

Department for Transport
General Conditions of Contract for Services

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A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A1 Definitions and Interpretation

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

“Approval” means the written consent of the Authority.

“Authority” means the Secretary of State for Transport including the Central Department and its Agencies.

“Authority data” means any data supplied by the Authority, or others, in whatever format, related to the delivery of this Contract.

"Authority System" means the Authority's computing equipment (consisting of hardware, software and/or telecommunications networks or equipment) used by the Authority or the Contractor in connection with this Contract which is owned by or licensed to the Authority by a third party and which interfaces with the Contractor System or which is necessary for the Authority to receive the Services.

“Commencement Date” means the date of the start of the Service, or as otherwise specified.

“Commercially Sensitive Information” means the information (i) listed in the Commercially Sensitive Information Schedule; or (ii) notified to the Authority in writing (prior to the commencement of this Agreement) which has been clearly marked as Commercially Sensitive Information comprised of information:

(a) which is provided by the Contractor to the Authority in confidence for the period set out in that Schedule or notification; and/or

(b) that constitutes a trade secret.

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

- (i) was public knowledge at the time of disclosure (otherwise than by breach of clause E3 (Confidential Information));
 - (ii) was in the possession of the receiving Party, without restriction as to its disclosure, before receiving it from the disclosing Party;
 - (iii) is received from a third party (who lawfully acquired it) without restriction as to its disclosure; or
- (iv) is independently developed without access to the Confidential Information.

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

“Contracting Authority” means any contracting authority as defined in Regulation 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006.

“Contract Award” means the formal document awarding the Contract to the Contractor.

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

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

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

"Contractor System" means the information and communications technology system used by the Contractor in performing the Services including the software, the Contractor equipment and related cabling (but excluding the Authority System).

“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 and particular bodies and government agencies.

“Data loss” means any instance where the Authority’s data has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, where unauthorised persons have gained or been allowed access to data, or where, due to the breakdown of, or failure to comply with protective security policies or measures including

technical and procedural measures, there is a potential that unintended or unauthorised access to the Authority's data may be possible.

"Days" shall mean calendar days save where the context otherwise requires.

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

"DPA" means the Data Protection Act 1998 and any subordinate legislation made under such 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.

"Environmental Information Regulations" means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such regulations.

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

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

"FOIA" means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under this Act from time to time together

with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such legislation.

“Force Majeure” means any event or occurrence which is outside the reasonable control of the Party concerned and which is not attributable to any act or failure to take preventative action by that Party, including fire; flood; violent storm; pestilence; explosion; malicious damage; armed conflict; acts of terrorism; nuclear, biological or chemical warfare; or any other disaster, natural or man-made, but excluding:

- (a) any industrial action occurring within the Contractor’s or any sub-contractor’s organisation; or
- (b) the failure by any sub-contractor to perform its obligations under any sub-contract.

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

“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.

"ICT Environment" means the Authority's computing environment (consisting of hardware, software and/or telecommunications networks or equipment) used by the Authority or the Contractor in connection with this Agreement which is owned by or licensed to the Authority by a third party and which interfaces with the Contractor System or which

is necessary for the Authority to receive the Services **and** the information and communications technology system used by the Contractor in performing the Services including the Software, the Contractor Equipment and related cabling (but excluding the Authority System);

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

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

“Intellectual Property Rights” means patents, inventions, trade marks, service marks, logos, design rights (whether registerable or otherwise), discoveries, inventions, applications for any of the foregoing, copyright, database rights, domain names, trade or business names, moral rights and other similar rights or obligations whether registerable or not in any country (including but not limited to the United Kingdom) and the right to sue for passing off. In each case it includes these rights and interests in every part of the world for their full terms, including any renewals and extensions, and the right to receive any income from them and any compensation in respect of their infringement.

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

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

“Management Information” means the information specified in the Monitoring and Management Information Schedule.

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

“Month” means calendar month.

“OGC” means the Office of Government Commerce.

“Party” means a party to the Contract.

“Premises” means the location where the Services are to be performed and/or supplied, as set out in the Specification or Contract.

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

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

“Protective Markings” means the markings given to Her Majesty’s Government (HMG) documents and information that indicates the level of protective security that should be applied to that document or information. The Government Protective Marking System/Scheme (GPMS) is described in the Cabinet Office document, ‘HMG Security Policy Framework’ which is published on the Cabinet Office website.

“Quality Standards” means the quality standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardization or other reputable or

equivalent body, (and their successor bodies) that a skilled and experienced operator in the same type of industry or business sector as the Contractor would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with, and as may be further detailed in the Specification Schedule.

“Receipt” means the physical or electronic arrival of the invoice at the address of the Authority detailed in the Contract Award Letter or at any other address given by the Authority to the Contractor for the submission of invoices.

“Regulatory Bodies” means those government departments and regulatory, statutory and other entities, committees, ombudsmen and bodies which, whether under statute, rules, regulations, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to regulate, investigate, or influence the matters dealt with in the Contract or any other affairs of the Authority and “Regulatory Body” shall be construed accordingly.

“Removable Media” means all physical items and devices than can carry and transfer electronic information. Examples include but are not limited to DVDs, CDs, floppy disks, portable hard disk drives, USB memory sticks, flash drives, portable music and video players including mobile phones, hand held devices such as Blackberries and Personal Digital Assistants and laptop computers.

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

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

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

"Security Plan" means the Contractor's description of the plans in place that describe the personnel, physical and information assets. It should include, but not be limited to, instructions on responding to threats, suspicious items or events, evacuation and business continuity plans and communications and enquiry handling plans.

"Security Policy" means the Authority's Security Policy set out in these Conditions of Contract and as maybe elsewhere in the Contract, including:

Maintaining confidentiality - the protection of information from unauthorised access, disclosure or intelligible interception thus ensuring that the information is only revealed to those with the authority to see or hear it, both inside and outside the Authority,

Maintaining integrity – the safeguarding of the accuracy and completeness of information to ensure that the information cannot be modified, inserted, deleted, replayed or otherwise abused, whether accidentally or deliberately,

Maintaining availability – ensuring that information is available when required by those authorised to have access,

and using Protective Markings for documents and information as necessary.

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

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

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

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

“Staff” means all persons employed by the Contractor to perform its obligations under the Contract together with the Contractor’s servants, agents, suppliers and sub-contractors only as used in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A2 Initial Contract Period

The Contract shall be in force from the Commencement Date until expiry date or, where there is no expiry date, until the Contractor has completed the Services in accordance with the Contract, unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, or otherwise lawfully terminated, or extended.

A3 Contractor’s Status

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

A4 Authority's Obligations

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

A5 Notices

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

A5.2 Any notice or other communication which is to be given by either Party to the other shall be given by letter (sent by hand, first class post, recorded delivery or special delivery), or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail (confirmed in either case by letter). Such letters shall be addressed to the other Party in the manner referred to in clause A5.3. Provided the relevant communication is not returned as undelivered, the notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given 2 Working Days after the day on which the letter was

posted, or 4 hours, in the case of electronic mail or facsimile transmission or sooner where the other Party acknowledges receipt of such letters, facsimile transmission or item of electronic mail.

A5.3 Security of transmission should be in proportion to the confidentiality of the document.

A5.4 For the purposes of clause A5.2, the address of each Party shall be the address stated in the Contract Award Letter.

A5.5 Either Party may change its address for service by serving a notice in accordance with this clause.

A6 Mistakes in Information

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

A7 Conflicts of Interest

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

A7.2 The Authority reserves the right to terminate the Contract immediately by notice in writing and/or to take such other steps it deems necessary

where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Contractor and the duties owed to the Authority under the provisions of the Contract. The actions of the Authority pursuant to this clause shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Authority.

B. SUPPLY OF SERVICES

B1 The Services

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

B1.2 If the Authority informs the Contractor in writing that the Authority reasonably believes that any part of the Services does not meet the requirements of the Contract or differ in any way from those requirements, and this is other than as a result of a Default by the Authority, the Contractor shall at its own expense re-schedule and carry out the Services in accordance with the requirements of the Contract within such reasonable time as may be specified by the Authority.

B2 Provision and Removal of Equipment

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

- B2.2 The Contractor shall not deliver any Equipment nor begin any work on the Premises without obtaining prior Approval.
- B2.3 All Equipment brought onto the Premises shall be at the Contractor's own risk and the Authority shall have no liability for any loss of or damage to any Equipment unless the Contractor is able to demonstrate that such loss or damage was caused or contributed to by the Authority's Default. The Contractor shall provide for the haulage or carriage thereof to the Premises and the removal of Equipment when no longer required at its sole cost. Unless otherwise agreed, Equipment brought onto the Premises will remain the property of the Contractor.
- B2.4 The Contractor shall maintain all items of Equipment within the Premises in a safe, serviceable and clean condition.
- B2.5 The Contractor shall, at the Authority's written request, at its own expense and as soon as reasonably practicable:
- (a) remove from the Premises any Equipment which in the reasonable opinion of the Authority is either hazardous, noxious or not in accordance with the Contract; and
 - (b) replace such item with a suitable substitute item of Equipment.
- B2.6 On completion of the Services the Contractor shall remove the Equipment together with any other materials used by the Contractor to supply the Services and shall leave the Premises in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Contractor is solely responsible for making good any damage to the Premises or any objects contained thereon, other than fair wear and tear, which is caused by the Contractor or any Staff.

B3 Manner of Carrying Out the Services

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

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

B4 Key Personnel

B4.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Key Personnel are essential to the proper provision of the Services to the Authority. All Key Personnel and other Personnel deployed on work relating to this Contract shall be appropriately qualified. The Contractor shall supervise and manage all such Personnel properly.

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

B4.3 Any replacements to the Key Personnel shall be subject to the agreement of the Authority. Such replacements shall be of at least equal status or of equivalent experience and skills to the Key

Personnel being replaced and be suitable for the responsibilities of that person in relation to the Services.

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

B5 Contractor's Staff

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contractor confirms that all persons employed or engaged by the Contractor were vetted and recruited on a basis that is equivalent to and no less strict than the Staff Vetting Procedures.

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

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

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

B5.8 The Contractor shall provide training for all Persons employed or engaged in the provision of the Services to ensure that these Persons understand and adhere to the Authority's Security Policy.

B6 Inspection of Premises

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

B7 Licence to occupy Premises

B7.1 Any land or Premises made available from time to time to the Contractor by the Authority in connection with the Contract, shall be made available to the Contractor on a non-exclusive licence basis free of charge and shall be used by the Contractor solely for the purpose of performing its obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall have the use of such land or Premises as licensee and shall vacate the same on completion, termination or abandonment of the Contract.

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

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

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

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

B8 Property

B8.1 Where the Authority issues Property free of charge to the Contractor such Property shall be and remain the property of the Authority and the Contractor irrevocably licences the Authority and its agents to enter upon any premises of the Contractor during normal business hours on reasonable notice to recover any such Property. The Contractor shall not in any circumstances have a lien or any other interest on the Property and the Contractor shall at all times possess the Property as fiduciary agent and bailee of the Authority. The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the title of the Authority to the Property and the exclusion of any such lien or other interest are brought to the notice of all sub-contractors and other appropriate persons and shall, at the Authority's request, store the Property separately and ensure that it is clearly identifiable as belonging to the Authority.

- B8.2 The Property shall be deemed to be in good condition when received by or on behalf of the Contractor unless the Contractor notifies the Authority otherwise within 5 Working Days of receipt.
- B8.3 The Contractor shall maintain the Property in good order and condition (excluding fair wear and tear), and shall use the Property solely in connection with the Contract and for no other purpose without prior Approval.
- B8.4 The Contractor shall ensure the security of all the Property whilst in its possession, either on the Premises or elsewhere during the supply of the Services, in accordance with the Authority's reasonable security requirements as required from time to time.
- B8.5 The Contractor shall be liable for all loss of, or damage to, the Property (excluding fair wear and tear), unless such loss or damage was caused by the Authority's Default. The Contractor shall inform the Authority within 2 Working Days of becoming aware of any defects appearing in, or losses or damage occurring to, the Property.

B9 Offers of Employment

For the duration of the Contract and for a period of 12 months thereafter neither the Authority nor the Contractor shall employ or offer employment to any of the other Party's staff who have been associated with the procurement and/or the contract management of the Services without that other Party's prior written consent.

B10 Meetings and Reports

B10.1 The Contractor shall upon receipt of reasonable notice and during normal office hours attend all meetings arranged by the Department for the discussion of matters connected with the performance of the Services.

B10.2 Without prejudice to any other requirement in this Contract, the Contractor shall provide such reports on the performance of the Services as the Contract Manager may reasonably require.

C. PAYMENT AND CONTRACT PRICE

C1 Contract Price

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

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

C2 Payment and VAT

C2.1 The Authority is committed to pay as soon as possible and shall pay all sums due to the Contractor within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice, submitted monthly in arrears.

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

- C2.3 Where the Contractor enters into a sub-contract with a supplier or contractor for the purpose of performing its obligations under the Contract, it shall ensure that a provision is included in such a sub-contract which requires payment to be made of all sums due by the Contractor to the sub-contractor as soon as possible and in any event not exceeding 30 days from the receipt of a valid invoice. The Department reserves the right to ask for information about payment performance and will provide a facility for sub-contractor's to report poor performance to the Department and the Office of Government Commerce.
- C2.4 The Contractor shall add VAT to the Contract Price at the prevailing rate as applicable.
- C2.5 The Contractor shall indemnify the Authority on a continuing basis against any liability, including any interest, penalties or costs incurred which is levied, demanded or assessed on the Authority at any time in respect of the Contractor's failure to account for or to pay any VAT relating to payments made to the Contractor under the Contract. Any amounts due under this clause C2.5 shall be paid by the Contractor to the Authority not less than 5 Working Days before the date upon which the tax or other liability is payable by the Authority.
- C2.6 The Contractor shall not suspend the supply of the Services unless the Contractor is entitled to terminate the Contract under clause H2.3 (Termination on Default) for failure to pay undisputed sums of money. Interest shall be payable by the Authority on the late payment of any undisputed sums of money properly invoiced in accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.

C3 Recovery of Sums Due

- C3.1 Wherever under the Contract any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor (including any sum which the Contractor is liable to pay to the Authority in respect of any breach of the Contract), the Authority may unilaterally deduct that sum from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due to the Contractor under the Contract or under any other agreement or contract with the Authority or with any other Department, Agency or Office of Her Majesty's Government.
- C3.2 Any overpayment by either Party, whether of the Contract Price or of VAT or otherwise, shall be a sum of money recoverable by the Party who made the overpayment from the Party in receipt of the overpayment.
- C3.3 The Contractor shall make all payments due to the Authority without any deduction whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise unless the Contractor has a valid court order requiring an amount equal to such deduction to be paid by the Authority to the Contractor.
- C3.4 All payments due shall be made within a reasonable time unless otherwise specified in the Contract, in cleared funds, to such bank or building society account as the recipient Party may from time to time direct.

C4 Price adjustment

C4.1 The Contract Price shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing, be unchanged for a period of at least 2 years from the Commencement Date. After that period, and subject to one month's notice, the Contractor may request a review,

C4.2 In such review the Contract Price may change by not more than the percentage change in the current (at the time of writing of the notice of the price review) Office of National Statistics' Consumer Prices Index (CPI) (or other such index specified in the Contract), from the same index 12 months earlier.

C4.3 Subsequent variations shall also be subject to one month's notice, as above, provided that each change is at least 12 months from the previous one. No price variation shall be retrospective.

C4.4 The Contractor may propose price reductions at any time.

C5 Euro

C5.1 Any requirement of Law to account for the Services in Euro, (or to prepare for such accounting) instead of and/or in addition to sterling, shall be implemented by the Contractor free of charge to the Authority.

C5.2 The Authority shall provide all reasonable assistance to facilitate compliance with clause C5.1 by the Contractor.

D. STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS AND REGULATIONS

D1 Prevention of Corruption

- D1.1 The Contractor shall not offer or give, or agree to give, to the Authority or any other public body or any person employed by or on behalf of the Authority or any other public body any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing, refraining from doing, or for having done or refrained from doing, any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the Contract or any other contract with the Authority or any other public body, or for showing or refraining from showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the Contract or any such contract.
- D1.2 The Contractor warrants that it has not paid commission or agreed to pay commission to the Authority or any other public body or any person employed by or on behalf of the Authority or any other public body in connection with the Contract.
- D1.3 If the Contractor, its Staff or anyone acting on the Contractor's behalf, engages in conduct prohibited by clauses D1.1 or D1.2, the Authority may:
- (a) terminate the Contract and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss suffered by the Authority resulting from the termination, including the cost reasonably incurred by the Authority of making other arrangements for the supply of the Services and any additional expenditure incurred by the Authority throughout the remainder of the Contract Period; or
 - (b) recover in full from the Contractor any other loss sustained by the Authority in consequence of any breach of those clauses.

D2 Prevention of Fraud

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

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

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

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

D3 Discrimination

D3.1 The Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate either directly or indirectly or by way of victimisation or harassment against a person on such grounds as race, colour, ethnic or national origin, disability, sex or sexual orientation, religion or belief, or age and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Race Relations Act 1976 (as updated by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, the Equal Pay Acts 1970 and 1983, the

Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (as amended by the Disability Discrimination (Amendment) Act 2005), the Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003, the Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003, the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006, the Equality Act 2006, the Human Rights Act 1998 or other relevant or equivalent legislation, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

D3.2 The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of clause D3.1 by all Staff.

D4 The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

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

D5 Environmental Requirements

D5.1 The Contractor shall, when working on the Premises, perform its obligations under the Contract in accordance with the Authority's environmental policy, which is to conserve energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, reduce waste and phase out the use of ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the environment.

D5.2 All written work, including reports, delivered in connection with this Contract shall (unless otherwise specified) be produced on recycled paper containing 100% post consumer waste and used on both sides

where appropriate. Paper used for printed publications must contain at least 75% recycled fibre paper in accordance with the UK government's timber procurement policy.

D5.3 All timber or wood-derived products procured as part of this contract must originate from either legal and sustainable or FLEGT licensed or equivalent sources, as set out in the Specification. The condition at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/about/procurement/dft/timber> will also apply.

D5.4 All goods purchased by the Contractor on behalf of the Authority (or which will become the property of the Authority) must comply with the relevant minimum environmental standards specified in the Government Buying Standards (formerly "Quick Wins") unless otherwise specified or agreed in writing.

Click on http://dft.g2b.info/public/policies_environmental_issues.htm and select "find a product".

D6 Health and Safety

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

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

D6.3 The Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately in the event of any incident occurring in the performance of its obligations under the

Contract on the Premises where that incident causes any personal injury or damage to property which could give rise to personal injury.

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

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

D7 Transfer Of Undertakings (Protection Of Employment) Regulations 2006 (“TUPE”)

D7.1 The Contractor shall provide the Department, or any other person authorised by the Department who is to be invited to submit a tender in relation to the provision of similar Services, with such information (including any changes to and interpretations thereof) in connection with TUPE as the Department may require. The Contractor shall provide the information within 10 days of the Department’s request.

D7.2 During the 8 month period preceding the Expiry Date or, where any notice is served pursuant to Clause H3 more than 8 months prior to the Expiry Date for the duration of any notice period, the Contractor shall not without the prior consent of the Department (which shall be in writing, but shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) move or deploy any Key Personnel away from the performance of the Services under this Contract.:

D7.3 Save where the Services comprise the provision of a consultancy service, during the 8 month period preceding the date of expiry set out in clause A2 or, where any notice is served pursuant to Clause H3

more than 8 months prior to the Expiry Date for the duration of any notice period, the Contractor shall not without the prior consent of the Authority (which shall be in writing, but shall not be unreasonable withheld or delayed):

- (a) materially amend the terms and conditions of employment of any employee whose work, wholly or mainly falls within the scope of this Contract; or
- (b) materially increase the number of employees whose work (or any part of it) is work undertaken for the purposes of this Contract; or

D7.3 The Contractor shall not knowingly do, or omit to do, anything which may adversely affect the orderly transfer of responsibility for provision of the Services.

E. PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

E1 Data Protection Act

E1.1 For the purposes of this Clause E1, the terms “Data Controller”, “Data Processor”, “Data Subject”, “Personal Data”, “Process” and “Processing shall have the meaning prescribed under the DPA.

E1.2 The Contractor shall (and shall ensure that all of its Staff) comply with any notification requirements under the DPA and both Parties will duly observe all their obligations under the DPA which arise in connection with the Contract. Retention periods for personal data records should be clearly defined and agreed between both parties.

E1.3 Notwithstanding the general obligation in clause E1.2, where the Contractor is processing Personal Data (as defined by the DPA) as a Data Processor for the Authority the Contractor shall:

- (a) Process the Personal Data only in accordance with instructions from the Authority (which may be specific instructions or instructions of a general nature) as set out in this Contract or as otherwise notified by the Authority;
- (b) comply with all applicable laws;
- (c) Process the Personal Data only to the extent; and in such manner as is necessary for the provision of the Provider's obligations under this Contract or as is required by Law or any Regulatory Body;
- (d) implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect the Personal Data against unauthorised or unlawful Processing and against accidental loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure. These measures shall be appropriate to the harm which might result from any unauthorised or unlawful Processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data and having regard to the nature of the Personal Data which is to be protected;
- (e) take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of its staff and agents who may have access to the Personal Data;
- (f) obtain prior written consent from the Authority in order to transfer the Personal Data to any sub-contractor for the provision of the Services;
- (g) not cause or permit the Personal Data to be transferred, stored, accessed, viewed or processed outside of the United Kingdom without the prior written consent of the Authority;

- (h) ensure that all staff and agents required to access the Personal Data are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and comply with the obligations set out in this clause E1;
- (i) ensure that none of the staff and agents publish disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third parties unless directed in writing to do so by the Authority

not disclose Personnel Data to any third parties in any circumstances other than with the written consent of the Authority or in compliance with a legal obligation imposed upon the Authority; and

E1.4 notify the Authority (within five Working Days) if it receives:

- (a) a request from a Data Subject to have access to that person's Personal Data; or
- (b) a complaint or request relating to the Authority's obligations under the DPA;

E1.5 The provision of this Clause E1 shall apply during the Contract Period and indefinitely after its expiry.

E2 Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989, S182 of the Finance Act 1989

E2.1 The Contractor shall comply with, and shall ensure that its Staff comply with, the provisions of:

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

E2.2 In the event that the Contractor or its Staff fail to comply with this clause, the Authority reserves the right to terminate the Contract by giving notice in writing to the Contractor.

E3 Confidential Information

E3.1 Except to the extent set out in this clause or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Contract, each Party shall:

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

E3.2 Clause E3.1 shall not apply to the extent that:

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

- (f) disclosure may be necessary for the performance of this Contract;
- (g) disclosure is required to comply with E8 of this Contract.

E3.3 The Contractor may only disclose the Authority's Confidential Information to the Staff who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and who need to know the information, and shall ensure that such Staff are aware of and shall comply with these obligations as to confidentiality.

E3.4 The Contractor shall not, and shall procure that the Staff do not, use any of the Authority's Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of this Agreement.

E3.5 At the written request of the Authority, the Contractor shall procure that those members of the Staff identified in the Authority's notice signs a confidentiality undertaking prior to commencing any work in accordance with this Agreement.

E3.6 Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the Authority from disclosing the Contractor's Confidential Information (including the Management Information obtained under F7):

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- (a) to any Crown Body or any other Contracting Authority. All Crown Bodies or Contracting Authorities receiving such Confidential Information shall be entitled to further disclose the Confidential Information to other Crown Bodies or other Contracting Authorities on the basis that the information is confidential and is not to be disclosed to a third party which is not part of any Crown Body or any Contracting Authority;
- (b) to any consultant, contractor or other person engaged by the Authority or any person conducting an Office of Government Commerce gateway review;

- (c) for the purpose of the examination and certification of the Authority's accounts; or
- (d) for any examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources.

E3.7 The Authority shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any government department, Contracting Authority, employee, third party or sub-contractor to whom the Contractor's Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to clause E3.6 is made aware of the Authority's obligations of confidentiality.

E3.8 Nothing in this clause E3 shall prevent either party from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of the Agreement in the course of its normal business to the extent that this use does not result in a disclosure of the other party's Confidential Information or an infringement of IPR.

E4 Freedom of Information

E4.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the Environmental Information Regulations and shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to comply with its Information disclosure obligations.

E4.2 The Contractor shall and shall procure that any sub-contractors shall transfer to the Authority all Requests for Information that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within two Working Days of receiving a Request for Information;

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

E4.3 The Authority shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement or any other agreement whether the Commercially Sensitive Information and/or any other Information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations

E4.4 In no event shall the Contractor respond directly to a Request for Information unless expressly authorised to do so by the Authority.

E4.5 The Contractor acknowledges that (notwithstanding the provisions of Clause E2) the Authority may, acting in accordance with the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“**the Code**”), be obliged under the FOIA, or the Environmental Information Regulations to disclose information concerning the Contractor or the Services in certain circumstances:

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

provided always that where E4.5(a) applies the Authority shall, in accordance with any recommendations of the Code, take reasonable steps, where appropriate, to give the Contractor advanced notice, or failing that, to draw the disclosure to the Contractor's attention after any such disclosure.

E4.6 The Contractor shall ensure that all Information is retained for disclosure and shall permit the Authority to inspect such records as requested from time to time.

E4.7 The Contractor acknowledges that the Commercially Sensitive Information listed in the Commercially Sensitive Information Schedule is of indicative value only and that the Authority may be obliged to disclose it in accordance with this clause E4.

E5 Publicity, Media and Official Enquiries

E5.1 Without prejudice to the Authority's obligations under the FOIA, neither Party shall make any press announcement or publicise the Contract or any part thereof in any way, except with the prior written consent of the other Party.

E5.2 Both Parties shall take reasonable steps to ensure that their servants, employees, agents, sub-contractors, suppliers, professional advisors and consultants comply with clause E5.1.

E6 Security

E6.1 The Contractor shall comply with all security requirements of the Authority while working on the Contract, and shall ensure that all Staff comply with such requirements.

E6.2 The Contractor shall comply, and shall procure the compliance of the Contractor's Personnel, with the Authority's Security Policy and where

required the Security Plan and the Contractor shall ensure that the Security Plan produced by the Contractor fully complies with the Security Policy.

E6.3 The Authority shall notify the Contractor of any changes or proposed changes to the Security Policy.

E6.4 The Contractor shall, as an enduring obligation throughout the Term of the Contract, use the latest versions of anti-virus definitions available [from an industry accepted anti-virus software vendor] to check for and delete Malicious Software from the ICT Environment.

E6.5 Notwithstanding clause E6.4, if Malicious Software is found, the parties shall co-operate to reduce the effect of the Malicious Software and, particularly if Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Authority Data, assist each other to mitigate any losses and to restore the Services to their desired operating efficiency.

E6.6 Any cost arising out of the actions of the parties taken in compliance with the provisions of clause E6.5 shall be borne by the parties as follows:

- a) by the Contractor where the Malicious Software originates from the Contractor Software, the Third Party Software or the Authority Data (whilst the Authority Data was under the control of the Contractor); and
- b) by the Authority if the Malicious Software originates from the Authority Software or the Authority Data (whilst the Authority Data was under the control of the Authority).

E7 Intellectual Property Rights

E7.1 All Intellectual Property Rights in any guidance, specifications, instructions, toolkits, plans, data, drawings, databases, software, patents, patterns, models, designs or other material (the "**IP Materials**"):

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

and the Contractor shall not, and shall ensure that the Staff shall not, (except when necessary for the performance of the Contract) without prior Approval, use or disclose any Intellectual Property Rights in the IP Materials. The provisions of this clause E7.1 excludes any Intellectual Property Rights that were owned or developed by the Contractor prior this Agreement, or that are developed by the Contractor outside of the scope of this Contract ('Specsavers Intellectual Property Rights'), which shall remain the property of the Contractor.

E7.2 The Contractor hereby assigns to the Authority, with full title guarantee, all New Intellectual Property Rights which may subsist in the IP Materials prepared in accordance with clause E7.1 (b). This assignment shall take effect on the date of the Contract or as a present assignment of future rights that will take effect immediately on the coming into existence of the New Intellectual Property Rights produced by the Contractor. The Contractor shall execute all documentation necessary to execute this assignment. For the avoidance of doubt, this assignment shall exclude any Specsavers Intellectual Property

Rights or any Intellectual Property Rights which have been licensed by the Contractor, to which the Contractor has no title to assign, each of which shall be licensed to the Authority in accordance with clauses E7.4 and E7.11.

- E7.3 The Contractor shall waive or procure a waiver of any moral rights subsisting in copyright produced by the Contract or the performance of the Contract.
- E7.4 The Contractor shall ensure that the third party owner of any Intellectual Property Rights that are or which may be used to perform the Contract grants to the Authority a non-exclusive licence or, if itself a licensee of those rights, shall grant to the Authority an authorised sub-licence, to use, reproduce, modify, develop and maintain the Intellectual Property Rights in the same. Such licence or sub-licence shall be non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty free and irrevocable and shall include the right for the Authority to sub-license, transfer, novate or assign to other Contracting Authorities, the Replacement Contractor or to any other third party supplying services to the Authority.
- E7.5 The Contractor shall not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights of any third party in supplying the Services and the Contractor shall, during and after the Contract Period, indemnify and keep indemnified and hold the Authority and the Crown harmless from and against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, damages, costs and expenses and other liabilities which the Authority or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this clause, except where any such claim arises from:
- (a) items or materials based upon designs supplied by the Authority; or

- (b) the use of data supplied by the Authority which is not required to be verified by the Contractor under any provision of the Contract.

E7.6 The Authority shall notify the Contractor in writing of any claim or demand brought against the Authority for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right in materials supplied or licensed by the Contractor.

E7.7 The Contractor shall at its own expense conduct all negotiations and any litigation arising in connection with any claim for breach of Intellectual Property Rights in materials supplied or licensed by the Contractor, provided always that the Contractor:

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

E7.8 The Authority shall at the request of the Contractor afford to the Contractor all reasonable assistance for the purpose of contesting any claim or demand made or action brought against the Authority or the Contractor by a third party for infringement or alleged infringement of any third party Intellectual Property Rights in connection with the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract and the Contractor shall indemnify the Authority for all costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, legal costs and disbursements) incurred in doing so. The Contractor shall not, however, be required to indemnify the Authority in relation to any costs and expenses incurred

in relation to or arising out of a claim, demand or action which relates to the matters in clause E7.5 (a) or (b).

E7.9 The Authority shall not make any admissions which may be prejudicial to the defence or settlement of any claim, demand or action for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right by the Authority or the Contractor in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

E7.10 If a claim, demand or action for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right is made in connection with the Contract or in the reasonable opinion of the Contractor is likely to be made, the Contractor shall notify the Authority and, at its own expense and subject to the consent of the Authority (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), use its best endeavours to:

(a) modify any or all of the Services without reducing the performance or functionality of the same, or substitute alternative Services of equivalent performance and functionality, so as to avoid the infringement or the alleged infringement, provided that the provisions herein shall apply *mutates mutandis* to such modified Services or to the substitute Services; or

(b) procure a licence to use and supply the Services, which are the subject of the alleged infringement, on terms which are acceptable to the Authority,

and in the event that the Contractor is unable to comply with clauses E7.7 (a) or (b) within twenty Working Days of receipt of the Contractor's notification the Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

E7.11 The Contractor grants to the Authority a royalty-free, irrevocable and non-exclusive licence (with a right to sub-licence) to use, reproduce,

modify, develop and maintain any Specsavers Intellectual Property Rights that, in Specsavers reasonable opinion are necessary in order for the Authority to use the IP Materials as envisaged by the terms of this Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority's right to sub-licence Specsavers Intellectual Property to a Replacement Contractor is subject to the Contractor's prior written approval, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed and shall exclude any right for the Replacement Contractor to use the Contractor's brand or trade marks.

E8 Audit

E8.1 The Contractor shall keep and maintain until 6 years after the end of the Contract Period, or as long a period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of the Contract including the Services supplied under it, all expenditure reimbursed by the Authority, and all payments made by the Authority. The Contractor shall on request afford the Authority or the Authority's representatives such access to those records as may be requested by the Authority in connection with the Contract.

E8.2 The Contractor shall afford such facilities as the Authority may reasonably require for its representatives to visit the Contractor's premises and examine the records held under this Condition. The right to these records shall not apply to the extent that an examination would jeopardise the confidentiality of information relating to the Contractor's other Clients.

E8.3 Subject to the provision of reasonable notice to the Contractor, and for the purpose of:

- a) Examining and certifying Authority's accounts; or

- b) any examination, pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983, of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources

the Comptroller and Auditor General shall have a right of access to such relevant documents as are owned, held or otherwise within control of the Contractor.

E8.4 The Contractor shall assist the Comptroller and Auditor General to understand such documents and provide any oral/or written information and explanation of the documents as may reasonably be requested.

E8.5 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Condition constitutes a requirement or agreement for the purposes of section 6(3)(d) of the National Audit Act 1983 for the examination, certification or inspection of the accounts of the Contractor.

E9 Authority Data

E9.1 The Contractor shall not delete or remove any proprietary notices contained within or relating to the Authority Data.

E9.2 The Contractor shall not store, copy, disclose, or use the Authority Data except as necessary for the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under this Agreement or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by the Authority.

E9.3 To the extent that Authority Data is held and/or processed by the Contractor, the Contractor shall supply that Authority Data to the Authority as requested by the Authority in the format specified.

E9.4 To the extent that Authority Data is held and/or processed by the Contractor the Contractor shall take responsibility for preserving the

integrity of Authority Data and preventing the corruption or loss of Authority Data.

E9.5 To the extent that Authority Data is held and/or processed by the Contractor the Contractor shall perform secure back-ups of all Authority Data and shall ensure that up-to-date back-ups are stored off-site in accordance with the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan. The Contractor shall ensure that such back-ups are available to the Authority at all times upon request.

E9.6 The Contractor shall ensure that any system on which the Contractor holds any Authority Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Security Policy.

E9.7 If the Authority Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded as a result of the Contractor's Default so as to be unusable, the Authority may:

a) require the Contractor (at the Contractor's expense) to restore or procure the restoration of Authority Data to the extent and in accordance with the requirements specified; and/or

b) itself restore or procure the restoration of Authority Data, and shall be repaid by the Contractor any reasonable expenses incurred in doing so to the extent and in accordance with the requirements specified.

E10 Removable Media

E10.1 The Contractor shall not use any Removable Media (memory sticks, removable hard drives, CD(R), floppies etc) when connected to the Authority's IT network. The Authority can in exceptional circumstances authorise the use of encrypted portable disk drives (supplied by the Authority). Supply is at the discretion of the Authority and must be

approved and supplied by the Authority. Any use must be in strict accordance with the rules regarding sensitivity and risks to information.

E10.2 All losses of data must be reported to the Contract Manager and Head of Information Security as soon as possible so that risk mitigation action can be taken. Any theft of data must be reported to the Police and a crime/incident number obtained.

E10.3 Any non-encrypted Removable Media must not be used in the delivery of this Contract unless approved by the Authority.

E11 Transparency

E11.1 The parties acknowledge that, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, the content of this Contract is not Confidential Information. The Authority shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any of the content of the Contract is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA. Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, the Contractor hereby gives his consent for the Authority to publish the Contract in its entirety, (but with any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA redacted) including from time to time agreed changes to the Agreement, to the general public.

E11.2 The Authority may consult with the Contractor to inform its decision regarding any redactions but the Authority shall have the final decision in its absolute discretion.

The Contractor shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to publish this Contract.

F. CONTROL OF THE CONTRACT

F1 Transfer and Sub-Contracting

- F1.1 Except where F1.4 and 5 applies, the Contractor shall not assign, sub-contract or in any other way dispose of the Contract or any part of it without prior Approval. Sub-contracting any part of the Contract shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations or duties under the Contract.
- F1.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its sub-contractors as though they are its own.
- F1.3 Where the Authority has consented to the placing of sub-contracts, copies of each sub-contract shall, at the request of the Authority, be sent by the Contractor to the Authority as soon as reasonably practicable.
- F1.4 Notwithstanding clause F1.1, the Contractor may assign to a third party (“**the Assignee**”) the right to receive payment of the Contract Price or any part thereof due to the Contractor under this Contract (including any interest which the Authority incurs under clause C2.6). Any assignment under this clause F1.4 shall be subject to:
- (a) reduction of any sums in respect of which the Authority exercises its right of recovery under clause C3 (Recovery of Sums Due);
 - (b) all related rights of the Authority under the contract in relation to the recovery of sums due but unpaid; and
 - (c) the Authority receiving notification under both clauses F1.5 and F1.6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

F1.10 If the rights and obligations under the Contract are assigned, novated or otherwise disposed of pursuant to clause F1.6 to a body which is not a Contracting Authority or if there is a change in the legal status of the Authority such that it ceases to be a Contracting Authority (in the remainder of this clause both such bodies being referred to as the **“Transferee”**):

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

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

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

F2 Waiver

- F2.1 The failure of either Party to insist upon strict performance of any provision of the Contract, or the failure of either Party to exercise, or any delay in exercising, any right or remedy shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy and shall not cause a diminution of the obligations established by the Contract.
- F2.2 No waiver shall be effective unless it is expressly stated to be a waiver and communicated to the other Party in writing in accordance with clause A6 (Notices).
- F2.3 A waiver of any right or remedy arising from a breach of the Contract shall not constitute a waiver of any right or remedy arising from any other or subsequent breach of the Contract.

F3 Variation

- F3.1 Subject to the provisions of this clause F3, the Authority may request a variation to the Specification provided that such variation does not amount to a material change to the Specification. Such a change is hereinafter called a "Variation".
- F3.2 The Authority may request a Variation by notifying the Contractor in writing of the "Variation" and giving the Contractor sufficient information to assess the extent of the Variation and consider whether any change to the Contract Price is required in order to implement the Variation. The Authority shall specify a time limit within which the Contractor shall respond to the request for a Variation. Such time limits shall be reasonable having regard to the nature of the Variation. If the Contractor agrees with the proposed Variation it shall confirm the same in writing.
- F3.3 In the event that the Contractor is unable to accept the Variation to the Specification or where the Parties are unable to agree a change to the Contract Price, the Authority may;

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

F4 Severability

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

F5 Remedies in the event of inadequate performance

- F5.1 Where a complaint is received about the standard of Services or about the manner in which any Services have been supplied or work has been performed or about the materials or procedures used or about any other matter connected with the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, then the Authority shall notify the Contractor, and where considered appropriate by the Authority, investigate the complaint. The Authority may, in its sole discretion, uphold the complaint and take further action in accordance with clause H2 (Termination on Default) of the Contract.

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

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

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

F5.4 If the Contractor fails to supply any of the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract and such failure is capable of remedy, then the Authority shall instruct the Contractor to remedy the failure and the Contractor shall at its own cost and expense remedy such failure (and any damage resulting from such failure) within 10 Working Days or such other period of time as the Authority may direct.

F5.5 In the event that:

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

(b) the Contractor persistently fails to comply with clause F5.4 above,

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

F6 Remedies Cumulative

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

F7 Monitoring and Management Information

F7.1 The Contractor shall comply with the monitoring arrangements set out in the Monitoring and Management Information Schedule

including, but not limited to, providing such data and information as the Contractor may be required to produce under the Contract.

F7.2 Where requested by the Authority, the Contractor shall supply the Management Information to the Authority and to OGC in the form set out in the Monitoring and Management Information Schedule [date to be agreed] during the Contract Period.

F7.3 The Contractor agrees that the Authority may provide OGC with information relating to the Services procured and any payments made under the Contract.

F7.4 Upon receipt of the Management Information supplied by the Contractor in response to a request under F7.2 above or receipt of information provided by the Authority to OGC under F7.3, the Authority and the Contractor hereby consent to OGC:

(a) storing and analysing the Management Information and producing statistics; and

(b) sharing the Management Information or any statistics produced using the Management Information, with any other Contracting Authority.

F7.5 In the event that OGC shares the Management Information or information provided under clause F7.3 in accordance with F7.4(b), any Contracting Authority receiving the Management Information shall be informed of the confidential nature of that information and shall be requested not to disclose it to any body who is not a Contracting Authority (unless required by law).

F7.6 The Authority may make changes to the Management Information which the Contractor is required to supply and shall give the Contractor at least one (1) Month's written notice of any changes.

F8 Entire Agreement

F8.1 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of the matters dealt with therein. The Contract supersedes all

prior negotiations between the Parties and all representations and undertakings made by one Party to the other, whether written or oral, except that this clause shall not exclude liability in respect of any Fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

F8.2 In the event of, and only to the extent of, any conflict between the clauses of the Contract, any document referred to in those clauses and the Schedules, the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the following order of precedence:

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

G. LIABILITIES

G1 Liability, Indemnity and Insurance

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

- (a) death or personal injury caused by its negligence; or
- (b) Fraud; or
- (c) fraudulent misrepresentation; or
- (e) any breach of any obligations implied by Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982.

G1.2 Subject to clauses G1.3 and G1.4, the Contractor shall indemnify the Authority and keep the Authority indemnified fully against all claims, proceedings, actions, damages, costs, expenses and any other

liabilities which may arise out of, or in consequence of, the supply, or the late or purported supply, of the Services or the performance or non-performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract or the presence of the Contractor or any Staff on the Premises, including in respect of any death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property, financial loss arising from any advice given or omitted to be given by the Contractor, or any other loss which is caused directly or indirectly by any act or omission of the Contractor.

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

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

(a) the annual aggregate liability of either Party for Default resulting in direct loss of or damage to the property of the other under or in connection with the Contract shall in no event exceed five million pounds (£5,000,000) or twice the contract value (whichever is higher) unless otherwise agreed; and

(b) the annual aggregate liability under the Contract of either Party for Default (other than a Default governed by clauses E7.3 (Intellectual Property Rights) or G1.4 (a)) shall in no event exceed five Million pounds (£5,000,000) or twice the contract value (whichever is higher) unless otherwise agreed.

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

(a) loss of profits, business, revenue or goodwill; and/or

(b) loss of savings (whether anticipated or otherwise); and/or

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

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

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

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

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

G1.10 If, for whatever reason, the Contractor fails to give effect to and maintain the insurances required by the provisions of the Contract the

Authority may make alternative arrangements to protect its interests and may recover the costs of such arrangements from the Contractor.

G1.11 The provisions of any insurance or the amount of cover shall not relieve the Contractor of any liabilities under the Contract. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to determine the amount of insurance cover that will be adequate to enable the Contractor to satisfy any liability referred to in clause G1.2.

G2 Professional Indemnity

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

G3 Warranties and Representations

The Contractor warrants and represents that:

- (a) it has full capacity and authority and all necessary consents (including where its procedures so require, the consent of its parent company) to enter into and perform its obligations under

the Contract and that the Contract is executed by a duly authorised representative of the Contractor;

- (b) in entering the Contract it has not committed any Fraud;
- (c) as at the Commencement Date, all information contained in the Tender remains true, accurate and not misleading, save as may have been specifically disclosed in writing to the Authority prior to execution of the Contract;
- (d) no claim is being asserted and no litigation, arbitration or administrative proceeding is presently in progress or, to the best of its knowledge and belief, pending or threatened against it or any of its assets which will or might have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
- (e) it is not subject to any contractual obligation, compliance with which is likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
- (f) no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of its knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Contractor or for its dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar officer in relation to any of the Contractor's assets or revenue;
- (g) it owns, has obtained or is able to obtain, valid licences for all Intellectual Property Rights that are necessary for the performance of its obligations under the Contract;
- (h) in the three 3 years prior to the date of the Contract:

- (i) it has conducted all financial accounting and reporting activities in compliance in all material respects with the generally accepted accounting principles that apply to it in any country where it files accounts;
- (ii) it has been in full compliance with all applicable securities and tax laws and regulations in the jurisdiction in which it is established; and
- (i) it has not done or omitted to do anything which could have a material adverse effect on its assets, financial condition or position as an ongoing business concern or its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Contract.

H. DEFAULT, DISRUPTION AND TERMINATION

H1 Termination on insolvency and change of control

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

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

- (c) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within 14 days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator or a creditors' meeting is convened pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (d) a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets; or
- (e) an application order is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given; or
- (f) it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (g) being a "small company" within the meaning of section 247(3) of the Companies Act 1985, a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (h) any event similar to those listed in H1.1 (a)-(g) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.

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

- (a) an application for an interim order is made pursuant to sections 252-253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, the Contractor's creditors; or

- (b) a petition is presented and not dismissed within 14 days or order made for the Contractor's bankruptcy; or
- (c) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of the Contractor's assets or a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver, or similar officer over the whole or any part of his assets; or
- (d) the Contractor is unable to pay his debts or has no reasonable prospect of doing so, in either case within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (e) a creditor or encumbrancer attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of the Contractor's assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days; or
- (f) he dies or is adjudged incapable of managing his affairs within the meaning of Part VII of the Mental Capacity Act 2005; or
- (g) he suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, to carry on all or a substantial part of his business.

H1.3 The Contractor shall seek the prior Approval of the Authority to any change of control within the meaning of section 416 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 ("**change of control**"). Where an Approval has not been granted prior to the change of control the Authority may terminate the Contract by notice in writing with immediate effect within six months of:

- (a) being notified that a change of control has occurred; or

- (b) where no notification has been made, the date that the Authority becomes aware of the change of control,

H2 Termination on Default

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

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

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

H2.3 If the Authority fails to pay the Contractor undisputed sums of money when due, the Contractor shall notify the Authority in writing of such failure to pay. If the Authority fails to pay such undisputed sums within 90 Working Days of the date of such written notice, the Contractor may terminate the Contract in writing with immediate effect, save that such right of termination shall not apply where the failure to pay is due to the Authority exercising its rights under clauses C3.1 (Recovery of Sums Due).

H2.4 The Authority reserves the right to terminate the Contract should the Contractor be found to be in breach of any aspect of the law that would, in the opinion of the Authority, bring the Authority into disrepute, including but not limited to, relevant aspects shown in Regulation 23 of Public Contract Regulations 2006 (as amended) relating to rejection criteria.

H3 Break

The Authority shall have the right to terminate the Contract at any time by giving 2 Months' written notice to the Contractor.

H4 Consequences of Expiry or Termination

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

accordance with the Contract but where the payment has yet to be made by the Authority), until the Authority has established the final cost of making the other arrangements envisaged under this clause.

H4.2 Subject to clause G1, where the Authority terminates the Contract under clause H3 (Break), the Authority shall indemnify the Contractor against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which represent an unavoidable direct loss to the Contractor by reason of the termination of the Contract, provided that the Contractor takes all reasonable steps to mitigate such loss. Where the Contractor holds insurance, the Authority shall only indemnify the Contractor for those unavoidable direct costs that are not covered by the insurance available. The Contractor shall submit a fully itemised and costed list of unavoidable direct loss which it is seeking to recover from the Authority, with supporting evidence, of losses reasonably and actually incurred by the Contractor as a result of termination under clause H3 (Break).

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

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

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

- (a) termination or expiry of the Contract shall be without prejudice to any rights, remedies or obligations accrued under the Contract prior to termination or expiration and nothing in the Contract shall prejudice the right of either Party to recover any amount outstanding at such termination or expiry; and
- (b) termination of the Contract shall not affect the continuing rights, remedies or obligations of the Authority or the Contractor under clauses C2 (Payment and VAT), C3 (Recovery of Sums Due), D1 (Prevention of Corruption), E1 (Data Protection Act), E2 (Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989, Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989), E3 (Confidential Information), E4 (Freedom of Information), E7 (Intellectual Property Rights), E8 (Audit), F6 Remedies Cumulative), G1 (Liability, Indemnity and Insurance), G2 (Professional Indemnity), H4 (Consequences of Expiry or Termination), H6 (Recovery upon Expiry or Termination) and I1 (Governing Law and Jurisdiction).

H5 Disruption

- H5.1 The Contractor shall take reasonable care to ensure that in the performance of its obligations under the Contract it does not disrupt the operations of the Authority, its employees or any other contractor employed by the Authority.
- H5.2 The Contractor shall immediately inform the Authority of any actual or potential industrial action, whether such action be by their own employees or others, which affects or might affect its ability at any time to perform its obligations under the Contract.

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

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

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

H6 Recovery upon Termination

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

- (a) immediately return to the Authority all Confidential Information, Personal Data and IP Materials in its possession or in the possession or under the control of any permitted suppliers or sub-contractors, which was obtained or produced in the course of providing the Services;
- (b) immediately deliver to the Authority all Property (including materials, documents, information and access keys) provided to the Contractor under clause B11. Such property shall be handed back in good working order (allowance shall be made for reasonable wear and tear);

- (c) assist and co-operate with the Authority to ensure an orderly transition of the provision of the Services to the Replacement Contractor and/or the completion of any work in progress.
- (d) promptly provide all information concerning the provision of the Services which may reasonably be requested by the Authority for the purposes of adequately understanding the manner in which the Services have been provided or for the purpose of allowing the Authority or the Replacement Contractor to conduct due diligence.

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

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

H7 Force Majeure

H7.1 Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, its obligations under the Contract (other than a payment of money) to the extent that such delay or failure is a result of Force Majeure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Party shall use all reasonable endeavours to continue to perform its obligations under the Contract for the duration of such Force Majeure. However, if such Force Majeure prevents either Party from performing its material obligations under the Contract for a period in

excess of 6 Months, either Party may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

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

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

I. DISPUTES AND LAW

I1 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

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

I2 Dispute Resolution

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

- 12.2 Nothing in this dispute resolution procedure shall prevent the Parties from seeking from any court of competent jurisdiction an interim order restraining the other Party from doing any act or compelling the other Party to do any act.
- 12.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved by the Parties pursuant to clause 12.1 the Parties shall refer it to mediation pursuant to the procedure set out in clause 12.5 unless (a) the Authority considers that the dispute is not suitable for resolution by mediation; or (b) the Contractor does not agree to mediation.
- 12.4 The obligations of the Parties under the Contract shall not cease, or be suspended or delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation (or arbitration) and the Contractor and the Staff shall comply fully with the requirements of the Contract at all times.
- 12.5 The procedure for mediation and consequential provisions relating to mediation are as follows:
- (a) a mediator (the “**Mediator**”) shall be chosen by agreement between the Parties or, if they are unable to agree upon a Mediator within 10 Working Days after a request by one Party to the other or if the Mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, either Party shall within 10 Working Days from the date of the proposal to appoint a Mediator or within 10 Working Days of notice to either Party that he is unable or unwilling to act, apply to *[the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution or other mediation provider]* to appoint a Mediator.
 - (b) The Parties shall within 10 Working Days of the appointment of the Mediator meet with him in order to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant information and the structure to be adopted for negotiations to be held. If considered appropriate, the Parties may at any stage seek assistance from the Centre

for Effective Dispute Resolution or other mediation provider to provide guidance on a suitable procedure.

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

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

- (a) the Authority may at any time before court proceedings are commenced, serve a notice on the Contractor requiring the dispute to be referred to and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I2.7.

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

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

- (a) the arbitration shall be governed by the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1996;
- (b) the Authority shall give a written notice of arbitration to the Contractor (the “**Arbitration Notice**”) stating:
 - (i) that the dispute is referred to arbitration; and
 - (ii) providing details of the issues to be resolved;
- (c) the London Court of International Arbitration (“**LCIA**”) procedural rules in force at the date that the dispute was referred to arbitration in accordance with I2.7 (b) shall be applied and are deemed to be incorporated by reference to the Contract and the decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on the Parties in the absence of any material failure to comply with such rules;

- (d) the tribunal shall consist of a sole arbitrator to be agreed by the Parties;
- (e) if the Parties fail to agree the appointment of the arbitrator within 10 days of the Arbitration Notice being issued by the Authority under clause 12.7 (b) or if the person appointed is unable or unwilling to act, the arbitrator shall be appointed by the LCIA;
- (f) the arbitration proceedings shall take place in London and in the English language; and
- (g) the arbitration proceedings shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, English law.