

Schedule 1 (Definitions)

1. Definitions

- 1.1 In this Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions shall have the meanings set out in this Schedule 1 (*Definitions*) or the relevant Schedule in which that capitalised expression appears.
- 1.2 If a capitalised expression does not have an interpretation in this Schedule or any other Schedule, it shall, in the first instance, be interpreted in accordance with the common interpretation within the relevant market sector/industry where appropriate. Otherwise, it shall be interpreted in accordance with the dictionary meaning.
- 1.3 In this Contract, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - 1.3.1 reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter;
 - 1.3.2 references to a person include an individual, company, body corporate, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, partnership or other legal entity or Crown Body;
 - 1.3.3 a reference to any Law includes a reference to that Law as modified, amended, extended, consolidated, replaced or re-enacted from time to time (including as a consequence of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023) before or after the date of this Contract and any prior or subsequent legislation under it;
 - 1.3.4 the words "**including**", "**other**", "**in particular**", "**for example**" 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**";
 - 1.3.5 references to "**writing**" include typing, printing, lithography, photography, display on a screen, electronic and facsimile transmission and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, and expressions referring to writing shall be construed accordingly;
 - 1.3.6 references to "**representations**" shall be construed as references to present facts, to "**warranties**" as references to present and future facts and to "**undertakings**" as references to obligations under this Contract;
 - 1.3.7 references to "**Clauses**" and "**Schedules**" are, unless otherwise provided, references to the clauses and schedules of the Core Terms and references in any Schedule to parts, Paragraphs, Annexes and tables are, unless otherwise provided, references to the parts, Paragraphs, Annexes and tables of the Schedule in which these references appear;
 - 1.3.8 references to "**Paragraphs**" are, unless otherwise provided, references to the Paragraph of the appropriate Schedules unless otherwise provided;

- 1.3.9 references to a series of Clauses or Paragraphs shall be inclusive of the Clause or Paragraph numbers specified;
- 1.3.10 where the Buyer is a Crown Body the Supplier shall be treated as contracting with the Crown as a whole;
- 1.3.11 any reference in this Contract which immediately before IP Completion Day (or such later date when relevant EU law ceases to have effect pursuant to Section 1A of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018) is a reference to (as it has effect from time to time) any EU regulation, EU decision, EU tertiary legislation or provision of the EEA agreement ("**EU References**") which is to form part of domestic law by application of Section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and which shall be read on and after IP Completion Day 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
- 1.3.12 a reference to a document (including this Contract) is to that document as varied, amended, novated, ratified or replaced from time to time.
- 1.4 In this Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings:
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| "Achieve" | in respect of a Test, to successfully pass such Test without any Test Issues and in respect of a Milestone, the issue of a Satisfaction Certificate in respect of that Milestone and "Achieved" , "Achieving" and "Achievement" shall be construed accordingly; |
| "Additional FDE Group Member" | any entity (if any) specified as an Additional FDE Group Member in Part A of Annex 3 of Schedule 24 (<i>Financial Difficulties</i>) (where such Schedule is used); |
| "Affected Party" | the party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event; |
| "Affiliates" | 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; |
| "Allowable Assumptions" | the assumptions (if any) set out in Annex 2 of Schedule 3 (<i>Charges</i>) (where such annex is used); |
| "Annex" | extra information which supports a Schedule; |

"Approval"	the prior written consent of the Buyer and "Approve" and "Approved" shall be construed accordingly;
"Associates"	in relation to an entity, an undertaking in which the entity owns, directly or indirectly, between 20% and 50% of the voting rights and exercises a degree of control sufficient for the undertaking to be treated as an associate under generally accepted accounting principles;
"Audit"	<p>the Buyer's right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) verify the integrity and content of any Financial Report;(b) verify the accuracy of the Charges and any other amounts payable by the Buyer under a Contract (including proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with this Contract);(c) verify the costs of the Supplier (including the costs of all Subcontractors and any third party suppliers) in connection with the provision of the Services;(d) verify the Supplier's and each Subcontractor's compliance with the applicable Law;(e) identify or investigate actual or suspected breach of Clauses 3 to 37 and/or Schedule 26 (<i>Sustainability</i>), impropriety or accounting mistakes or any breach or threatened breach of security and in these circumstances the Buyer shall have no obligation to inform the Supplier of the purpose or objective of its investigations;(f) identify or investigate any circumstances which may impact upon the financial stability of the Supplier, any Guarantor, and/or any Subcontractors or their ability to provide the Deliverables;(g) obtain such information as is necessary to fulfil the Buyer's obligations to supply information for parliamentary, ministerial, judicial or administrative purposes including the supply of information to the Comptroller and Auditor General;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h) review any books of account and the internal contract management accounts kept by the Supplier in connection with this Contract; (i) carry out the Buyer's internal and statutory audits and to prepare, examine and/or certify the Buyer's annual and interim reports and accounts; (j) 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 Buyer has used its resources;
"Auditor"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Buyer's internal and external auditors; (b) the Buyer's statutory or regulatory auditors; (c) the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and/or any appointed representatives of the National Audit Office; (d) HM Treasury or the Cabinet Office; (e) any party formally appointed by the Buyer to carry out audit or similar review functions; and (f) successors or assigns of any of the above;
"Award Form"	the document outlining the Incorporated Terms and crucial information required for this Contract, to be executed by the Supplier and the Buyer;
"Beneficiary"	a Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of an indemnity under this Contract;
"Buyer"	the public sector purchaser identified as such in the Award Form;
"Buyer Assets"	the Buyer's or any Service Recipient's infrastructure, data, software, materials, assets, equipment or other property owned by and/or licensed or leased to the Buyer or any Service Recipient and which is or may be used in connection with the provision of the Deliverables which remain the property of the Buyer or relevant Service Recipient throughout the term of this Contract;

"Buyer Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Buyer from time to time in relation to this Contract initially identified in the Award Form;
"Buyer Cause"	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form;
"Buyer Equipment"	any hardware, computer or telecoms devices, and equipment that forms part of the Buyer System;
"Buyer Existing IPR"	any and all IPR that are owned by or licensed to the Buyer or any Service Recipient, and where the Buyer is a Crown Body, any Crown IPR, and which are or have been developed independently of this Contract (whether prior to the Effective Date or otherwise) but excluding Buyer Software (if any);
"Buyer Premises"	premises owned, controlled or occupied by the Buyer or any Service Recipient which are made available for use by the Supplier or its Subcontractors for the provision of the Deliverables (or any of them);
"Buyer Property"	the property, other than real property and IPR, including the Buyer System, any equipment issued or made available to the Supplier by the Buyer or any Service Recipient in connection with this Contract;
"Buyer Software"	any software which is owned by or licensed to the Buyer or any Service Recipient and which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purposes of providing the Deliverables;
"Buyer System"	<p>the Buyer's or any Service Recipient's information and communications technology system, including any software or Buyer Equipment, owned by the Buyer or relevant Service Recipient, or leased or licenced to it by a third party, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) is used by the Buyer, Service Recipient or the Supplier in connection with this Contract;(b) interfaces with the Supplier System; and/or(c) is necessary for the Buyer or any Service Recipient to receive the Services;

"Buyer Third Party"	any supplier to the Buyer (other than the Supplier), which is notified to the Supplier from time to time;
"Buyer's Confidential Information"	<p>(a) all Personal Data and any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, property rights, trade secrets, Know-How and IPR of the Buyer and Service Recipients (including all Buyer Existing IPR and New IPR);</p> <p>(b) any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked "confidential") or which ought reasonably be considered confidential which comes (or has come) to the Buyer's or a Service Recipient's attention or into the Buyer's or a Service Recipient's possession in connection with this Contract; and</p> <p>information derived from any of the above;</p>
"Buyer's Contract Manager"	the person appointed by the Buyer to oversee the operation of this Contract and any alternative person whom the Buyer intends to appoint to the role;
"Change in Law"	any change in Law which impacts on the supply of the Deliverables and performance of this Contract which comes into force after the Effective Date;
"Change of Control"	a change of control within the meaning of Section 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;
"Charges"	the prices (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Supplier by the Buyer under this Contract, as set out in the Award Form, for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under this Contract less any Deductions;
"Claim"	any claim which it appears that a Beneficiary is, or may become, entitled to indemnification under this Contract;
"Code"	<p>in respect of the Developed System (if relevant) means:</p> <p>(a) the source code;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(b) the object code;(c) third party components, including third party coding frameworks and libraries; and(d) all supporting documentation;
"Commercially Sensitive Information"	the Confidential Information listed in Schedule 5 (<i>Commercially Sensitive Information</i>) (if any) comprising of commercially sensitive information relating to the Supplier, its IPR or its business or which the Supplier has indicated to the Buyer that, if disclosed by the Buyer, would cause the Supplier significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss;
"Comparable Supply"	the supply of Deliverables to another Buyer of the Supplier that are the same or similar to the Deliverables;
"Confidential Information"	any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, Know-How, personnel and suppliers of the Buyer, Service Recipients or the Supplier, including IPRs, together with information derived from the above, and any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as " confidential ") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential;
"Conflict of Interest"	a direct or indirect conflict between the financial, professional or personal interests of the Supplier or the Supplier Staff and the duties owed to the Buyer under this Contract, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer;
"Contract"	the contract between the Buyer and the Supplier, which consists of the terms set out and referred to in the Award Form;
"Contract Period"	the term of this Contract from the earlier of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Start Date; or(b) the Effective Date, until the End Date;

"Contract Value"	the higher of the actual or expected total Charges paid or payable under this Contract where all obligations are met by the Supplier;
"Contract Year"	a consecutive period of twelve (12) Months commencing on the Effective Date or each anniversary thereof;
"Control"	control in either of the senses defined in Sections 450 and 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and "Controlled" shall be construed accordingly;
"Controller"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
"Core Terms"	the Buyer's terms and conditions which apply to and comprise one part of this Contract set out in the document called "Core Terms" ;
"Costs"	<p>the following costs (without double recovery) to the extent that they are reasonably and properly incurred by the Supplier in providing the Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the cost to the Supplier or the Key Subcontractor (as the context requires), calculated per Work Day, of engaging the Supplier Staff, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) base salary paid to the Supplier Staff;(ii) employer's National Insurance contributions;(iii) pension contributions;(iv) car allowances;(v) any other contractual employment benefits;(vi) staff training;(vii) work place accommodation;(viii) work place IT equipment and tools reasonably necessary to provide the Deliverables (but not including items included within limb (b) below); and(ix) reasonable recruitment costs, as agreed with the Buyer;

- (b) costs incurred in respect of Supplier Assets which would be treated as capital costs according to generally accepted accounting principles within the UK, which shall include the cost to be charged in respect of Supplier Assets by the Supplier to the Buyer or (to the extent that risk and title in any Supplier Asset is not held by the Supplier) any cost actually incurred by the Supplier in respect of those Supplier Assets;
- (c) operational costs which are not included within (a) or (b) above, to the extent that such costs are necessary and properly incurred by the Supplier in the provision of the Deliverables; and
- (d) Reimbursable Expenses to the extent these have been specified as allowable in the Award Form and are incurred in delivering any Deliverables;

but excluding:

- (a) Overhead;
- (b) financing or similar constraints;
- (c) maintenance and support costs to the extent that these relate to maintenance and/or support Deliverables provided beyond the Contract Period whether in relation to Supplier Assets or otherwise;
- (d) taxation;
- (e) fines and penalties;
- (f) amounts payable under Schedule 12 (*Benchmarking*) where such Schedule is used; and
- (g) non-cash items (including depreciation, amortisation, impairments and movements in provisions);

"COTS Software" or "Commercial off the shelf Software"

non-customised software where the IPR may be owned and licensed either by the Supplier or a third party depending on the context, and which is commercially available for purchase and subject to standard licence terms;

"Critical KPI Failure"	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form and Schedule 10 (<i>Performance Levels</i>);
"Crown Body"	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the Welsh Government), including government ministers and government departments and particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
"Crown IPR"	any IPR which is owned by or licensed to the Crown, and which are or have been developed independently of this Contract (whether prior to the Effective Date or otherwise);
"CRTPA"	the Contract Rights of Third Parties Act 1999;
"CSIRT"	has the meaning given to it in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>);
"Data Loss Event"	any event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Processor under this Contract, and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Agreement, including any Personal Data Breach;
"Data Protection Impact Assessment"	an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged Processing on the protection of Personal Data;
"Data Protection Legislation"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the UK GDPR; (b) the DPA 2018 to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy; (c) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy; and (d) (to the extent that it applies) the EU GDPR;
"Data Protection Liability Cap"	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form;
"Data Protection Officer"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;

"Data Subject"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
"Data Subject Access Request"	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;
"Deductions"	all Service Credits, Delay Payments (if applicable), or any other deduction which the Buyer is paid or is payable to the Buyer under this Contract;
"Default"	any breach of the obligations of the Supplier (including abandonment of this Contract in breach of its terms) or any other default (including Material Default), act, omission, negligence or statement of the Supplier, of its Subcontractors or any Supplier Staff howsoever arising in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of this Contract and in respect of which the Supplier is liable to the Buyer;
"Defect"	<p>any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) any error, damage or defect in the manufacturing of a Deliverable; or(b) any error or failure of code within the Software which causes a Deliverable to malfunction or to produce unintelligible or incorrect results; or(c) any failure of any Deliverable to provide the performance, features and functionality specified in the requirements of the Buyer or the Documentation (including any adverse effect on response times) regardless of whether or not it prevents the relevant Deliverable from passing any Test required under this Contract; or(d) any failure of any Deliverable to operate in conjunction with or interface with any other Deliverable in order to provide the performance, features and functionality specified in the requirements of the Buyer or the Documentation (including any adverse effect on response times) regardless of whether or not it prevents the

	relevant Deliverable from passing any Test required under this Contract;
"Delay Payments"	the amounts (if any) payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of a delay in respect of a Milestone as specified in the Implementation Plan;
"Deliverables"	Goods, Services or software that may be ordered and/or developed under this Contract including the Documentation;
"Delivery"	delivery of the relevant Deliverable or Milestone in accordance with the terms of this Contract as confirmed and accepted by the Buyer by the either (a) confirmation in writing to the Supplier; or (b) where Schedule 8 (<i>Implementation Plan and Testing</i>) is used issue by the Buyer of a Satisfaction Certificate. "Deliver" and "Delivered" shall be construed accordingly;
"Dependent Parent Undertaking"	any Parent Undertaking which provides any of its Subsidiary Undertakings and/or Associates, whether directly or indirectly, with any financial, trading, managerial or other assistance of whatever nature, without which the Supplier would be unable to continue the day to day conduct and operation of its business in the same manner as carried on at the time of entering into this Contract, including for the avoidance of doubt the provision of the Services in accordance with the terms of this Contract;
"Developed System"	(if relevant) any software or system that the Supplier will develop under this Contract: (a) as part of the Services; (b) to provide the Services; or (c) to Handle Government Data.
"Disaster"	the occurrence of one or more events which, either separately or cumulatively, mean that the Deliverables, or a material part thereof will be unavailable (or could reasonably be anticipated to be unavailable);

"Disclosing Party"	the Party directly or indirectly providing Confidential Information to the other Party in accordance with Clause 19 (<i>What you must keep confidential</i>);
"Dispute"	any claim, dispute or difference (whether contractual or non-contractual) arising out of or in connection with this Contract or in connection with the negotiation, existence, legal validity, enforceability or termination of this Contract, whether the alleged liability shall arise under English law or under the law of some other country and regardless of whether a particular cause of action may successfully be brought in the English courts;
"Dispute Resolution Procedure"	the dispute resolution procedure set out in Clause 39 (<i>Resolving disputes</i>);
"Documentation"	<p>descriptions of the Services and Key Performance Indicators, technical specifications, user manuals, training manuals, operating manuals, process definitions and procedures, system environment descriptions and all such other documentation (whether in hardcopy or electronic form) is required to be supplied by the Supplier to the Buyer under this Contract as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) would reasonably be required by a competent third party capable of Good Industry Practice contracted by the Buyer to develop, configure, build, deploy, run, maintain, upgrade and test the individual systems that provide the Deliverables;(b) is required by the Supplier in order to provide the Deliverables; and/or(c) has been or shall be generated for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;
"DOTAS"	the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter 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 2004 and as extended to National Insurance Contributions;
"DPA 2018"	the Data Protection Act 2018;
"Due Diligence Information"	any information supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Buyer prior to the Effective Date;
"Effective Date"	the date on which the final Party has signed this Contract;
"EIR"	the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
"Electronic Invoice Standard"	<p>in relation to an electronic invoice means a form that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) complies with the standard for electronic invoicing approved and issued by the British Standards Institution in the document numbered BS EN 16931-1:2017 (Electronic invoicing - Part 1: Semantic data model of the core elements of an electronic invoice); and(b) uses a syntax which is listed as a syntax that complies with that standard in the document numbered PD CEN/TS 16931-2:2017 (Electronic invoicing - Part 2: List of syntaxes that comply with EN 16931-1) approved and issued by the British Standards Institution;
"Employment Regulations"	the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/246) as amended or replaced;
"End Date"	<p>the earlier of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the Expiry Date as extended by the Buyer under Clause 14.2; or(b) if this Contract is terminated before the date specified in (a) above, the date of termination of this Contract;
"End User"	a party that is accessing the Deliverables provided pursuant to this Contract (including the Buyer where it is accessing services on its own account as a user);

"Environmental Policy"	to conserve energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, reduce waste and phase out the use of ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the environment, including any written environmental policy of the Buyer;
"Equality and Human Rights Commission"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Escalation Meeting"	a meeting between the Supplier Authorised Representative and the Buyer Authorised Representative to address issues that have arisen during the Rectification Plan Process;
"Estimated Year 1 Charges"	the anticipated total Charges payable by the Buyer in the first Contract Year specified in the Award Form;
"Estimated Yearly Charges"	for the purposes of calculating each Party's annual liability under Clause 15.1 means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in the first Contract Year, the Estimated Year 1 Charges; or (b) in any subsequent Contract Years, the Charges paid or payable in the previous Contract Year; or (c) after the end of this Contract, the Charges paid or payable in the last Contract Year during the Contract Period;
"EU GDPR"	Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) as it has effect in EU law;
"Existing IPR"	any and all IPR that are owned by or licensed to either Party and which are or have been developed independently of this Contract (whether prior to the Start Date or otherwise);

"Exit Plan"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 4.1 of Schedule 30 (<i>Exit Management</i>);
"Expiry Date"	the date of the end of this Contract as stated in the Award Form;
"Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the Initial Period may be extended, specified in the Award Form;
"FE"	has the meaning given to it in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>);
"FDE Group"	the Supplier and any Additional FDE Group Member;
"Financial Distress Event"	<p>the occurrence of one or more the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the credit rating of any FDE Group entity drops below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold of the relevant Rating Agency; (b) any FDE Group entity issues a profits warning to a stock exchange or makes any other public announcement, in each case about a material deterioration in its financial position or prospects; (c) there being a public investigation into improper financial accounting and reporting, suspected fraud or any other impropriety of any FDE Group entity; (d) any FDE Group entity commits a material breach of covenant to its lenders; (e) a Key Subcontractor notifies the Buyer that the Supplier has not paid any material sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute; (f) any FDE Group entity extends the filing period for filing its accounts with the Registrar of Companies so that the filing period ends more than nine (9) months after its accounting reference date without an explanation to the Buyer which the Buyer (acting reasonably) considers to be adequate; (g) any FDE Group entity is late to file its annual accounts without a public notification or an

explanation to the Buyer which the Buyer (acting reasonably) considers to be adequate;

- (h) the directors and/or external auditors of any FDE Group entity conclude that a material uncertainty exists in relation to that FDE Group entity's going concern in the annual report including in a reasonable but plausible downside scenario. This includes, but is not limited to, commentary about liquidity and trading prospects in the reports from directors or external auditors;
- (i) any of the following:
 - (i) any FDE Group entity makes a public announcement which contains commentary with regards to that FDE Group entity's liquidity and trading and trading prospects, such as but not limited to, a profit warning or ability to trade as a going concern;
 - (ii) commencement of any litigation against any FDE Group entity with respect to financial indebtedness greater than £5m or obligations under a service contract with a total contract value greater than £5m;
 - (iii) non-payment by any FDE Group entity of any financial indebtedness;
 - (iv) any financial indebtedness of any FDE Group entity becoming due as a result of an event of default;
 - (v) the cancellation or suspension of any financial indebtedness in respect of any FDE Group entity; or
 - (vi) an external auditor of any FDE Group entity expressing a qualified opinion on, or including an emphasis of matter in, its opinion on the statutory accounts of that FDE Group entity,
- (j) in each case which the Buyer reasonably believes (or would be likely reasonably to believe) could directly impact on the continued provision of the Deliverables in accordance with this Contract;

"Financial Report"

a report provided by the Supplier to the Buyer that:

- (a) to the extent permitted by Law, provides a true and fair reflection of the Costs and Supplier Profit Margin forecast by the Supplier;
- (b) to the extent permitted by Law, provides detail a true and fair reflection of the costs and expenses to be incurred by Key Subcontractors (as requested by the Buyer);
- (c) is in the same software package (Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Word), layout and format as the blank templates which have been issued by the Buyer to the Supplier on or before the Effective Date for the purposes of this Contract; and
- (d) is certified by the Supplier's Chief Financial Officer or Director of Finance;

"Financial Transparency Objectives"

- (a) the Buyer having a clear analysis of the Costs, Overhead recoveries (where relevant), time spent by Supplier Staff in providing the Services and the Supplier Profit Margin so that it can understand any payment sought by the Supplier;
- (b) the Parties being able to understand Cost forecasts and to have confidence that these are based on justifiable numbers and appropriate forecasting techniques;
- (c) the Parties being able to understand the quantitative impact of any Variations that affect ongoing Costs and identifying how these could be mitigated and/or reflected in the Charges;
- (d) the Parties being able to review, address issues with and re-forecast progress in relation to the provision of the Services;
- (e) the Parties challenging each other with ideas for efficiency and improvements; and
- (f) enabling the Buyer to demonstrate that it is achieving value for money for the tax payer relative to current market prices;

"FOIA"

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"	<p>any event, circumstance, matter or cause affecting the performance by either the Buyer or the Supplier of its obligations arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party which prevent or materially delay the Affected Party from performing its obligations under a Contract;(b) riots, civil commotion, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, nuclear, biological or chemical warfare;(c) acts of a Crown Body, local government or regulatory bodies;(d) fire, flood or any disaster; or(e) an industrial dispute affecting a third party for which a substitute third party is not reasonably available but excluding:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) any industrial dispute relating to the Supplier, the Supplier Staff (including any subsets of them) or any other failure in the Supplier or the Subcontractor's supply chain;(ii) any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause which is attributable to the wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions against it by the Party concerned; and(iii) any failure of delay caused by a lack of funds, <p>and which is not attributable to any wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable preventative action by that Party;</p>
"Force Majeure Notice"	a written notice served by the Affected Party on the other Party stating that the Affected Party believes that there is a Force Majeure Event;
"General Anti-Abuse Rule"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and

	(b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid National Insurance contributions;
"General Change in Law"	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;
"Goods"	goods made available by the Supplier as specified in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>) and in relation to a Contract;
"Good Industry Practice"	at any time the standards, practices, methods and procedures conforming to the Law and the exercise of the degree of skill and care, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected at such time from a skilled and experienced person or body engaged within the relevant industry or business sector;
"Government"	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the Welsh Government), including government ministers and government departments and other bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
"Government Data"	<p>any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 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; (b) Personal Data for which the Buyer is a, or the, Controller; or (c) any meta-data relating to categories of data referred to in (a) or (b), that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) is supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Buyer; or

	<p>(ii) that the Supplier is required to generate, Process, Handle, store or transmit under this Contract;</p> <p>other than where this arises from or relates to any End User or Service Recipient which is not the Buyer, and for the avoidance of doubt includes the Code and any meta data relating to the Code (if relevant);</p>
"Government Procurement Card"	<p>the Government's preferred method of purchasing and payment for low value goods or services</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-procurement-card--2;</p>
"Guarantor"	<p>the person (if any) who has entered into a guarantee in the form set out in Schedule 23 (<i>Guarantee</i>) (where such Schedule is used) in relation to this Contract;</p>
"Halifax Abuse Principle"	<p>the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;</p>
"Handle"	<p>any operation performed on data, whether or not by automated means, including collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction of that data;</p>
"HMRC"	<p>His Majesty's Revenue and Customs;</p>
"ICT Environment"	<p>the Buyer System and the Supplier System;</p>
"ICT Policy"	<p>the Buyer's policy in respect of information and communications technology, referred to in the Award Form (if used), which is in force as at the Effective Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time in accordance with the Variation Procedure;</p>
"Impact Assessment"	<p>an assessment of the impact of a Variation request by the Buyer completed in good faith, including:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) details of the impact of the proposed Variation on the Deliverables and the Supplier's ability to meet its other obligations under this Contract; (b) details of the cost of implementing the proposed Variation; (c) details of the ongoing costs required by the proposed Variation when implemented, including any increase or decrease in the Charges (as applicable), any alteration in the resources and/or expenditure required by either Party and any alteration to the working practices of either Party; (d) a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the Variation; and (e) such other information as the Buyer may reasonably request in (or in response to) the Variation request;
"Implementation Plan"	the plan for provision of the Deliverables set out in Schedule 8 (<i>Implementation Plan and Testing</i>) where that Schedule is used or otherwise as agreed between the Supplier and the Buyer;
"Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to this Contract specified in the Award Form;
"Indemnifier"	a Party from whom an indemnity is sought under this Contract;
"Independent Controller"	a party which is Controller of the same Personal Data as the other Party and there is no element of joint control with regards to that Personal Data;
"Indexation"	the adjustment of an amount or sum in accordance with this Contract;
"Information Commissioner"	the UK's independent authority which deals with ensuring information relating to rights in the public interest and data privacy for individuals is met, whilst promoting openness by public bodies;
"Initial Period"	the initial term of this Contract specified in the Award Form;

**"In-Scope
Institutions"**

has the meaning given to it in Schedule 2
(*Specification*);

**"Insolvency
Event"**

with respect to any person, means:

- (a) that person suspends, or threatens to suspend, payment of its debts, or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or admits inability to pay its debts, or:
 - (i) (being a company or an LLP) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of Section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or
 - (ii) (being a partnership) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of Section 222 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- (b) that person commences negotiations with one or more of its creditors (using a voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) with a view to rescheduling any of its debts, or makes a proposal for or enters into any compromise or arrangement with one or more of its creditors or takes any step to obtain a moratorium pursuant to Section 1A and Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 other than (in the case of a company, an LLP or a partnership) for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of that person with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of that person;
- (c) another person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver over the assets of that person or a receiver is appointed over the assets of that person;
- (d) a creditor or encumbrancer of that person attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of that person's assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within fourteen (14) days;
- (e) that person suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, carrying on all or a substantial part of its business;

- (f) where that person is a company, an LLP or a partnership:
 - (i) a petition is presented (which is not dismissed within fourteen (14) days of its service), a notice is given, a resolution is passed, or an order is made, for or in connection with the winding up of that person other than for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of that person with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of that person;
 - (ii) an application is made to court, or an order is made, for the appointment of an administrator, or if a notice of intention to appoint an administrator is filed at Court or given or if an administrator is appointed, over that person;
 - (iii) (being a company or an LLP) the holder of a qualifying floating charge over the assets of that person has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an administrative receiver; or
 - (iv) (being a partnership) the holder of an agricultural floating charge over the assets of that person has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an agricultural receiver; or
- (g) any event occurs, or proceeding is taken, with respect to that person in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the events mentioned above;

"Installation Works"

(if relevant) all works which the Supplier is to carry out at the beginning of the Contract Period to install the Goods in accordance with this Contract;

"Intellectual Property Rights" or "IPR"

- (a) copyright, rights related to or affording protection similar to copyright, rights in databases, patents and rights in inventions, semi-conductor topography rights, trade marks, rights in internet domain names and website addresses and other rights in trade or business names, goodwill, designs,

	<p>Know-How, trade secrets and other rights in Confidential Information;</p> <p>(b) applications for registration, and the right to apply for registration, for any of the rights listed at (a) that are capable of being registered in any country or jurisdiction; and</p> <p>(c) all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction;</p>
"IP Completion Day"	has the meaning given to it in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020;
"IPR Claim"	any claim of infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such infringement or alleged infringement) of any IPR (excluding COTS Software where Part B of Schedule 6 (<i>Intellectual Property Rights</i>) is used), used to provide the Deliverables or otherwise provided and/or licensed by the Supplier (or to which the Supplier has provided access) to the Buyer in the fulfilment of its obligations under this Contract;
"IR35"	means Chapter 8 and Chapter 10 of Part 2 of Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and the Social Security Contributions (Intermediaries) Regulations 2000;
"Joint Controller Agreement"	the agreement (if any) entered into between the Buyer and the Supplier substantially in the form set out in Annex 2 of Schedule 20 (<i>Processing Data</i>);
"Joint Control"	where two (2) or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of Processing;
"Joint Controllers"	has the meaning given in Article 26 of the UK GDPR, or EU GDPR, as the context requires;
"Key Performance Indicators"	any key performance indicators applicable to the provision of the Deliverables under this Contract (as specified in the Annex to Part A of Schedule 10 (<i>Performance Levels</i>));

"Key Staff"	the persons who the Supplier shall appoint to fill key roles in connection with the Services as listed in Annex 1 of Schedule 29 (<i>Key Supplier Staff</i>);
"Key Sub-Contract"	each Sub-Contract with a Key Subcontractor;
"Key Subcontractor"	<p>any Subcontractor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) which is relied upon to deliver any work package within the Deliverables in their entirety; and/or(b) which, in the opinion of the Buyer performs (or would perform if appointed) a critical role in the provision of all or any part of the Deliverables; and/or(c) with a Sub-Contract with a value which at the time of appointment exceeds (or would exceed if appointed) 10% of the aggregate Charges forecast to be payable under this Contract, <p>and the Supplier shall list all such Key Subcontractors in the Award Form;</p>
"Know-How"	all ideas, concepts, schemes, information, knowledge, techniques, methodology, and anything else in the nature of know-how relating to the Deliverables but excluding know-how already in the other Party's possession before the Effective Date;
"Law"	any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, right within the meaning of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as amended by European Union (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 Processing"	processing under Part 3 of the DPA 2018;

"Losses"	all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), disbursements, costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgment, interest and penalties whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or otherwise and "Loss" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"Malicious Software"	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 Default"	a single serious Default or a number of Defaults or repeated Defaults (whether of the same or different obligations and regardless of whether such Defaults are remedied);
"Marketing Contact"	shall be the person identified in the Award Form;
"Milestone"	an event or task described in the Implementation Plan;
"Milestone Date"	the target date set out against the relevant Milestone in the Implementation Plan by which the Milestone must be Achieved;
"Month"	a calendar month and "Monthly" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"National Insurance"	contributions required by the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and made in accordance with the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1004);
"Network"	has the meaning given to it in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>);
"New IPR"	(a) IPR in items created by the Supplier (or by a third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically and exclusively for the purposes of this Contract and updates and

	<p>amendments of these items including database schema;</p> <p>but shall not include the Supplier's Existing IPR or Specially Written Software;</p>
"New IPR Item"	a deliverable, document, product or other item within which New IPR subsists;
"Notifiable Default"	<p>(a) the Supplier commits a Material Default; and/or</p> <p>(b) the performance of the Supplier is likely to cause or causes a Critical KPI Failure;</p>
"Object Code"	software and/or data in machine-readable compiled object code form;
"Open Book Data"	<p>complete and accurate financial and non-financial information which is sufficient to enable the Buyer to verify the Charges already paid or payable and Charges forecast to be paid during the remainder of this Contract, including details and all assumptions relating to:</p> <p>(a) the Supplier's Costs broken down against each Good and/or Service and/or Deliverable, including actual capital expenditure (including capital replacement costs) and the unit cost and total actual costs of all Deliverables;</p> <p>(b) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Deliverables including an analysis showing:</p> <p>(i) the unit costs and quantity of Goods and any other consumables and bought-in Deliverables;</p> <p>(ii) manpower resources broken down into the number and grade/role of all Supplier Staff (free of any contingency) together with a list of agreed rates against each manpower grade;</p> <p>(iii) a list of Costs underpinning those rates for each manpower grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier Profit Margin; and</p> <p>(iv) Reimbursable Expenses, if allowed under the Award Form;</p>

- (c) Overheads;
- (d) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Deliverables;
- (e) the Supplier Profit achieved over the Contract Period and on an annual basis;
- (f) confirmation that all methods of Cost apportionment and Overhead allocation are consistent with and not more onerous than such methods applied generally by the Supplier;
- (g) an explanation of the type and value of risk and contingencies associated with the provision of the Deliverables, including the amount of money attributed to each risk and/or contingency; and
- (h) the actual Costs profile for each Service Period;

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"Open Source" computer Software that is released on the internet for use by any person, such release usually being made under a recognised open source licence and stating that it is released as open source;

"Open Licence Publication Material" items created pursuant to this Contract which the Buyer may wish to publish as Open Licence which are supplied in a format suitable for publication under Open Licence;

"Overhead" those amounts which are intended to recover a proportion of the Supplier's or the Key Subcontractor's (as the context requires) indirect corporate costs (including financing, marketing, advertising, research and development and

	insurance costs and any fines or penalties) but excluding allowable indirect costs apportioned to facilities and administration in the provision of Supplier Staff and accordingly included within limb (a) of the definition of "Costs";
"Parent Undertaking"	has the meaning set out in Section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006;
"Parliament"	takes its natural meaning as interpreted by Law;
"Party"	the Buyer or the Supplier and "Parties" shall mean both of them where the context permits;
"Personal Data"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
"Personal Data Breach"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
"Prescribed Person"	a legal adviser, an MP or an appropriate body which a whistle-blower may make a disclosure to as detailed in "Whistleblowing: list of prescribed people and bodies", 24 November 2016, available online at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies--2/whistleblowing-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies ;
"Processing"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires, and "Process" shall be construed accordingly;
"Processor"	has the meaning given to it in the UK GDPR or the EU GDPR as the context requires;
"Processor Personnel"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of the Processor and/or of any Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under this Contract;
"Progress Meeting"	a meeting between the Buyer Authorised Representative and the Supplier Authorised Representative;

"Progress Report"	a report provided by the Supplier indicating the steps taken to achieve Milestones or delivery dates;
"Protective Measures"	technical and organisational measures designed to ensure compliance with obligations of the Parties arising under Data Protection Legislation including pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the such measures adopted by it, including those outlined in Schedule 16 (<i>Security</i>) (if used) and Schedule 20 (<i>Processing Data</i>);
"Provisional Supplier Staff List"	has the meaning given in Schedule 7 (<i>Staff Transfer</i>);
"Public Sector Body "	a formally established organisation that is (at least in part) publicly funded to deliver a public or government service;
"Recall"	a request by the Supplier to return Goods to the Supplier or the manufacturer after the discovery of safety issues or defects (including defects in the IPR rights) that might endanger health or hinder performance;
"Recipient Party"	the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information;
"Rectification Plan"	<p>the Supplier's plan (or revised plan) to rectify its breach using the template in Schedule 25 (<i>Rectification Plan</i>) which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) full details of the Notifiable Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis; (b) the actual or anticipated effect of the Notifiable Default; and (c) the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify the Notifiable Default (if applicable) and to prevent such Notifiable Default from recurring, including timescales

	for such steps and for the rectification of the Notifiable Default (where applicable);
"Rectification Plan Process"	the process set out in Clause 11 (<i>Rectifying issues</i>);
"Reimbursable Expenses"	<p>the reasonable out of pocket travel and subsistence (for example, hotel and food) expenses, properly and necessarily incurred in the performance of the Services, calculated at the rates and in accordance with the Buyer's expenses policy current from time to time, but not including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) travel expenses incurred as a result of Supplier Staff travelling to and from their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed, unless the Buyer otherwise agrees in advance in writing; and (b) subsistence expenses incurred by Supplier Staff whilst performing the Services at their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed;
"Relevant Tax Authority"	HMRC, or, if applicable, the tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established;
"Reminder Notice"	a notice sent in accordance with Clause 14.6.1 given by the Supplier to the Buyer providing notification that payment has not been received on time;
"Replacement Deliverables"	any deliverables which are substantially similar to any of the Deliverables and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Deliverables, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
"Replacement Supplier"	any third party provider of Replacement Deliverables appointed by or at the direction of the Buyer from time to time or where the Buyer is providing Replacement Deliverables for its own account, shall also include the Buyer;
"Request For Information"	a request for information or an apparent request relating to this Contract for the provision of the

	Deliverables or an apparent request for such information under the FOIA or the EIRs;
"Required Action"	the action the Buyer will take and what Deliverables it will control during the Step-In Process;
"Required Insurances"	the insurances required by Schedule 22 (<i>Insurance Requirements</i>);
"Satisfaction Certificate"	the certificate (materially in the form of the document contained in Annex 2 of Part B of Schedule 8 (<i>Implementation Plan and Testing</i>) or as agreed by the Parties where Schedule 8 is not used in this Contract) granted by the Buyer when the Supplier has Achieved a Milestone or a Test;
"SAAG"	has the meaning given to it in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>);
"Schedules"	any attachment to this Contract which contains important information specific to each aspect of buying and selling;
"Security Management Plan"	the Supplier's security management plan prepared pursuant to Schedule 16 (<i>Security</i>) (if applicable);
"Security Requirements"	the security requirements in the Award Form including Schedule 16 (<i>Security</i>) (if used);
"Serious Fraud Office"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Service Credits"	any service credits specified in the Annex to Part A of Schedule 10 (<i>Performance Levels</i>) being payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of any failure by the Supplier to meet one or more Key Performance Indicators;
"Service Period"	has the meaning given to it in the Award Form;
"Service Recipient"	has the meaning given to it in Schedule 17 (<i>Service Recipients</i>);

"Services"	services made available by the Supplier as specified in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>) and in relation to this Contract;
"Sites"	<p>any premises (including the Buyer Premises, the Supplier's premises or third party premises):</p> <p>(a) from, to or at which:</p> <p>(i) the Deliverables are (or are to be) provided; or</p> <p>(ii) the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Deliverables;</p> <p>(b) where:</p> <p>(i) any Supplier Equipment or any part of the Supplier System is located;</p> <p>(ii) any physical interface with the Buyer System takes place;</p>
"SME"	an enterprise falling within the category of micro, small and medium sized enterprises defined by the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises;
"Social Value"	the additional social benefits that can be achieved in the delivery of this Contract set out in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>) and Schedule 10 (<i>Performance Levels</i>);
"Social Value KPIs"	the Social Value priorities set out in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>) and Schedule 10 (<i>Performance Levels</i>);
"Software"	any software including Specially Written Software, COTS Software and software that is not COTS Software;
"Software Supporting Materials"	has the meaning given to it in Schedule 6 (<i>Intellectual Property Rights</i>);
"Source Code"	computer programs and/or data in eye-readable form and in such form that it can be compiled or interpreted into equivalent binary code together with

	all related design comments, flow charts, technical information and documentation necessary for the use, reproduction, maintenance, modification and enhancement of such software;
"Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions set out in the Award Form incorporated into this Contract;
"Specially Written Software"	any software (including database software, linking instructions, test scripts, compilation instructions and test instructions) created by the Supplier (or by a Subcontractor or other third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of this Contract, including any modifications or enhancements to COTS Software. For the avoidance of doubt Specially Written Software does not constitute New IPR;
"Specific Change in Law"	a Change in Law that relates specifically to the business of the Buyer and which would not affect a Comparable Supply where the effect of that Specific Change in Law on the Deliverables is not reasonably foreseeable at the Effective Date;
"Specification"	the specification set out in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>);
"Standards"	any: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardisation or other reputable or equivalent bodies (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;(b) standards detailed in the specification in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>);(c) standards agreed between the Parties from time to time;(d) relevant Government codes of practice and guidance applicable from time to time;

"Start Date"	the date specified on the Award Form;
"Step-In Process"	the process set out in Clause 13 (<i>Step-in rights</i>);
"Step-In Trigger Event"	<p>the occurrence of any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Supplier's level of performance constituting a Critical KPI Failure; (b) the Supplier committing a Material Default which is irremediable; (c) where a right of termination is expressly reserved in this Contract; (d) an Insolvency Event occurring in respect of the Supplier or any Guarantor; (e) a Default by the Supplier that is materially preventing or materially delaying the provision of the Deliverables or any material part of them; (f) the Buyer considers that the circumstances constitute an emergency despite the Supplier not being in breach of its obligations under this agreement; (g) the Buyer being advised by a regulatory body that the exercise by the Buyer of its rights under Clause 13 is necessary; (h) the existence of a serious risk to the health or safety of persons, property or the environment in connection with the Deliverables; and/or (i) a need by the Buyer to take action to discharge a statutory duty;
"Step-Out Plan"	the Supplier's plan that sets out how the Supplier will resume the provision of the Deliverables and perform all its obligations under this Contract following the completion of the Step-In Process;
"Sub-Contract"	<p>any contract or agreement (or proposed contract or agreement), other than this Contract, pursuant to which a third party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provides the Deliverables (or any part of them);

	<p>(b) provides facilities or services necessary for the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them); and/or</p> <p>(c) is responsible for the management, direction or control of the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them);</p>
"Subcontractor"	any person other than the Supplier, who is a party to a Sub-Contract entered into after the Effective Date exclusively for the purpose of delivering the Services under this Contract and the servants or agents of that person;
"Subprocessor"	any third Party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of the Processor related to this Contract;
"Subsidiary Undertaking"	has the meaning set out in Section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006;
"Supplier"	the person, firm or company identified in the Award Form;
"Supplier Assets"	all assets and rights used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables in accordance with this Contract but excluding the Buyer Assets;
"Supplier Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Supplier named in the Award Form, or later defined in a Contract;
"Supplier Equipment"	the Supplier's hardware, computer and telecoms devices, equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Supplier (but not hired, leased or loaned from the Buyer) in the performance of its obligations under this Contract;
"Supplier Existing IPR"	any and all IPR that are owned by or licensed to the Supplier and which are or have been developed independently of this Contract (whether prior to the Effective Date or otherwise);
"Supplier Existing IPR Licence"	a licence to be offered by the Supplier to the Supplier Existing IPR as set out in Schedule 6 (<i>Intellectual Property Rights</i>);

"Supplier Group"	the Supplier, its Dependent Parent Undertakings and all Subsidiary Undertakings and Associates of such Dependent Parent Undertakings;
"Supplier New and Existing IPR Licence"	(if relevant) a licence to be offered by the Supplier to the New IPR and Supplier Existing IPR as set out in Schedule 6 (<i>Intellectual Property Rights</i>); but excluding Buyer Software (if any);
"Supplier Non-Performance"	where the Supplier has failed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date;(b) provide the Goods and/or Services in accordance with the Key Performance Indicators; and/or(c) comply with an obligation under this Contract;
"Supplier Profit"	in relation to a period, the difference between the total Charges (in nominal cash flow terms) but excluding any Deductions and total Costs (in nominal cash flow terms) in respect of this Contract for the relevant period;
"Supplier Profit Margin"	in relation to a period or a Milestone (as the context requires), the Supplier Profit for the relevant period or in relation to the relevant Milestone divided by the total Charges over the same period or in relation to the relevant Milestone and expressed as a percentage;
"Supplier Staff"	any individual engaged, directly or indirectly, or employed by the Supplier or any Subcontractor in the management or performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract;
"Supplier System"	the information and communications technology system used by the Supplier or any Subcontractor in supplying the Deliverables, including the COTS Software, the Supplier Equipment, configuration and management utilities, calibration and testing tools and related cabling (but excluding the Buyer System);

"Supplier's Confidential Information"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, IPR of the Supplier (including the Supplier Existing IPR) trade secrets, Know-How, and/or personnel of the Supplier; (b) any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential and which comes (or has come) to the Supplier's attention or into the Supplier's possession in connection with this Contract; and (c) information derived from any of (a) and (b) above;
"Supplier's Contract Manager"	the person identified in the Award Form appointed by the Supplier to oversee the operation of this Contract and any alternative person whom the Supplier intends to appoint to the role, provided that the Supplier informs the Buyer prior to the appointment;
"Supply Chain Intermediary"	any entity (including any company or partnership) in an arrangement with a Worker, where the Worker performs or is under an obligation personally to perform, services for the Buyer;
"Supporting Documentation"	sufficient information in writing to enable the Buyer to reasonably assess whether the Charges, Reimbursable Expenses and other sums due from the Buyer under this Contract detailed in the information are properly payable;
"Tender Response"	the tender submitted by the Supplier to the Buyer and annexed to or referred to in Schedule 4 (<i>Tender</i>) (where such schedule is used);
"Termination Assistance"	the activities to be performed by the Supplier pursuant to the Exit Plan, and other assistance required by the Buyer pursuant to the Termination Assistance Notice;

"Termination Assistance Period"	the period specified in a Termination Assistance Notice for which the Supplier is required to provide the Termination Assistance as such period may be extended pursuant to Paragraph 5.2 of Schedule 30 (<i>Exit Management</i>);
"Termination Assistance Notice"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 5.1 of Schedule 30 (<i>Exit Management</i>);
"Termination Notice"	a written notice of termination given by one Party to the other, notifying the Party receiving the notice of the intention of the Party giving the notice to terminate this Contract on a specified date and setting out the grounds for termination;
"Test Issue"	any variance or non-conformity of the Deliverables or Deliverables from their requirements as set out in this Contract;
"Test Plan"	a plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for the Testing of the Deliverables; and (b) setting out other agreed criteria related to the achievement of Milestones;
"Tests and Testing"	any tests required to be carried out pursuant to this Contract as set out in the Test Plan or elsewhere in this Contract and "Tested" shall be construed accordingly;
"Third Party IPR"	Intellectual Property Rights owned by a third party which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;
"Third Party IPR Licence"	a licence to the Third Party IPR as set out in Schedule 6 (<i>Intellectual Property Rights</i>);
"Transparency Information"	(a) any information permitted or required to be published by the Procurement Act 2023, any regulations published under it, and any Procurement Policy Notes, subject to any exemptions set out in Sections 94 and 99 of the Procurement Act 2023 which shall be determined by the Buyer taking into

	account Schedule 5 (<i>Commercially Sensitive Information</i>);
(b)	any information about this Contract, including the content of this Contract requested and required to be disclosed under FOIA or the EIRs, and any changes to this Contract agreed from time to time, subject to any relevant exemptions, which shall be determined by the Buyer taking into account Schedule 5 (<i>Commercially Sensitive Information</i>);
(c)	any information which is published in accordance with guidance issued by His Majesty's Government, from time to time; and
(d)	any of the information that the Buyer is permitted or required to publish by the Procurement Act 2023, any regulations published under it and any Procurement Policy Notes, relating to the performance of the Supplier against any Key Performance Indicator and any information contained in any Performance Monitoring Reports (as that term is defined in Schedule 10 (<i>Performance Levels</i>)), subject to any exemptions set out in Sections 94 and 99 of the Procurement Act 2023, or under the provisions of FOIA, which shall be determined by the Buyer taking into account Commercially Sensitive Information listed in Schedule 5 (<i>Commercially Sensitive Information</i>) (if any);
"UK GDPR"	has the meaning as set out in Section 3(10) of the DPA 2018, supplemented by Section 205(4) of the DPA 2018;
"US Data Privacy Framework"	as applicable: (a) the UK Extension to the EU-US Data Privacy Framework; and/or (b) the EU-US Data Privacy Framework;
"Variation"	a variation to this Contract;
"Variation Form"	the form set out in Schedule 21 (<i>Variation Form</i>);

"Variation Procedure"	the procedure set out in Clause 28 (<i>Changing the contract</i>);
"VAT"	value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;
"VCSE"	a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives;
"Verification Period"	has the meaning given to it in the table in Annex 2 of Schedule 3 (<i>Charges</i>) (where such annex is used);
"Wider Educational ICT Data"	has the meaning given to it in Schedule 2 (<i>Specification</i>);
"Work Day"	7.5 Work Hours, whether or not such hours are worked consecutively and whether or not they are worked on the same day;
"Work Hours"	the hours spent by the Supplier Staff properly working on the provision of the Deliverables including time spent travelling (other than to and from the Supplier's offices, or to and from the Sites) but excluding lunch breaks;
"Worker"	any individual that personally performs, or is under an obligation personally to perform services for the Buyer; and
"Working Day"	any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales unless specified otherwise by the Parties in the Award Form.