availability”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 0 of Part B of Annex 1 of Schedule 14;

**“Service Continuity Plan”** means the plan prepared pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Schedule 10 which incorporates the Business Continuity Plan, Disaster Recovery Plan and the Insolvency Continuity Plan;

**“Service Downtime”** any period of time during which any of the Services are not Available;

**“Severity Level”** the level of severity of a Test Issue, the criteria for which are described in Annex 1 of Schedule 11;

**“SME”** means an enterprise falling within the category of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises defined by the European Commission’s Recommendation of 6 May 2003 available at:

*<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2003:124:0036:0041:en:PDF>*

**“Specific Change in Law”** means a Change in Law that relates specifically to the business of the Authority and which would not affect a Comparable Supply.

**“Specification”** means the description of the Services to be supplied under the Contract as set out in Schedule 1 including, where appropriate, the Key Personnel, the Premises and the Quality Standards.

**“SSCBA”** means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.

**“Staff”** means all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Supplier and/or of any of its Sub-Contractors engaged in the performance of the Supplier’s obligations under the Contract.

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

**“Sub-processor”** means any third party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of the Supplier related to the Contract.

**“Supplier Software”** means software which is proprietary to the Supplier, including software which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purposes of providing the Services and which is set out in Schedule 5.

**“Supplier System”** means the information and communications technology system used by the Supplier in performing the Services including the Software, the Equipment and related cabling (but excluding the Authority System).

**“System Response Time”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 1.1.1 of Part B of Annex 1 of Schedule 14.

**“Tender”** means the Supplier’s tender submitted in response to the Authority’s invitation to suppliers for offers to supply the Services.

**“Term”** means the period from the Commencement Date to:

- (a) the End Date; or
- (b) following an Extension, the end date of the Extension

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

**“Test Certificate”** a certificate materially in the form of the document contained in Annex 2 of Schedule 11 issued by the Authority when a Deliverable has satisfied its relevant Test Success Criteria;

**“Test Issue”** any variance or non-conformity of a Deliverable from its requirements (such requirements being set out in the relevant Test Success Criteria);

**“Test Issue Threshold”** in relation to the Tests applicable to a Milestone, a maximum number of Severity Level 3, Severity Level 4 and Severity Level 5 Test Issues as set out in the relevant Test Plan;

**“Test Issue Management Log”** a log for the recording of Test Issues as described further in Paragraph 9.1 of Schedule 11;

**“Test Plan”** a plan:

- (a) for the Testing of Deliverables; and
- (b) setting out other agreed criteria related to the achievement of Milestones, as described further in Paragraph 5 of Schedule 11;

**“Test Reports”** the reports to be produced by the Supplier setting out the results of Tests;

**“Test Specification”** the specification that sets out how Tests will demonstrate that the Test Success Criteria have been satisfied, as described in more detail in Paragraph 7 of Schedule 11;

**“Test Strategy”** a strategy for the conduct of Testing as described further in Paragraph 4 of Schedule 11;

**“Test Success Criteria”** in relation to a Test, the test success criteria for that Test as referred to in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 11;

**“Test Witness”** any person appointed by the Authority pursuant to Paragraph 10.1 if Schedule 11;

**“Testing Procedures”** the applicable testing procedures and Test Success Criteria set out in Schedule 11.

**“Third Party IP Claim”** has the meaning given to it in clause E8.5.

**“Third Party Software”** means software which is proprietary to any third party which is or will be used by the Supplier to provide the Services including the software and which is specified as such in Schedule 5.

**“Transferable Assets”** those of the Exclusive Assets which are capable of legal transfer to the Authority;

**“Transferable Contracts”** the Sub-contracts, licences for Supplier's Software, licences for Third Party Software or other agreements which are necessary to enable the Authority or any Replacement Supplier to perform the Services or the Replacement Services, including in relation to licences all relevant Documentation; and

**“Transferring Contracts”** has the meaning given in Paragraph 7.2(b) of Schedule 12.

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

**“TUPE Information”** means the information set out in clause B10.1.

**“Valid Invoice”** means an invoice containing the information set out in clause C1.3 or C1.4.

**“VAT”** means value added tax charged or regulated in accordance with the Value-Added Tax Act 1994.

**“VCSE”** means a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives.

**“Vulnerability Correction Plan”** means a remedial plan prepared by the Supplier to address vulnerabilities identified in an IT Health Check report.

**“Welsh Language Scheme”** means the Authority's Welsh language scheme as amended from time to time and available at:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/corporate-reports/moj/2010/welsh-language-scheme>

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

In the Contract, unless the context implies otherwise:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa unless the context requires otherwise;
- (b) words importing the masculine include the feminine and the neuter;

- (c) reference to a clause is a reference to the whole of that clause unless stated otherwise;
- (d) references to a person include natural persons, a company, body corporate, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, partnership or other legal entity or central Government body;
- (e) the words “other”, “in particular”, “for example”, “including” and similar words shall not limit the generality of the preceding words and shall be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words “without limitation”;
- (f) headings are included for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of the Contract;
- (g) the Schedules form an integral part of the Contract and have effect as if set out in full in the body of the Contract. A reference to the Contract includes the Schedules;
- (h) a reference to any Law includes a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time;
- (i) references to the Contract are references to the Contract as amended from time to time; and
- (j) any reference in the Contract which immediately before Exit Day was a reference to (as it has effect from time to time):
  - (i) any EU regulation, EU decision, EU tertiary legislation or provision of the European Economic Area (“**EEA**”) agreement (“**EU References**”) which is to form part of domestic law by application of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 shall be read as a reference to the EU References as they form part of domestic law by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as modified by domestic law from time to time; and
  - (ii) any EU institution or EU authority or other such EU body shall be read as a reference to the UK institution, authority or body to which its functions were transferred.

## **A2 Authority Obligations**

Save as otherwise expressly provided, the Authority’s obligations under the Contract are the Authority’s obligations in its capacity as a contracting counterparty and nothing in the Contract operates as an obligation upon, or in any other way fetters or constrains, the Authority in any other capacity.

## **A3 Supplier’s Status**

- A3.1 The Supplier is an independent contractor and nothing in the Contract creates a contract of employment, a relationship of agency or partnership or a joint venture between the Parties and accordingly neither Party is authorised to act in the name of, or on behalf of, or otherwise bind the other Party save as expressly permitted by the Contract.

A3.2 The Supplier shall not (and shall ensure that any other person engaged in relation to the Contract shall not) say or do anything that might lead another person to believe that the Supplier is acting as the agent or employee of the Authority.

#### **A4 Mistakes in Information**

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

#### **A5 Term**

A5.1 The Contract starts on 20.03.2024 (the “**Commencement Date**”) and ends on 19.03.2025 (the “**End Date**”) unless it is terminated early or extended in accordance with the Contract.

A5.2 The Authority may extend the term of the Contract until 19.03.2026 (“**Extension**”). The terms of the Contract will apply throughout the period of any Extension.

### **B. THE SERVICES**

#### **B1 Basis of the Contract**

B1.1 In consideration of the Supplier’s performance of its obligations under the Contract the Authority shall pay the Supplier the Price in accordance with clause C1.

B1.2 The terms and conditions in the Contract apply to the exclusion of any other terms and conditions the Supplier seeks to impose or incorporate, or which are implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing.

#### **B2 Delivery of the Services**

**[REDACTED]**

#### **B3 Equipment**

**[REDACTED]**

#### **B4 Key Personnel**

**[REDACTED]**

#### **B5 Staff**

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

(a) any member of the Staff; or

(b) any person employed or engaged by any member of the Staff

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

- B5.2 The Authority shall maintain the security of the Authority's Premises in accordance with its standard security requirements, including Prison Rules 1999 Part III, the Prison (Amendment) Rules 2005, the Young Offender Institute Rules 2000 Part III and the Young Offender Institute (Amendment) Rules 2008, available to the Supplier on request. The Supplier shall comply with all security requirements of the Authority while on the Authority's Premises, and ensure that all Staff comply with such requirements.
- B5.3 The Authority may search any persons or vehicles engaged or used by the Supplier at the Authority's Premises.
- B5.4 At the Authority's written request, the Supplier shall, at its own cost, provide a list of the names, addresses, national insurance numbers and immigration status of all people who may require admission to the Authority's Premises, specifying the capacities in which they are concerned with the Contract and giving such other particulars as the Authority may reasonably request.
- B5.5 The Supplier shall ensure that all Staff who have access to the Authority's Premises, the Authority System or the Authority Data have been cleared in accordance with the BPSS.
- B5.6 The Supplier shall co-operate with any investigation relating to security carried out by the Authority or on behalf of the Authority and, at the Authority's request:
- (a) use reasonable endeavours to make available any Staff requested by the Authority to attend an interview for the purpose of an investigation; and
  - (b) provide documents, records or other material in whatever form which the Authority may reasonably request or which may be requested on the Authority's behalf, for the purposes of an investigation.
- B5.7 The Supplier shall comply with PSI 10/2012 as amended from time to time and available from the Authority on request.

## **B6 Due Diligence**

Save as the Authority may otherwise direct, the Supplier is deemed to have inspected the Premises before submitting its Tender and to have completed due diligence in relation to all matters connected with the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

## **B7 Licence to Occupy**

- B7.1 Any land or Premises made available from time to time to the Supplier by the Authority in connection with the Contract are on a non-exclusive licence basis free of charge and are used by the Supplier solely for the purpose of performing its obligations under the Contract. The Supplier has the use of such land or Premises as licensee and shall vacate the same on termination of the Contract.
- B7.2 The Supplier shall limit access to the land or Premises to such Staff as is necessary for it to perform its obligations under the Contract and the Supplier shall co-operate (and ensure that its Staff co-operate) with other persons working concurrently on such land or Premises as the Authority may reasonably request.

- B7.3 If the Supplier requires modifications to the Authority's Premises such modifications are subject to Approval and shall be carried out by the Authority at the Supplier's cost.
- B7.4 The Supplier shall (and shall ensure that any Staff on the Authority's Premises shall) observe and comply with such rules, regulations and requirements (including those relating to security arrangements) as may be in force from time to time for the conduct of personnel when on the Authority's Premises as determined by the Authority.
- B7.5 The Contract does not create a tenancy of any nature in favour of the Supplier or its Staff and no such tenancy has or shall come into being and, notwithstanding any rights granted pursuant to the Contract, the Authority may use the Premises owned or occupied by it in any manner it sees fit.

## **B8 Property**

- B8.1 All Property is and remains the property of the Authority and the Supplier irrevocably licenses the Authority and its agents to enter any Premises of the Supplier during normal business hours on reasonable notice to recover any such Property.
- B8.2 The Supplier does not have a lien or any other interest on the Property and the Supplier at all times possesses the Property as fiduciary agent and bailee of the Authority. The Supplier shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the title of the Authority to the Property and the exclusion of any such lien or other interest are brought to the notice of all Sub-Contractors and other appropriate persons and shall, at the Authority's request, store the Property separately and ensure that it is clearly identifiable as belonging to the Authority.
- B8.3 The Property is deemed to be in good condition when received by or on behalf of the Supplier unless the Supplier notifies the Authority otherwise within 5 Working Days of receipt.
- B8.4 The Supplier shall maintain the Property in good order and condition (excluding fair wear and tear) and shall use the Property solely in connection with the Contract and for no other purpose without Approval.
- B8.5 The Supplier shall ensure the security of all the Property whilst in its possession, either on the Premises or elsewhere during the supply of the Services, in accordance with the Authority's reasonable security requirements as required from time to time.
- B8.6 The Supplier is liable for all loss of or damage to the Property, unless such loss or damage was caused by the Authority's negligence. The Supplier shall inform the Authority immediately of becoming aware of any defects appearing in, or losses or damage occurring to, the Property.

## **B9 Offers of Employment**

- B9.1 Neither Party shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or procure (otherwise than by general advertising or under TUPE, any employees or contractors (including the Staff) of the other Party who are directly employed or engaged in connection with the provision of the Services while such persons are employed or engaged and for a period of 6 Months thereafter.

B9.2 If either Party breaches the clause B9.1, it shall pay the other Party a sum equivalent to 20% of the annual base salary payable by the Party in breach in respect of the first year of person's employment.

B9.3 The Parties hereby agree that the sum specified in clause B9.2 is a reasonable pre-estimate of the loss and damage which the Party not in breach would suffer if there was a breach of clause B9.1.

## **B10 Employment**

[REDACTED]

## **C. PAYMENT**

[REDACTED]

## **D. PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

### **D1 Authority Data**

[REDACTED]

### **D2 Data Protection and Privacy**

[REDACTED]

### **D3 Official Secrets Acts and Finance Act**

D3.1 The Supplier shall comply with:

- (a) the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989; and
- (b) section 182 of the Finance Act 1989.

### **D4 Confidential Information**

[REDACTED]

### **D5 Freedom of Information**

[REDACTED]

### **D6 Publicity, Media and Official Enquiries**

[REDACTED]

## **E. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

## **E1 Intellectual Property Rights**

### **E1.1 All Intellectual Property Rights in:**

- (a) the Results; or
- (b) any guidance, specifications, reports, studies, instructions, toolkits, plans, data, drawings, databases, patents, patterns, models, designs or other material which is furnished to or made available to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority (together with the Results, the "**IP Materials**") shall vest in the Authority (save for Copyright and Database Rights which shall vest in Her Majesty the Queen) and the Supplier shall not, and shall ensure that the Staff shall not, use or disclose any IP Materials without Approval save to the extent necessary for performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Contract.

### **E1.2 The Supplier hereby assigns:**

- (a) to the Authority, with full title guarantee, all Intellectual Property Rights (save for Copyright and Database Rights) which may subsist in the IP Materials. This assignment shall take effect on the date of the Contract or (in the case of rights arising after the date of the Contract) as a present assignment of future rights that will take effect immediately on the coming into existence of the Intellectual Property Rights produced by the Supplier; and
- (b) to Her Majesty the Queen, with full title guarantee, all Copyright and Database Rights which may subsist in the IP Materials

and shall execute all documents and do all acts as are necessary to execute these assignments.

### **E1.3 The Supplier shall:**

- (a) waive or procure a waiver of any moral rights held by it or any third party in copyright material arising as a result of the Contract or the performance of its obligations under the Contract;
- (b) ensure that the third-party owner of any Intellectual Property Rights that are or which may be used to perform the Services grants to the Authority a non-exclusive licence or, if itself a licensee of those rights, shall grant to the Authority an authorised sub-licence, to use, reproduce, modify, develop and maintain the Intellectual Property Rights in the same. Such licence or sub-licence shall be non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide and irrevocable and include the right for the Authority to sub-license, transfer, novate or assign to other Contracting Authorities, the Crown, the Replacement Supplier or to any other third-party supplying goods and/or services to the Authority ("**Indemnified Persons**");
- (c) not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights of any third party in supplying the Services; and
- (d) during and after the Term, indemnify and keep indemnified the Authority and Indemnified Persons from and against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, damages, costs and expenses and other liabilities which the Authority and Indemnified Persons may suffer or incur as a result of or in

connection with any breach of clause E1.3, except to the extent that any such claim results directly from:

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

E1.4 The Authority shall notify the Supplier in writing of any claim or demand brought against the Authority or Indemnified Person for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right in materials supplied and/or licensed by the Supplier to the Authority.

E1.5 The Supplier shall at its own expense conduct all negotiations and any litigation arising in connection with any claim, demand or action by any third party for infringement or alleged infringement of any third party Intellectual Property Rights (whether by the Authority, the Supplier or Indemnified Person) arising from the performance of the Supplier's obligations under the Contract ("**Third Party IP Claim**"), provided that the Supplier shall at all times:

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

E1.6 The Authority shall, at the request of the Supplier, afford to the Supplier all reasonable assistance for the purpose of contesting any Third-Party IP Claim and the Supplier shall indemnify the Authority for all costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, legal costs and disbursements) incurred in doing so. The Supplier is not required to indemnify the Authority under this clause in relation to any costs and expenses to the extent that such arise directly from the matters referred to in clauses E1.3 (d) i) and ii).

E1.7 The Authority shall not, without the Supplier's consent, make any admissions which may be prejudicial to the defence or settlement of any Third-Party IP Claim.

E1.8 If any Third-Party IP Claim is made or in the reasonable opinion of the Supplier is likely to be made, the Supplier shall notify the Authority and any relevant Indemnified Person, at its own expense and subject to Approval (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), shall (without prejudice to the rights of the Authority under clauses E1.3 (b) and G2.1 (g)) use its best endeavours to:

- (a) modify any or all of the Services without reducing the performance or functionality of the same, or substitute alternative services of equivalent performance and functionality, so as to avoid the infringement or the alleged infringement; or
- (b) procure a licence to use the Intellectual Property Rights and supply the Services which are the subject of the alleged infringement, on terms which are acceptable to the Authority

and if the Supplier is unable to comply with clauses E1.8 (a) or (b) within 20 Working Days of receipt by the Authority of the Supplier's notification the Authority may terminate the Contract immediately by notice to the Supplier.

- E1.9 The Supplier grants to the Authority and, if requested by the Authority, to a Replacement Supplier, a royalty-free, irrevocable, worldwide, non-exclusive licence (with a right to sub-license) to use any Intellectual Property Rights that the Supplier owned or developed prior to the Commencement Date and which the Authority (or the Replacement Supplier) reasonably requires in order for the Authority to exercise its rights under, and receive the benefit of, the Contract (including, without limitation, the Services).

## **F. CONTROL OF THE CONTRACT**

### **F1 Contract Performance**

**[REDACTED]**

### **F2 Remedies**

- F2.1 If the Authority reasonably believes the Supplier has committed a Material Breach it may, without prejudice to its rights under clause H2 (Termination on Default), do any of the following:
- (a) without terminating the Contract, itself supply or procure the supply of all or part of the Services until such time as the Supplier has demonstrated to the Authority's reasonable satisfaction that the Supplier will be able to supply the Services in accordance with the Specification;
  - (b) without terminating the whole of the Contract, terminate the Contract in respect of part of the Services only (whereupon a corresponding reduction in the Price shall be made) and thereafter itself supply or procure a third party to supply such part of the Services;
  - (c) withhold or reduce payments to the Supplier in such amount as the Authority reasonably deems appropriate in each particular case; and/or
  - (d) terminate the Contract in accordance with clause H2.
- F2.2 Without prejudice to its right under clause C3 (Recovery of Sums Due), the Authority may charge the Supplier for any costs reasonably incurred and any reasonable administration costs in respect of the supply of any part of the Services by the Authority or a third party to the extent that such costs exceed the payment which would otherwise have been payable to the Supplier for such part of the Services.
- F2.3 If the Authority reasonably believes the Supplier has failed to supply all or any part of the Services in accordance with the Contract, professional or Good Industry Practice which could reasonably be expected of a competent and suitably qualified person, or any legislative or regulatory requirement, the Authority may give the Supplier notice specifying the way in which its performance falls short of the requirements of the Contract or is otherwise unsatisfactory.
- F2.4 If the Supplier has been notified of a failure in accordance with clause F2.3 the Authority may:

- (a) direct the Supplier to identify and remedy the failure within such time as may be specified by the Authority and to apply all such additional resources as are necessary to remedy that failure at no additional charge to the Authority within the specified timescale; and/or
- (b) withhold or reduce payments to the Supplier in such amount as the Authority deems appropriate in each particular case until such failure has been remedied to the satisfaction of the Authority.

F2.5 If the Supplier has been notified of a failure in accordance with clause F2.3, it shall:

- (a) use all reasonable endeavours to immediately minimise the impact of such failure to the Authority and to prevent such failure from recurring; and
- (b) immediately give the Authority such information as the Authority may request regarding what measures are being taken to comply with the obligations in clause F2.5 and the progress of those measures until resolved to the satisfaction of the Authority.

F2.6 If, having been notified of any failure, the Supplier does not remedy it in accordance with clause F2.5 in the time specified by the Authority, the Authority may treat the continuing failure as a Material Breach and may terminate the Contract immediately on notice to the Supplier.

### **F3 Transfer and Sub-Contracting**

**[REDACTED]**

### **F4 Change**

F4.1 After the Commencement Date, either Party may request a Change subject to the terms of this clause F4.

F4.2 Either Party may request a Change by notifying the other Party in writing of the Change by completing the Change Request Form set out in Schedule 3. The Party requesting the Change shall give the other Party sufficient information and time to assess the extent and effect of the requested Change. If the receiving Party accepts the Change it shall confirm it in writing to the other Party.

F4.3 If the Supplier is unable to accept a Change requested by the Authority or if the Parties are unable to agree a change to the Price, the Authority may:

- (a) allow the Supplier to fulfil its obligations under the Contract without the Change; or
- (b) terminate the Contract immediately except where the Supplier has already delivered all or part of the Services or where the Supplier can show evidence of substantial work being carried out to fulfil the requirements of the Specification; and in such case the Parties shall attempt to agree upon a resolution to the matter. If a resolution cannot be reached, the matter shall be dealt with under the Dispute Resolution procedure detailed in clause I2 (Dispute Resolution).

- F4.4 A Change takes effect only when it is recorded in a CCN validly executed by both Parties.
- F4.5 The Supplier is deemed to warrant and represent that the CNN has been executed by a duly authorised representative of the Supplier in addition to the warranties and representations set out in clause G2.
- F4.6 Clauses F4.4 and F4.5 may be varied in an emergency if it is not practicable to obtain the Authorised Representative's approval within the time necessary to make the Change in order to address the emergency. In an emergency, Changes may be approved by a different representative of the Authority. However, the Authorised Representative may review such a Change and require a CCN to be entered into on a retrospective basis which may itself vary the emergency Change.

## **F5 Audit**

- F5.1 The Supplier shall:
- (a) keep and maintain for 6 years after the end of the Term, or as long a period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of its compliance with, and discharge of its obligations under the Contract including the Services supplied under it, all expenditure reimbursed by the Authority, and all payments made by the Authority;
  - (b) on request afford the Authority or the Authority's representatives such access to those records and processes as may be requested by the Authority in connection with the Contract; and
  - (c) make available to the Authority, free of charge, whenever requested, copies of audit reports obtained by the Supplier in relation to the Services.
- F5.2 The Authority, acting by itself or through its duly authorised representatives and/or the National Audit Office, may, during the Term and for a period of 18 Months thereafter, assess compliance by the Supplier of the Supplier's obligations under the Contract, including to:
- (a) verify the accuracy of the Price and any other amounts payable by the Authority under the Contract;
  - (b) verify the Open Book Data;
  - (c) verify the Supplier's compliance with the Contract and applicable Law;
  - (d) identify or investigate actual or suspected fraud, impropriety or accounting mistakes or any breach or threatened breach of security and in these

circumstances the Authority has no obligation to inform the Supplier of the purpose or objective of its investigations;

- (e) identify or investigate any circumstances which may impact upon the financial stability of the Supplier and/or any guarantor or their ability to perform the Services;
- (f) obtain such information as is necessary to fulfil the Authority's obligations to supply information for parliamentary, ministerial, judicial or administrative purposes;
- (g) carry out the Authority's internal and statutory audits and to prepare, examine and/or certify the Authority's annual and interim reports and accounts;
- (h) enable the National Audit Office to carry out an examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources;
- (i) verify the accuracy and completeness of any management information or reports delivered or required by the Contract;
- (j) review the Supplier's compliance with the Authority's policies and standards; and/or
- (k) review the integrity, confidentiality and security of the Authority Data

and the Supplier (and its agents) shall permit access free of charge during normal business hours on reasonable notice to all such documents (including computerised documents and data) and other information as the Authority (or those acting on its behalf) may reasonably require for the purposes of conducting such an audit.

- F5.3 The Supplier (and its agents) shall permit the Comptroller and Auditor General (and his appointed representatives) access free of charge during normal business hours on reasonable notice to all such documents (including computerised documents and data) and other information as the Comptroller and Auditor General may reasonably require for the purposes of conducting a financial audit of the Authority and for carrying out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources. The Supplier shall provide such explanations as are reasonably required for these purposes.
- F5.4 The Authority shall during each audit comply with those security, sites, systems and facilities operating procedures of the Supplier that the Authority deems reasonable and use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the conduct of each audit does not unreasonably disrupt the Supplier or delay the provision of the Services. The Authority shall endeavour to (but is not obliged to) provide at least 15 Working Days' notice of its intention to conduct an audit.
- F5.5 The Parties bear their own respective costs and expenses incurred in respect of compliance with their obligations under clause F5, unless the audit identifies a material Default by the Supplier in which case the Supplier shall reimburse the Authority for all the Authority's reasonable costs incurred in connection with the audit.

## **G. LIABILITIES**

### **G1 Liability, Indemnity and Insurance**

**[REDACTED]**

### **G2 Warranties and Representations**

G2.1 The Supplier warrants and represents on the Commencement Date and for the Term that:

- (a) it has full capacity and authority and all necessary consents to enter into and perform the Contract and that the Contract is executed by a duly authorised representative of the Supplier;
- (b) in entering the Contract, it has not committed any fraud;
- (c) as at the Commencement Date, all information contained in the Tender or other offer made by the Supplier to the Authority remains true, accurate and not misleading, save as may have been specifically disclosed in writing to the Authority prior to execution of the Contract and in addition, that it will advise the Authority of any fact, matter or circumstance of which it may become aware which would render such information to be false or misleading;
- (d) no claim is being asserted and no litigation, arbitration or administrative proceeding is in progress or, to the best of its knowledge and belief, pending or threatened against it or any of its assets which will or might have an adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
- (e) it is not subject to any contractual obligation, compliance with which is likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
- (f) no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (or, to the best of its knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Supplier or for its dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar officer in relation to any of the Supplier's assets or revenue;
- (g) it owns, or has obtained or is able to obtain valid licences for, all Intellectual Property Rights that are necessary for the performance of its obligations under the Contract;
- (h) any person engaged by the Supplier shall be engaged on terms which do not entitle them to any Intellectual Property Right in any IP Materials;
- (i) in the 3 years (or period of existence if the Supplier has not been in existence for 3 years) prior to the date of the Contract:
  - i) it has conducted all financial accounting and reporting activities in compliance in all material respects with the generally accepted accounting principles that apply to it in any country where it files accounts;

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

G2.2 The Supplier confirms that in entering into the Contract it is not relying on any statements, warranties or representations given or made (whether negligently or innocently or whether express or implied), or any acts or omissions by or on behalf of the Authority in connection with the subject matter of the Contract except those expressly set out in the Contract and the Supplier hereby waives and releases the Authority in respect thereof absolutely.

### **G3 Tax Compliance**

G3.1 If, during the Term, an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Supplier shall:

- (a) notify the Authority in writing of such fact within 5 Working Days of its occurrence; and
- (b) promptly give the Authority:
  - i) details of the steps it is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors it considers relevant; and
  - ii) such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as the Authority may reasonably require.

G3.2 If the Supplier or any Staff are liable to be taxed in the UK or to pay NICs in respect of consideration received under the Contract, the Supplier shall:

- (a) at all times comply with ITEPA and all other statutes and regulations relating to income tax, and SSCBA and all other statutes and regulations relating to NICs, in respect of that consideration; and
- (b) indemnify the Authority against any income tax, NICs and social security contributions and any other liability, deduction, contribution, assessment or claim arising from or made in connection with the provision of the Services by the Supplier or any Staff.

## **H. DEFAULT, DISRUPTION AND TERMINATION**

### **H1 Insolvency and Change of Control**

H1.1 The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice and without compensation to the Supplier if the Supplier is a company and in respect of the Supplier:

- (a) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or of any other composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors;
- (b) a shareholders' meeting is convened for the purpose of considering a resolution that it be wound up or a resolution for its winding-up is passed (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation);
- (c) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within 14 days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator
- (d) a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets;
- (e) an application order is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given;
- (f) it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (g) any event similar to those listed in H1.1 (a)-(f) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.

H1.2 The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice and without compensation to the Supplier if the Supplier is an individual and:

- (a) an application for an interim order is made pursuant to sections 252-253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, the Supplier's creditors;
- (b) a petition is presented and not dismissed within 14 days or order made for the Supplier's bankruptcy;
- (c) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of the Supplier's assets or a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver, or similar officer over the whole or any part of his assets;
- (d) he is unable to pay his debts or has no reasonable prospect of doing so, in either case within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- (e) a creditor or encumbrancer attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of the Supplier's assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days;
- (f) he dies or is adjudged incapable of managing his affairs within the meaning of section 2 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005;

- (g) he suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, to carry on all or a substantial part of his business; or
- (h) any event similar to those listed in clauses H1.2(a) to (g) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.

H1.3 The Supplier shall notify the Authority immediately following a merger, take-over, change of control, change of name or status including where the Supplier undergoes a change of control within the meaning of section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 (“**Change of Control**”). The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice and without compensation to the Supplier within 6 Months of:

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

but is not permitted to terminate where Approval was granted prior to the Change of Control.

H1.4 The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice and without compensation to the Supplier if the Supplier is a partnership and:

- (a) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Article 4 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994 or a proposal is made for any other composition, scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors; or
- (b) a petition is presented for its winding up or for the making of any administration order, or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator; or
- (c) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its assets; or
- (d) the partnership is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 222 or 223 of the Insolvency Act 1986 as applied and modified by the Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994; or
- (e) any of the following occurs in relation to any of its partners:
  - (i) an application for an interim order is made pursuant to sections 252-253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, his creditors;
  - (ii) a petition is presented for his bankruptcy; or
  - (iii) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of his assets;
- (f) any event similar to those listed in clauses H1.4 (a) to (e) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.

H1.5 The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice and without compensation to the Supplier if the Supplier is a limited liability partnership and:

- (a) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any other composition, scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors;
- (b) an application is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given within Part II of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- (c) any step is taken with a view to it being determined that it be wound up (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation) within Part IV of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- (d) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within 14 days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator within Part IV of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- (e) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its assets;
- (f) it is or becomes unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (g) any event similar to those listed in clauses H1.5 (a) to (f) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.

H1.6 References to the Insolvency Act 1986 in clause H1.5 (a) are references to that Act as applied under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 subordinate legislation.

## **H2 Default**

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

- (a) the Supplier has not remedied the Default to the satisfaction of the Authority within 20 Working Days or such other period as may be specified by the Authority, after issue of a notice specifying the Default and requesting it to be remedied;
- (b) the Default is not, in the opinion of the Authority, capable of remedy; or
- (c) the Default is a Material Breach.

H2.2 If, through any Default of the Supplier, data transmitted or processed in connection with the Contract is either lost or sufficiently degraded as to be unusable, the Supplier is liable for the cost of reconstitution of that data and shall reimburse the Authority in respect of any charge levied for its transmission and any other costs charged in connection with such Default.

H2.3 If the Authority fails to pay the Supplier undisputed sums of money when due, the Supplier shall give notice to the Authority of its failure to pay. If the Authority fails to pay such undisputed sums within 90 Working Days of the date of such notice, the Supplier may terminate the Contract with immediate effect, save that such right of termination shall not apply where the failure to pay is due to the Authority exercising its rights under clause C3.1 or to a Force Majeure Event.

### **H3 Termination on Notice**

H3.1 The Authority may terminate the Contract at any time by giving 90 days' notice to the Supplier.

### **H4 Other Grounds**

H4.1 The Authority may terminate the Contract if:

- (a) the Contract has been subject to a substantial modification which requires a new procurement procedure pursuant to regulation 72(9) of the Regulations;
- (b) the Supplier was, at the time the Contract was awarded, in one of the situations specified in regulation 57(1) of the Regulations, including as a result of the application of regulation 57(2), and should therefore have been excluded from the procurement procedure which resulted in its award of the Contract; or
- (c) the Supplier has not, in performing the Services, complied with its legal obligations in respect of environmental, social or labour law.

### **H5 Consequences of Expiry or Termination**

H5.1 If the Authority terminates the Contract under clause H2 and makes other arrangements for the supply of the Services the Authority may recover from the Supplier the cost reasonably incurred of making those other arrangements and any additional expenditure incurred by the Authority throughout the remainder of the Term.

H5.2 If the Contract is terminated under clause H2 the Authority shall make no further payments to the Supplier (for Services supplied by the Supplier prior to termination and in accordance with the Contract but where the payment has yet to be made by the Authority), until the Authority has established the final cost of making the other arrangements envisaged under this clause H5.

H5.3 If the Authority terminates the Contract under clauses H3 or H4 the Authority shall make no further payments to the Supplier except for Services supplied by the Supplier prior to termination and in accordance with the Contract but where the payment has yet to be made by the Authority.

H5.4 Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Contract:

- (a) termination or expiry of the Contract shall be without prejudice to any rights, remedies or obligations accrued under the Contract prior to termination or expiration and nothing in the Contract prejudices the right of either Party to recover any amount outstanding at such termination or expiry; and
- (b) termination of the Contract does not affect the continuing rights, remedies or obligations of the Authority or the Supplier under clauses C2 (Payment and VAT), C3 (Recovery of Sums Due), D2 (Data Protection and Privacy), D3 (Official Secrets Acts and Finance Act), D4 (Confidential Information), D5 (Freedom of Information), E1 (Intellectual Property Rights), F5 (Audit), G1 (Liability, Indemnity and Insurance), H5 (Consequences of Expiry or Termination), H7 (Recovery), H8 (Retendering and Handover), H9 (Exit Management), H10 (Knowledge Retention), I6 (Remedies Cumulative), I12 (Governing Law and Jurisdiction) and paragraph 9 of Schedule 8.

## **H6 Disruption**

- H6.1 The Supplier shall take reasonable care to ensure that in the performance of its obligations under the Contract it does not disrupt the operations of the Authority, its employees or any other contractor employed by the Authority.
- H6.2 The Supplier shall immediately inform the Authority of any actual or potential industrial action, whether such action be by its own employees or others, which affects or might affect its ability at any time to perform its obligations under the Contract.
- H6.3 If there is industrial action by Staff, the Supplier shall seek Approval for its proposals to continue to perform its obligations under the Contract.
- H6.4 If the Supplier's proposals referred to in clause H6.3 are considered insufficient or unacceptable by the Authority acting reasonably, the Contract may be terminated with immediate effect by the Authority.
- H6.5 If the Supplier is unable to deliver the Services owing to disruption of the Authority's normal business, the Supplier may request a reasonable allowance of time, and, in addition, the Authority will reimburse any additional expense reasonably incurred by the Supplier as a direct result of such disruption.

## **H7 Recovery**

- H7.1 On termination of the Contract for any reason, the Supplier shall at its cost:
- (a) immediately return to the Authority all Confidential Information, Personal Data and IP Materials in its possession or in the possession or under the control of any permitted suppliers or Sub-Contractors, which was obtained or produced in the course of providing the Services;
  - (b) immediately deliver to the Authority all Property (including materials, documents, information and access keys) provided to the Supplier in good working order;
  - (c) immediately vacate any Authority Premises occupied by the Supplier;
  - (d) assist and co-operate with the Authority to ensure an orderly transition of the provision of the Services to the Replacement Supplier and/or the completion of any work in progress; and
  - (e) promptly provide all information concerning the provision of the Services which may reasonably be requested by the Authority for the purposes of adequately understanding the manner in which the Services have been provided and/or for the purpose of allowing the Authority and/or the Replacement Supplier to conduct due diligence.
- H7.2 If the Supplier does not comply with clauses H7.1 (a) and (b), the Authority may recover possession thereof and the Supplier grants a licence to the Authority or its appointed agents to enter (for the purposes of such recovery) any premises of the Supplier or its suppliers or Sub-Contractors where any such items may be held.

## **H8 Retendering and Handover**

- H8.1 Within 21 days of being requested by the Authority, the Supplier shall provide, and thereafter keep updated, in a fully indexed and catalogued format, all the information necessary to enable the Authority to issue tender documents for the future provision of the Services.
- H8.2 The Authority shall take all necessary precautions to ensure that the information referred to in clause H8.1 is given only to potential providers who have qualified to tender for the future provision of the Services.
- H8.3 The Authority shall require that all potential providers treat the information in confidence; that they do not communicate it except to such persons within their organisation and to such extent as may be necessary for the purpose of preparing a response to an invitation to tender issued by the Authority; and that they shall not use it for any other purpose.
- H8.4 The Supplier indemnifies the Authority against any claim made against the Authority at any time by any person in respect of any liability incurred by the Authority arising from any deficiency or inaccuracy in information which the Supplier is required to provide under clause H8.1.
- H8.5 The Supplier shall allow access to the Premises in the presence of an authorised representative, to any person representing any potential provider whom the Authority has selected to tender for the future provision of the Services.
- H8.6 If access is required to the Supplier's Premises for the purposes of clause H8.5, the Authority shall give the Supplier 7 days' notice of a proposed visit together with a list showing the names of all persons who will be visiting. Their attendance shall be subject to compliance with the Supplier's security procedures, subject to such compliance not being in conflict with the objectives of the visit.
- H8.7 The Supplier shall co-operate fully with the Authority during any handover at the end of the Contract. This co-operation includes allowing full access to, and providing copies of, all documents, reports, summaries and any other information necessary in order to achieve an effective transition without disruption to routine operational requirements.
- H8.8 Within 10 Working Days of being requested by the Authority, the Supplier shall transfer to the Authority, or any person designated by the Authority, free of charge, all computerised filing, recording, documentation, planning and drawing held on software and utilised in the provision of the Services. The transfer shall be made in a fully indexed and catalogued disk format, to operate on a proprietary software package identical to that used by the Authority.

## **H9 Exit Management**

- H9.1 On termination of the Contract the Supplier shall render reasonable assistance to the Authority to the extent necessary to effect an orderly assumption by a Replacement Supplier in accordance with the procedure set out in clauses H9.2 to H9.5.
- H9.2 If the Authority requires a continuation of all or any of the Services on expiry or termination of the Contract, either by performing them itself or by engaging a third party to perform them, the Supplier shall co-operate fully with the Authority and any such third party and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the timely and effective transfer of the Services without disruption to routine operational requirements.

- H9.3 The following commercial approach shall apply to the transfer of the Services if the Supplier:
- (a) does not have to use resources in addition to those normally used to deliver the Services prior to termination or expiry, there shall be no change to the Price; or
  - (b) reasonably incurs additional costs, the Parties shall agree a Change to the Price based on the Supplier's rates either set out in Schedule 2 or forming the basis for the Price.
- H9.4 When requested to do so by the Authority, the Supplier shall deliver to the Authority details of all licences for software used in the provision of the Services including the software licence agreements.
- H9.5 Within one Month of receiving the software licence information described in clause H9.4, the Authority shall notify the Supplier of the licences it wishes to be transferred and the Supplier shall provide for the approval of the Authority a plan for licence transfer.
- H9.6 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 12 (Exit Management) and any current Exit Plan in relation to orderly transition of the Services to the Authority or a Replacement Supplier.

## **H10 Knowledge Retention**

The Supplier shall co-operate fully with the Authority in order to enable an efficient and detailed knowledge transfer from the Supplier to the Authority on the completion or earlier termination of the Contract and in addition, to minimise any disruption to routine operational requirements. To facilitate this transfer, the Supplier shall provide the Authority free of charge with full access to its Staff, and in addition, copies of all documents, reports, summaries and any other information requested by the Authority. The Supplier shall comply with the Authority's request for information no later than 15 Working Days from the date that that request was made.

## **H11 Service Continuity Plan and Corporate Resolution Planning**

H11.1 Within 40 Working Days from the Effective Date the Supplier shall prepare and deliver to the Authority for the Authority's written approval a plan ('Service Continuity 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 (including where caused by an Insolvency Event of the Supplier, any Key Sub-contractor and/or any Supplier Group member); and
- (b) the recovery of the Services in the event of a Disaster.

H11.2 The requirements of the Service Continuity Plan shall be stipulated according to Schedule 10 (Service Continuity Plan and Corporate Resolution Planning).

# I GENERAL

## I1 Dispute Resolution

- I1.1 The Parties shall attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement to any dispute between them arising out of or in connection with the Contract within 20 Working Days of either Party notifying the other of the dispute and such efforts shall involve the escalation of the dispute to the finance director of the Supplier and the commercial director of the Authority.
- I1.2 Nothing in this dispute resolution procedure prevents the Parties seeking from any court of competent jurisdiction an interim order restraining the other Party from doing any act or compelling the other Party to do any act.
- I1.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved by the Parties pursuant to clause I1.1 either Party may refer it to mediation pursuant to the procedure set out in clause I1.5.
- I1.4 The obligations of the Parties under the Contract shall not cease, or be suspended or delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation (or arbitration) and the Supplier and the Staff shall comply fully with the requirements of the Contract at all times.
- I1.5 The procedure for mediation and consequential provisions relating to mediation are as follows:
- (a) a neutral adviser or mediator (the “**Mediator**”) shall be chosen by agreement of the Parties or, if they are unable to agree upon a Mediator within 10 Working Days after a request by one Party to the other or if the Mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, either Party shall within 10 Working Days from the date of the proposal to appoint a Mediator or within 10 Working Days of notice to either Party that he is unable or unwilling to act, apply to the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution to appoint a Mediator;
  - (b) the Parties shall within 10 Working Days of the appointment of the Mediator meet with him in order to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant information and the structure to be adopted for negotiations. If appropriate, the Parties may at any stage seek assistance from the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution to provide guidance on a suitable procedure;
  - (c) unless otherwise agreed, all negotiations connected with the dispute and any settlement agreement relating to it shall be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the Parties in any future proceedings;
  - (d) if the Parties reach agreement on the resolution of the dispute, the agreement shall be recorded in writing and shall be binding on the Parties once it is signed by their duly authorised representatives;
  - (e) failing agreement, either of the Parties may invite the Mediator to provide a non-binding but informative written opinion. Such an opinion shall be provided on a without prejudice basis and shall not be used in evidence in any proceedings relating to the Contract without the prior written consent of both Parties; and
  - (f) if the Parties fail to reach agreement within 60 Working Days of the Mediator being appointed, or such longer period as may be agreed by the Parties, then

any dispute or difference between them may be referred to the Courts unless the dispute is referred to arbitration pursuant to the procedures set out in clause I1.6.

I1.6 Subject to clause I1.2, the Parties shall not start court proceedings until the procedures set out in clauses I1.1 and I1.3 have been completed save that:

- (a) the Authority may at any time before court proceedings are commenced, serve a notice on the Supplier requiring the dispute to be referred to and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I1.7;
- (b) if the Supplier intends to commence court proceedings, it shall serve notice on the Authority of its intentions and the Authority has 21 days following receipt of such notice to serve a reply on the Supplier requiring the dispute to be referred to and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I1.7; and
- (c) the Supplier may request by notice to the Authority that any dispute be referred and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I1.7, to which the Authority may consent as it sees fit.

I1.7 If any arbitration proceedings are commenced pursuant to clause I1.6:

- (a) the arbitration is governed by the Arbitration Act 1996 and the Authority shall give a notice of arbitration to the Supplier (the “**Arbitration Notice**”) stating:
  - (i) that the dispute is referred to arbitration; and
  - (ii) providing details of the issues to be resolved;
- (b) the London Court of International Arbitration (“**LCIA**”) procedural rules in force at the date that the dispute was referred to arbitration in accordance with I1.7 (b) shall be applied and are deemed to be incorporated by reference to the Contract and the decision of the arbitrator is binding on the Parties in the absence of any material failure to comply with such rules;
- (c) the tribunal shall consist of a sole arbitrator to be agreed by the Parties;
- (d) if the Parties fail to agree the appointment of the arbitrator within 10 days of the Arbitration Notice being issued by the Authority under clause I1.7 (a) or if the person appointed is unable or unwilling to act, the arbitrator shall be appointed by the LCIA;
- (e) the arbitration proceedings shall take place in London and in the English language; and
- (f) the arbitration proceedings shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, English Law.

## **I2 Force Majeure**

I2.1 Subject to this clause I2 (and in relation to the Supplier, subject to its compliance with its obligations in Schedule 9 (Service Continuity Plan and Corporate Resolution Planning)), a Party may claim relief under this clause I2 from liability for failure to meet its obligations under the Contract for as long as and only to the extent that the performance of those obligations is directly affected by a Force Majeure Event. Any

failure or delay by the Supplier in performing its obligations under the Contract which results from a failure or delay by an agent, Sub-Contractor or supplier is regarded as due to a Force Majeure Event only if that agent, Sub-Contractor or supplier is itself impeded by a Force Majeure Event from complying with an obligation to the Supplier.

- 12.2 The Affected Party shall as soon as reasonably practicable issue a Force Majeure Notice, which shall include details of the Force Majeure Event, its effect on the obligations of the Affected Party and any action the Affected Party proposes to take to mitigate its effect.
- 12.3 If the Supplier is the Affected Party, it is not entitled to claim relief under this clause 12 to the extent that consequences of the relevant Force Majeure Event:
- (a) are capable of being mitigated by any of the Services, but the Supplier has failed to do so; and/or
  - (b) should have been foreseen and prevented or avoided by a prudent provider of services similar to the Services, operating to the standards required by the Contract; or
  - (c) are the result of the Supplier's failure to comply with its Service Continuity Plan (except to the extent that such a failure is also due to a Force Majeure Event that affects the execution of the Service Continuity Plan).
- 12.4 Subject to clause 12.5, as soon as practicable after the Affected Party issues the Force Majeure Notice, and at regular intervals thereafter, the Parties shall consult in good faith and use reasonable endeavours to agree any steps to be taken and an appropriate timetable in which those steps should be taken, to enable continued provision of the Services affected by the Force Majeure Event.
- 12.5 The Parties shall at all times following the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event and during its subsistence use their respective reasonable endeavours to prevent and mitigate the effects of the Force Majeure Event. Where the Supplier is the Affected Party, it shall take all steps in accordance with Good Industry Practice to overcome or minimise the consequences of the Force Majeure Event.
- 12.6 If, as a result of a Force Majeure Event:
- (a) an Affected Party fails to perform its obligations in accordance with the Contract, then during the continuance of the Force Majeure Event:
    - i) the other Party is not entitled to exercise its rights to terminate the Contract in whole or in part as a result of such failure pursuant to clause H2.1 or H2.3; and
    - ii) neither Party is liable for any Default arising as a result of such failure;
  - (b) the Supplier fails to perform its obligations in accordance with the Contract it is entitled to receive payment of the Price (or a proportional payment of it) only to the extent that the Services (or part of the Services) continue to be performed in accordance with the Contract during the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event.

- 12.7 The Affected Party shall notify the other Party as soon as practicable after the Force Majeure Event ceases or no longer causes the Affected Party to be unable to comply with its obligations under the Contract.
- 12.8 Relief from liability for the Affected Party under this clause I2 ends as soon as the Force Majeure Event no longer causes the Affected Party to be unable to comply with its obligations under the Contract and is not dependent on the serving of a notice under clause I2.7.

### **I3 Notices and Communications**

- 13.1 Subject to clause I3.3, where the Contract states that a notice or communication between the Parties must be “written” or “in writing” it is not valid unless it is made by letter (sent by hand, first class post, recorded delivery or special delivery) or by email or by communication via Bravo.
- 13.2 If it is not returned as undelivered a notice served in:
- (a) a letter is deemed to have been received 2 Working Days after the day it was sent; and
  - (b) an email is deemed to have been received 4 hours after the time it was sent provided it was sent on a Working Day

or when the other Party acknowledges receipt, whichever is the earlier.

- 13.3 Notices pursuant to clauses I1, I2 or I7 or to terminate the Contract or any part of the Services are valid only if served in a letter by hand, recorded delivery or special delivery.
- 13.4 Notices shall be sent to the addresses set out below or at such other address as the relevant Party may give notice to the other Party for the purpose of service of notices under the Contract:
- (a) For the Authority:  
**[REDACTED]**
  - (b) For the Supplier:  
**[REDACTED]**

### **I4 Conflicts of Interest**

- 14.1 The Supplier shall take appropriate steps to ensure that neither the Supplier nor any Staff is placed in a position where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Supplier and the duties owed to the Authority under the Contract. The Supplier will notify the Authority immediately giving full particulars of any such conflict of interest which may arise.
- 14.2 The Authority may terminate the Contract immediately by notice and/or take or require the Supplier to take such other steps it deems necessary if, in the Authority’s reasonable opinion, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict,

between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Supplier and the duties owed to the Authority under the Contract. The actions of the Authority pursuant to this clause 14 shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Authority.

## **15 Rights of Third Parties**

- 15.1 Clauses B10.5 and E1.3 confer benefits on persons named in them (together “**Third Party Provisions**” and each person a “**Third Party Beneficiary**”) other than the Parties and are intended to be enforceable by Third Party Beneficiaries by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (“**CRTPA**”).
- 15.2 Subject to clause 15.1, a person who is not a Party has no right under the CRTPA to enforce the Contract but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to the CRTPA and does not apply to the Crown.
- 15.3 No Third-Party Beneficiary may enforce or take steps to enforce any Third-Party Provision without Approval.
- 15.4 Any amendments to the Contract may be made by the Parties without the consent of any Third-Party Beneficiary.

## **16 Remedies Cumulative**

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

## **17 Waiver**

- 17.1 The failure of either Party to insist upon strict performance of any provision of the Contract, or the failure of either Party to exercise, or any delay in exercising, any right or remedy do not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy and do not cause a diminution of the obligations established by the Contract.
- 17.2 No waiver is effective unless it is expressly stated to be a waiver and communicated to the other Party in writing in accordance with clause 13 (Notices and Communications).
- 17.3 A waiver of any right or remedy arising from a breach of the Contract does not constitute a waiver of any right or remedy arising from any other or subsequent breach of the Contract.

## **18 Severability**

If any part of the Contract which is not of a fundamental nature is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such part shall be severed and the remainder of the Contract shall continue in full effect as if the Contract had been executed with the invalid, illegal or unenforceable part eliminated.

## **19 Entire Agreement**

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

## **I10 Change in Law**

I10.1 The Supplier is neither relieved of its obligations to supply the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract nor entitled to an increase in the Price as the result of:

- (a) a General Change in Law; or
- (b) a Specific Change in Law where the effect of that Specific Change in Law on the Services is reasonably foreseeable at the Commencement Date.

I10.2 If a Specific Change in Law occurs or will occur during the Term (other than as referred to in clause I10.1(b)), the Supplier shall:

- (a) notify the Authority as soon as reasonably practicable of the likely effects of that change, including whether any:
  - (i) Change is required to the Services, the Price or the Contract; and
  - (ii) relief from compliance with the Supplier's obligations is required; and
- (b) provide the Authority with evidence:
  - (i) that the Supplier has minimised any increase in costs or maximised any reduction in costs, including in respect of the costs of its Sub-Contractors; and
  - (ii) as to how the Specific Change in Law has affected the cost of providing the Services.

I10.3 Any variation in the Price or relief from the Supplier's obligations resulting from a Specific Change in Law (other than as referred to in clause I10.1(b)) shall be implemented in accordance with clause F4.

## **I11 Counterparts**

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

## **I12 Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

Subject to clause I1 (Dispute Resolution) the Contract, including any matters arising out of or in connection with it, are governed by and interpreted in accordance with English Law and are subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales. The submission to such jurisdiction does not limit the right of the Authority to take proceedings against the Supplier in any other court of competent jurisdiction, and the taking of proceedings in any other court of competent jurisdiction does not preclude the taking of proceedings in any other jurisdiction whether concurrently or not.

**SCHEDULE 1 – SPECIFICATION**

**[REDACTED]**

## SCHEDULE 2 – PRICES and INVOICING

### Part 1

[REDACTED]

- Total cost of £35,984.00 + VAT.

[REDACTED]

**SCHEDULE 3 - CHANGE CONTROL**

**[REDACTED]**

**SCHEDULE 4 - COMMERCIALY SENSITIVE INFORMATION – *not applicable***

**[REDACTED]**

**SCHEDULE 5 - SUPPLIER AND THIRD PARTY SOFTWARE – *not applicable***

**[REDACTED]**

**SCHEDULE 6 – INFORMATION ASSURANCE & SECURITY**

**[REDACTED]**

## ANNEX 1 – BASELINE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

[REDACTED]

**SCHEDULE 7 – PRISONS – *Not applicable***

**[REDACTED]**

**SCHEDULE 8 – STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS AND CORPORATE  
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**[REDACTED]**

**SCHEDULE 9 – DATA PROCESSING – *not applicable***

**[REDACTED]**

**SCHEDULE 10 – SERVICE CONTINUITY PLAN AND CORPORATE  
RESOLUTION PLANNING**

**PART A: SERVICE CONTINUITY PLAN**

**[REDACTED]**

## PART B: CORPORATE RESOLUTION PLANNING

[REDACTED]



## **ANNEX 1: GROUP STRUCTURE INFORMATION AND RESOLUTION COMMENTARY**

1. The Supplier shall:

**[REDACTED]**

## **ANNEX 2: UK PUBLIC SECTOR / CNI CONTRACT INFORMATION**

1. The Supplier shall:

**[REDACTED]**

**SCHEDULE 11 – IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING PLAN**

**[REDACTED]**

## ANNEX 1: OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

[REDACTED]



## Testing Procedures

[REDACTED]

## ANNEX 1: TEST ISSUES – SEVERITY LEVELS

[REDACTED]

## ANNEX 2: TEST CERTIFICATE

[REDACTED]

## ANNEX 3: MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE

[REDACTED]

## ANNEX 4: TEST SUCCESS CRITERIA

[REDACTED]



**SCHEDULE 12 – EXIT MANAGEMENT**

**[REDACTED]**

## ANNEX 1: SCOPE OF THE TERMINATION SERVICES

[REDACTED]

## ANNEX 2: DRAFT ETHICAL WALL AGREEMENT

[REDACTED]

## IT IS AGREED:

### 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 The following words and expressions shall have the following meanings in this agreement and its recitals:

**"Affiliate"** means in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control of that body corporate from time to time;

**"Agreement"** means this ethical walls agreement duly executed by the Parties;

**"Bid Team"** means any Counterparty, Affiliate, connected to the preparation of an ITT Response;

**"Central Government Body"** means a body listed in one of the following sub-categories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics:

- (a) Government Department;
- (b) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal);
- (c) Non-Ministerial Department; or
- (d) Executive Agency;

**"Conflicted Personnel"** means any Counterparty, Affiliate, staff or agents of the Counterparty or an Affiliate who, because of the Counterparty's relationship with the Authority under any Contract have or have had access to information which creates or may create a conflict of interest;

**"Contract"** means the contract for Senior Civil Servant HR Platform dated [ ] between the Authority and the Counterparty and/or an Affiliate;

**"Control"** means the beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the issued share capital of a company or the legal power to direct or cause the direction of the management of the company and **"Controls"** and **"Controlled"** shall be interpreted accordingly;

**"Effective Date"** means the date of this Agreement as set out above;

**"Invitation to Tender"** or **"ITT"** means an invitation to submit tenders issued by the Authority as part of an ITT Process;

**“ITT Process”** means, with regard to the Purpose, the relevant procedure provided for in the PCR which the Authority has elected to use to select a contractor, together with all relevant information, correspondence and/or documents issued by the Authority as part of that procurement exercise, all information, correspondence and/or documents issued by the bidders in response together with any resulting contract;

**“ITT Response”** means the tender submitted or to be submitted by the Counterparty or an Affiliate (or, where relevant, by an Other Bidder) in response to an ITT;

**“Other Affiliate”** any person who is a subsidiary, subsidiary undertaking or holding company of any Other Bidder;

**“Other Bidder”** means any other bidder or potential bidder that is not the Counterparty or any Affiliate that has or is taking part in the ITT Process;

**“Parties”** means the Authority and the Counterparty;

**“Professional Advisor”** means a supplier, subcontractor, advisor or consultant engaged by the Counterparty under the auspices of compiling its ITT Response;

**“Purpose”** has the meaning given to it in recital **Error! Reference source not found.** to this Agreement;

**“Representative”** refers to a person's officers, directors, employees, advisers and agents and, where the context admits, providers or potential providers of finance to the Counterparty or any Affiliate in connection with the ITT Process and the representatives of such providers or potential providers of finance; and

**“Third Party”** means any person who is not a Party and includes Other Affiliates and Other Bidders.

- 1.2 Reference to the disclosure of information includes any communication or making available information and includes both direct and indirect disclosure.
- 1.3 Reference to the disclosure of information, or provision of access, by or to the Authority or the Counterparty includes disclosure, or provision of access, by or to the representatives of the Authority or Representatives of the Counterparty (as the case may be).
- 1.4 Reference to persons includes legal and natural persons.
- 1.5 Reference to any enactment is to that enactment as amended, supplemented, re-enacted or replaced from time to time.
- 1.6 Reference to clauses and recitals is to clauses of and recitals to this Agreement.

- 1.7 Reference to any gender includes any other.
- 1.8 Reference to writing includes email.
- 1.9 The terms “associate”, “holding company”, “subsidiary”, “subsidiary undertaking” and “wholly owned subsidiary” have the meanings attributed to them in the Companies Act 2006, except that for the purposes of section 1159(1)(a) of that Act, the words ‘holds a majority of the voting rights’ shall be changed to ‘holds 30% or more of the voting rights’, and other expressions shall be construed accordingly.
- 1.10 The words “include” and “including” are to be construed without limitation.
- 1.11 The singular includes the plural and vice versa.
- 1.12 The headings contained in this Agreement shall not affect its construction or interpretation.

## **1. ETHICAL WALLS**

**[REDACTED]**

### **1. SOLE RESPONSIBILITY**

- 1.1 It is the sole responsibility of the Counterparty to comply with the terms of this Agreement. No approval by the Authority of any procedures, agreements or arrangements provided by the Counterparty or any Affiliate or Representative to the Authority shall discharge the Counterparty’s obligations.

### **1. WAIVER AND INVALIDITY**

- 1.1 No failure or delay by any Party in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Agreement or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right, power or privilege, nor shall it restrict the further exercise of that or any other right, power or privilege. No single or partial exercise of such right, power or privilege shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right, power or privilege.
- 1.2 If any provision of this Agreement is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction in relation to any Party, such prohibition or unenforceability will not invalidate the remaining provisions of this Agreement or affect the validity or enforceability of the provisions of this Agreement in relation to any other Party or any other jurisdiction.

### **1. ASSIGNMENT AND NOVATION**

- 1.1 Subject to clause 1.2 the Parties shall not assign, novate or otherwise dispose of or create any trust in relation to any or all of its rights, obligations or

liabilities under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Authority.

1.2 The Authority may assign, novate or otherwise dispose of any or all of its rights, obligations and liabilities under this Agreement and/or any associated licences to:

- (a) any Central Government Body; or
- (b) to a body other than a Central Government Body (including any private sector body) which performs any of the functions that previously had been performed by the Authority; and
- (c) the Counterparty shall, at the Authority's request, enter into a novation agreement in such form as the Authority may reasonably specify in order to enable the Authority to exercise its rights pursuant to this Clause 0.

1.3 A change in the legal status of the Authority such that it ceases to be a Central Government Body shall not affect the validity of this Agreement and this Agreement shall be binding on any successor body to the Authority.

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

1.1 A person who is not a Party to this Agreement has no right under the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (as amended, updated or replaced from time to time) to enforce any term of this Agreement but this does not affect any right remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to that Act.

## **1. TRANSPARENCY**

1.1 The parties acknowledge and agree that the Authority is under a legal duty pursuant to the PCR to run transparent and fair procurement processes. Accordingly, the Authority may disclose the contents of this Agreement to potential bidders in the ITT Process, for the purposes of transparency and in order to evidence that a fair procurement process has been followed.

## **1. NOTICES**

1.1 Any notices sent under this Agreement must be in writing.

1.2 The following table sets out the method by which notices may be served under this Agreement and the respective deemed time and proof of service:

<b>Manner of Delivery</b>	<b>Deemed time of service</b>	<b>Proof of service</b>
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Email	9.00am on the first Working Day after sending	Dispatched as a pdf attachment to an e-mail to the correct e-mail address without any error message.
Personal delivery	On delivery, provided delivery is between 9.00am and 5.00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise, delivery will occur at 9.00am on the next Working Day.	Properly addressed and delivered as evidenced by signature of a delivery receipt.
Prepaid, Royal Mail Signed For™ 1 <sup>st</sup> Class or other prepaid, next working day service providing proof of delivery.	At the time recorded by the delivery service, provided that delivery is between 9.00am and 5.00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise, delivery will occur at 9.00am on the same Working Day (if delivery before 9.00am) or on the next Working Day (if after 5.00pm).	Properly addressed prepaid and delivered as evidenced by signature of a delivery receipt.

1.3 Notices shall be sent to the addresses set out below or at such other address as the relevant party may give notice to the other party for the purpose of service of notices under this Agreement:

	Counterparty	Authority
Contact		
Address		
Email		

1.4 This Clause 0 does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or other method of dispute resolution.

## **1. WAIVER AND CUMULATIVE REMEDIES**

- 1.1 The rights and remedies under this Agreement may be waived only by notice and in a manner that expressly states that a waiver is intended. A failure or delay by a Party in ascertaining or exercising a right or remedy provided under this Agreement or by law shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of any right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- 1.2 Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, rights and remedies under this Agreement are cumulative and do not exclude any rights or remedies provided by law, in equity or otherwise.

## **1. TERM**

- 1.1 Each party's obligations under this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect for period of 4 years from the Effective Date.

## **1. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

- 1.1 This Agreement and any issues, disputes or claims (whether contractual or non-contractual) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.
- 1.2 The Parties agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim (whether contractual or non-contractual) that arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or its subject matter or formation.

Signed by the Authority

Name: [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

Position in Authority: [REDACTED]

Counterparty Signed by the

Name: [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

Position in Counterparty: [REDACTED]

**SCHEDULE 13 – SUPPLIER SOLUTION – *Not applicable***

**[Guidance: Insert Supplier Solution here]**

**SCHEDULE 14– PERFORMANCE LEVELS – *Not applicable***

**[REDACTED]**

**ANNEX 1: KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND SUBSIDIARY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**PART A: KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND SUBSIDIARY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS TABLES**

**[REDACTED]**

## 1. **Subsidiary Performance Indicators**

**[REDACTED]**





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## PART B: DEFINITIONS

[REDACTED]

