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(1) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

AND

(2) [ADD SUPPLIER NAME]

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THIS CONTRACT is made on 2016

BETWEEN:

(1) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL, whose office is at County Hall, Taunton, Somerset TA1 4DY ("Authority"); and

(2) [ADD SUPPLIER NAME] a company registered in England and Wales with number [ADD NUMBER] whose registered office is at [ADD ADDRESS] ("Supplier").

WHEREAS:

(A) On [ ] 2016 the Authority issued its ITT.

(C) On [ ] 2016 following evaluation of the responses to the ITT, the Authority selected the Supplier as its preferred bidder and engaged in a process of contract finalisation.

(D) Following conclusion of contract finalisation with the Supplier and on the basis of the Supplier's responses to the ITT, the Authority has selected the Supplier to provide the Deployed Services. The Supplier is willing to provide the Deployed Services on the terms set out in this Contract.

IT IS AGREED as follows:

PRELIMINARY

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Contract the definitions set out in Schedule 1 (Definitions) shall apply.

1.2 In this Contract:

1.2.1 the singular includes the plural and vice versa;

1.2.2 reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter;

1.2.3 any phrase introduced by the words "including", "includes", "in particular", "for example" or similar, shall be construed as illustrative and without limitation to the generality of the related general words;

1.2.4 references 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;

1.2.5 references to any statute, enactment, order, regulation, instrument, code, standard or other similar instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation, instrument (including any EU instrument), code, standard, or other similar instrument as amended, replaced, consolidated or re-enacted;

1.2.6 headings are included in this Contract for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of this Contract;
1.2.7 unless otherwise provided, references to Clauses, paragraphs, Schedules and Appendices are references to the clauses and paragraphs of, and the schedules and appendices to, this Contract;

1.2.8 the words "day", "month" and "year" mean calendar day, calendar month and calendar year unless otherwise stated; and

1.2.9 a reference to GBP or £ shall mean pounds sterling.

1.3 Neither the giving of any approval, consent, examination, acknowledgement, knowledge of the terms of any agreement or document nor the review of any document or course of action by or on behalf of the Authority shall, unless otherwise expressly stated in this Contract, relieve the Supplier of any of its obligations pursuant to this Contract or of any duty which it may have hereunder to ensure the correctness, accuracy or suitability of the matter or thing which is the subject of approval, consent, examination, acknowledgement or knowledge or document review or course of action.

1.4 Where this Contract contemplates that the Authority may elect, determine, approve, consent, nominate, decide or consider any matter or thing, the Authority may make such election, determination, approval, consent, nomination, decision or consideration in its absolute discretion without being required to give reasons, unless this Contract expressly requires otherwise.

1.5 The Supplier shall remain responsible for all acts and omissions of each Subcontractor and the Supplier Personnel as if they were its own and shall not be entitled to any relief from the performance of its obligations or liability under this Contract due to any act or omission of any Subcontractor and/or any Supplier Personnel unless expressly provided otherwise in this Contract. Without prejudice to the foregoing and any express requirement for the Supplier to procure that its Subcontractors do or refrain from doing any act or thing, an obligation on the Supplier to do, or to refrain from doing, any act or thing shall (where applicable) include an obligation upon the Supplier to use reasonable endeavours to procure that each Subcontractor and the Supplier Personnel also do, or refrain from doing, such act or thing.

2. NOT USED

3. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

3.1 In the event of any conflict, inconsistency or ambiguity arising between the provisions of this Contract, then (save as expressly provided elsewhere in this Contract) the order of precedence shall be as follows:

3.1.1 Clauses and Schedule 1 (Definitions);

3.1.2 Schedule 2 (Service Requirements) and its Appendices;

3.1.3 all other Schedules and their Appendices other than Schedule 3.1 (Supplier Solution) and its Appendices;

3.1.4 Schedule 3.1 (Supplier Solution) and its Appendices;

3.1.5 any documentation that the Supplier is required to produce in accordance with Schedule 3.1 (Supplier Solution); and

3.1.6 the Authority’s ITT.

3.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise, if there is any inconsistency between any diagram and text, the text shall take precedence.
4. NOT USED

5. DUE DILIGENCE

5.1 Subject to Clause 5.5, the Supplier acknowledges that the Authority has delivered or made available the Due Diligence Information and consequently the Supplier shall be deemed to have:

5.1.1 satisfied itself of all details relating to the nature of the Service Requirements;

5.1.2 been supplied with sufficient information and satisfied itself about all relevant aspects of the Service Environment;

5.1.3 raised all relevant due diligence questions with the Authority before the Effective Date and to have advised the Authority of:

(a) any aspect of the Service Environment that is not suitable for the provision of the Deployed Services;

(b) the proposed actions of the Supplier to accommodate any unsuitable aspects of the Service Environment and a timetable for such actions, which shall have been taken into consideration by the Supplier in the Implementation Plan and the Project Plan; and

5.1.4 made its own enquiries to satisfy itself as to the accuracy and completeness of the Due Diligence Information.

5.2 Subject to Clause 5.5, the Supplier acknowledges that:

5.2.1 the Authority has relied upon the Supplier's expertise and professionalism in the carrying out of all due diligence activities in relation to this Contract including the requesting of and verification of all Due Diligence Information; and

5.2.2 the Due Diligence Information, together with the Supplier's own expertise and working knowledge of the Authority's operations, are sufficient to enable the Supplier to satisfy itself that it is able to perform its obligations under this Contract.

5.3 Subject to Clause 5.5, the Supplier shall not be entitled to any additional payment, nor be excused from any liability under this Contract, and has no right to make a Claim against the Authority as a result of:

5.3.1 the Supplier having failed to inspect the Service Environment or failed to notify the Authority of any actions to accommodate the unsuitability of the Service Environment in accordance with Clause 5.1.4;

5.3.2 the Supplier misinterpreting any matter or fact relating to the Service Requirements, or the functions, facilities, condition or capabilities of the Service Environment; or

5.3.3 the Supplier having failed to review the Due Diligence Information or any documents referred to in the Due Diligence Information.
5.4 No warranty, representation or undertaking (whether express or implied) is given by the Authority as to the accuracy, completeness, adequacy or fitness for purpose of any Due Diligence Information or that such information constitutes all of the information relevant or material to the Service Requirements and the Deployed Services. Accordingly, all liability on the part of the Authority in connection with:

5.4.1 the content of any Due Diligence Information; and

5.4.2 any representations or statements made in respect of any Due Diligence Information,

is excluded to the extent permitted by Law, except to the extent of any fraudulent misrepresentation.

5.5 At the Effective Date the Parties acknowledge that the Supplier has not had the opportunity to perform full surveys for all of the Service Environment for the purpose of Clauses 5.1 to 5.3 and that following the Effective Date the Supplier shall undertake the Post-Effective Date Surveys. As a consequence, the Authority has permitted the Supplier to make certain Survey Assumptions in respect of the Service Environment as set out in Appendix 3 of Schedule 5.1 (Milestone Payments and Claims Procedure) and the provisions set out in paragraph 15 of Schedule 5.1 (Milestone Payments and Claims Procedure) shall apply in respect of the Survey Assumptions. The Parties agree that Clauses 5.1 to 5.3 shall apply in full in respect of those particular aspects of the Service Environment that are subject to the Post-Effective Date Surveys, once those additional surveys have been completed.

5.6 Except as provided in Clause 5.5, the Supplier acknowledges that there shall not be any due diligence or joint verification with the Authority after the Effective Date.

PROVISION OF THE DEPLOYED SERVICES

6. PROVISION OF THE NETWORK

6.1 The Supplier shall design, build, lay, rollout, test, install, commission, connect, interconnect, complete, provide, operate and maintain the Network in the Coverage Area and in accordance with this Contract and shall:

6.1.1 install the Network and make it ready for use in accordance with the Implementation Plan, the Project Plan, Clauses 15 to 19 and the other terms of this Contract which relate to the installation of the Network; and

6.1.2 ensure that the Network shall upon the relevant Milestone Date provide the relevant functions, capability and broadband services required by this Contract;

6.1.3 provide, at the request of the Authority from time to time or as otherwise expressly stated within this Contract, all supporting mapping and other deployment data to a granular level (including down to a 7 digit postcode level, premise level and structure level) of actual or planned Network Deployments in the Coverage Area (or parts thereof), in order to ensure transparency to the Authority consistent with the requirements under the Commission Decision and enable it to audit, validate and satisfy itself that the actual provision and roll out of the Network and Deployed Services are or will be provided in accordance with the terms of this Contract.
7. NOT USED

8. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPLIER SOLUTION

8.1 The Supplier shall provide the Deployed Services for the duration of the Term and shall ensure that the Deployed Services:

8.1.1 comply in all respects with the Service Requirements and the other relevant terms of this Contract; and

8.1.2 are supplied in accordance with the Supplier Solution.

8.2 Subject to Clause 5.5:

8.2.1 the Supplier agrees that the inclusion of the Supplier Solution as part of this Contract shall not (subject to Clauses 5.5, 19 and 59) relieve the Supplier of its responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Service Requirements;

8.2.2 if either Party becomes aware of any conflict, inconsistency or ambiguity between the Service Requirements and the Supplier Solution, that Party shall as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within ten (10) Working Days:

(a) notify the other Party of such conflict, inconsistency or ambiguity; and

(b) following receipt by the other Party of such notification, the Parties shall endeavour (acting reasonably) to promptly resolve such conflict, inconsistency or ambiguity and if necessary amend the Supplier Solution to address the conflict or inconsistency through the Change Control Procedure at no cost to the Authority.

9. OTHER BENEFICIARIES

9.1 The Parties agree that:

9.1.1 each Other Beneficiary shall:

(a) be entitled to benefit from the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract to the same extent as the Authority is entitled to do so under the terms of this Contract (as if a Party) provided that, subject to Clause 9.1.3, each Other Beneficiary shall not itself be entitled to enforce any rights it has under this Contract nor bring any Claim against the Supplier; and

(b) be a third party beneficiary for the purposes of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999;

9.1.2 the Authority shall use reasonable endeavours to procure that any Claim that any Other Beneficiary has under this Contract against the Supplier is assigned by that Other Beneficiary to the Authority and managed by the Authority. The Supplier agrees:

(a) that such Claims may be so assigned and managed; and

(b) in the circumstances contemplated under Clause 9.1.2(a), the Authority shall (subject to Clause 57) be entitled to recover Losses suffered by any Other Beneficiary to the same extent that such Losses would be recoverable from the Supplier under this Contract.
had they been suffered by the Authority, notwithstanding that such Losses may not have been suffered by the Authority;

9.1.3 to the extent that the Authority is unable to procure assignment of a Claim in accordance with Clause 9.1.2 (having complied with Clause 9.1.2), the relevant Other Beneficiary shall be entitled to bring such Claim under this Contract directly against the Supplier, as if that Other Beneficiary was the Authority (and the Authority shall provide reasonable notice to the Supplier to the extent it is aware of the intention of the Other Beneficiary to bring such Claim);

9.1.4 subject to Clauses 9.1.2 and 9.1.3, the Authority shall be entitled to enforce the terms of this Contract against the Supplier in relation to the performance or non-performance of the Supplier’s obligations set out in this Contract to an Other Beneficiary; and

9.1.5 an Other Beneficiary shall have no authority to agree changes to, or to waive any breach of, this Contract.

10. GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

10.1 Without prejudice to the Service Requirements, the Supplier shall ensure that the Deployed Services are at all times performed:

10.1.1 in an economic, efficient, effective and safe manner in accordance with Good Industry Practice. For the avoidance of doubt, any additional costs incurred by the Supplier due to uneconomic, inefficient, ineffective and/or unsafe practices is Excluded Expenditure which cannot be recovered from the Authority nor included in the calculation of Qualifying Operating Expenditure or Supplier NGA Network Build Investment;

10.1.2 in accordance with the applicable Codes and Standards and the Consents;

10.1.3 in such a manner as not to detract from or damage the image and reputation of the Authority or the Programme Authority;

10.1.4 in such a manner as not to detract from or prevent the Authority from discharging its obligations and duties (including any statutory and/or financial obligations) in respect of the Network and Deployed Services; and

10.1.5 save as expressly provided in this Contract, so as not to unreasonably impede the Authority in carrying out its functions or increase the cost to the Authority of carrying out its functions.

10.2 Without prejudice to the Service Requirements, the Supplier shall ensure that Network Deployment is:

10.2.1 at all times performed so as to minimise interference with the convenience of the public, access to public/private roads or footpaths, or other users of the Service Environment;

10.2.2 wherever reasonably practicable, in accordance with all reasonably necessary directions given to the Supplier by the Authority during the Term, provided that those directions are not inconsistent with this Contract or are unreasonably burdensome to the Supplier having regard to the requirements of this Contract; and

10.2.3 in a manner that is not injurious to health and that (unless agreed otherwise with the Authority in writing) does not cause any nuisance or damage to any property or the environment.
10.3 The Parties shall at all times act reasonably and in good faith towards (and co-operate with) each other to the extent required for the performance of this Contract.

10.4 If the Supplier fails to comply with its obligations in accordance with this Contract the Authority may, in addition to its other rights, require the Supplier to comply with its obligations (with the costs of such compliance to be borne by the Supplier).

11. CODES AND STANDARDS

The Parties shall discuss any conflict that either Party reasonably believes that there is or will be between any of the Codes and Standards, or between any of the Codes and Standards and any other obligation under this Contract, and the Supplier shall make proposals for resolution of the conflict for consideration by the Authority.

12. CONSENTS

12.1 Subject to Clause 12.2, the Supplier shall, in its name (or, where necessary, in the name of a relevant Subcontractor), apply for, obtain, maintain, renew and adhere to the applicable conditions of all Consents.

12.2 The Authority shall apply for, obtain, maintain and renew all Consents that, as a matter of law, only the Authority is eligible to obtain (as agreed by the Parties in writing).

12.3 The Supplier shall use reasonable endeavours to consult with all relevant local planning and related organisations such as existing broadcast and telecommunications services, English Heritage, air traffic service operators and local planning and highway authorities in respect of any development proposed pursuant to this Contract and the obtaining of the requisite Consents.

13. COMPLIANCE WITH AND CHANGES IN LAW

13.1 The Supplier shall ensure that it performs its obligations under this Contract at all times in compliance with all applicable Laws.

13.2 The Supplier shall neither be relieved of the performance of any of its obligations under this Contract nor be entitled to an increase in any Milestone Payment as the result of:

13.2.1 a General Change in Law; or

13.2.2 a Specific Change in Law where the effect of that Specific Change in Law on the obligations set out in this Contract is known at the Effective Date.

13.3 If a Specific Change in Law occurs or will occur during the Term (other than those referred to in Clause 13.2.2), the Supplier shall notify the Authority of the likely effects of that change, including where the Supplier reasonably believes that:

13.3.1 a change is required to the terms of this Contract;

13.3.2 relief from compliance with the Supplier’s obligations under this Contract is required; and/or

13.3.3 it will incur material additional cost in the performance of its obligations under this Contract as a consequence of the Specific Change in Law.

13.4 As soon as reasonably practicable the Parties shall meet to discuss the likely effects of the Specific Change in Law. Subject to Clauses 13.2.2 and 20.2, any change to this Contract arising from this Clause 13 shall be processed by the Parties in accordance with Clause 31.
14. NOT USED

IMPLEMENTATION

15. NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION

15.1 The Supplier shall conduct Network Deployment and perform the Deployed Services in accordance with this Implementation Plan and the Project Plan.

15.2 In the event that during the Deployment Period the Authority identifies any Default in respect to any aspects of the Network Deployment and/or any aspect of the Deployed Services, without prejudice to any other right or claim it may have, the Authority shall have the right to initially issue to the Supplier a written notice making express reference to this clause, raising this Default, what remedial action it requires the Supplier to take and timing for such remediation (being a period of at least 10 Working Days) ("Warning Notice"). In the event that following issue of a Warning Notice the Default has not been remedied the Authority shall have the right to issue to the Supplier a further written notice making express reference to this clause directing that deployment work should immediately stop on that element of the Network impacted by the Supplier non-compliance ("Stop Notice").

15.3 Where the Authority issues a Stop Notice, the Authority shall set out in the Stop Notice the Supplier’s Default, necessary remedial actions to be undertaken by the Supplier and by when.

15.4 Where the Supplier addresses the Default identified in the Stop Notice and this occurs no later than the deadline date specified in the Stop Notice, then the Authority shall formally write to the Supplier within 5 Working Days of such deadline date, requiring the Supplier to re-commence the Deployed Services and Network Deployment pursuant to the Contract ("Go Notice").

15.5 Where the Supplier continues to deploy the Network or carry out the Deployed Services before the Go Notice is served upon the Supplier, then the Supplier does so at its own risk and cost. The Supplier agrees that such cost shall not be considered as eligible NGA Network Build Cost.

15.6 Where the Supplier has not addressed the Default raised in the Stop Notice by the corresponding deadline date then, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, the Parties shall resolve the matter in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

15.7 The issue of a Stop Notice shall not constitute a Relief Event in respect of the original Default, save that:

15.7.1 the Supplier shall not be liable for any additional delay solely due from observance of the Stop Notice; and

15.7.2 to the extent observance of the Stop Notice itself results in any increased NGA Network Build Costs these are not excluded from treatment as eligible as NGA Network Build Costs. Where actual NGA Network Build exceeds or is forecast to exceed NGA Network Build Cost in the Project Model, the excess shall be dealt with in accordance with Clause 31.

16. MILESTONES
16.1 The Supplier shall ensure that each Milestone is Achieved on or before the associated Milestone Date in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 4.1 (Implementation).

16.2 The Authority shall issue a Milestone Achievement Certificate upon the Achievement of each Milestone in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 4.1 (Implementation). Notwithstanding the issuing of any Milestone Achievement Certificate, the Supplier shall remain solely responsible for ensuring that the Supplier Solution as designed and developed is suitable for the delivery of the Deployed Services and that the Deployed Services are delivered in accordance with the terms of this Contract. No estoppel or waiver shall arise as a result of the issue of any Milestone Achievement Certificate.

17. DELAY – GENERAL PROVISIONS

17.1 If the Supplier becomes aware that it will not (or is unlikely to) Achieve any Milestone by the Milestone Date it shall as soon as is practicable notify the Authority of the fact of the Delay and summarise the reasons for it.

17.2 The Supplier shall (without prejudice to the Authority's rights and remedies under this Contract):

17.2.1 in respect of Delay caused by the Supplier's Default; and

17.2.2 in respect of all other Delay,

use all reasonable endeavours to eliminate or mitigate the consequences of the Delay by deploying all necessary resources.

17.3 The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that any additional cost incurred in complying with Clause 17.2 where such delay resulted from Default by the Supplier, such cost is Excluded Expenditure which cannot be recovered from the Authority nor included in the calculation of Qualifying Operating Expenditure or Supplier NGA Network Build Investment.

18. DELAY DUE TO SUPPLIER DEFAULT

18.1 Unless agreed otherwise by the Parties in writing, the Supplier shall submit a draft Remedial Plan in accordance with Clause 38 (and without prejudice to the Authority’s rights under Clause 15) where due to any Default by the Supplier:

18.1.1 it becomes aware that it will not Achieve a Milestone by the associated Milestone Date; and/or

18.1.2 it has failed to Achieve a Milestone by the associated Milestone Date.

18.2 Each draft Remedial Plan provided pursuant to Clause 18.1 shall identify the issues arising out of the Delay and the steps that the Supplier proposes to take to Achieve the Milestone in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

18.3 If an M1 Milestone is not Achieved by the associated Milestone Date due (in whole or in part) to any Default by the Supplier, the Authority may at its discretion (without waiving any rights in relation to the other options or rights under or in relation to this Contract) elect to:

18.3.1 issue a Milestone Achievement Certificate conditional on the remediation of the issue in accordance with an agreed Remedial Plan; and/or

18.3.2 escalate the matter in accordance with the Escalation Process;
18.4 Where the Authority issues a conditional Milestone Achievement Certificate in respect of a M1 Milestone in accordance with Clause 18.3.1:

18.4.1 the Authority shall be entitled to revise the failed Milestone Date and any subsequent Milestone Date;

18.4.2 the Supplier shall be entitled to commence the performance of any work required to Achieve the subsequent M2 Milestone; and

18.4.3 unless the Authority agrees otherwise in writing, any Milestone Payment associated with the relevant M1 Milestone shall not be payable until the remediation of the issue in accordance with the agreed Remedial Plan.

19. DELAY DUE TO A RELIEF EVENT

19.1 If and to the extent that as a direct result of the occurrence of a Relief Event the Supplier is unable to comply with its obligations under this Contract, then the Supplier shall be entitled to apply for relief in accordance with this Clause 19.

19.2 As soon as practicable after the Supplier becomes aware that a Relief Event has, will or is reasonably likely to cause the Supplier to be in Default of its obligations under this Contract, the Supplier shall promptly provide the Authority with a Relief Notice which shall include:

19.2.1 a description of the Relief Event along with the date of occurrence and likely duration of the Relief Event;

19.2.2 the Supplier's proposals for either remedying or mitigating the effects of the Relief Event;

19.2.3 the Supplier's claim for relief from its obligations under this Contract,

and the Supplier shall provide such additional information and/or attend any meetings with the Authority as the Authority may reasonably require for the purpose of clarifying the Relief Notice.

19.3 Subject to Clauses 19.1 and 19.4 and provided the Supplier has complied with Clauses 17.2.2 and 19.2 and used reasonable endeavours to perform the relevant obligations affected by the Relief Event:

19.3.1 the Supplier shall not be treated as being in Default of this Contract to the extent that such Default is a direct result of the Relief Event; and

19.3.2 if as a direct consequence of the Relief Event the Supplier is unable to meet a deadline related to the performance of its obligations under this Contract, the deadline date shall be postponed by a reasonable time taking into account the likely effect of the delay caused by the Relief Event.

19.4 The Supplier shall not be entitled to relief in accordance with this Clause 19 to the extent that the relief from its obligations under this Contract claimed could reasonably be expected to be mitigated by the Supplier acting in accordance with Good Industry Practice and without incurring material additional expenditure.

19.5 Following the issue of a Relief Notice in accordance with Clause 19.2 the Parties shall negotiate in good faith and as soon as reasonably practicable attempt to agree upon the relief to be granted to the Supplier. If the Parties cannot agree the extent of any relief required, or that a Relief Event has occurred, the Parties shall resolve the matter in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
19.6 To the extent that the consequences of a Relief Event can be addressed by a change to the Project Plan without impacting upon the Implementation Plan, then the Parties shall use their respective reasonable endeavours to agree a change to the Project Plan in accordance with paragraph 5.8.2 of Schedule 4.1 (Implementation) without recourse to the Change Control Procedure.

19.7 To the extent that the consequences of a Relief Event:

19.7.1 materially adversely affect (or are likely to materially adversely affect) the performance of the Deployed Services for a sustained and indeterminate period;

19.7.2 have been mitigated by the Supplier in accordance with Good Industry Practice without incurring material expenditure pursuant to Clause 19.4; and

19.7.3 cannot be addressed solely by a change to the Project Plan without recourse to the Change Control Procedure in accordance with Clause 19.6,

then the Parties shall use their respective reasonable endeavours to address the consequences of the Relief Event in accordance with Clause 31.

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

20. **MILESTONE PAYMENTS AND INVOICING**

20.1 In consideration of the Supplier performing the Deployed Services the Authority shall pay the Milestone Payments to the Supplier subject to and in accordance with Schedule 5.1 (Milestone Payments and Claims Procedure) and the other terms of this Contract.

20.2 Unless agreed otherwise by the Authority in writing or as expressly set out in this Contract and save for any right to claim for damages under this Contract or at law (subject always to Clause 57), the Milestone Payments shall be the only payments (of any kind) made by the Authority in respect of the Supplier's performance of its obligations under this Contract.

20.3 Except as expressly provided in this Contract, the Parties shall each bear their own costs and expenses incurred in respect of compliance with their obligations set out in this Contract.

20.4 Interest shall be payable on the late payment of any undisputed Milestone Payment properly invoiced in accordance with the terms of this Contract at the rate of two (2) per cent per annum above the base rate for the time being of the Bank of England. Such interest shall accrue on a daily basis from the due date until the date of actual payment of the overdue amount.

20.5 The Supplier shall ensure that a term is included in any Key Subcontract permitted under this Contract which requires the Supplier to pay any undisputed sums due to the relevant Key Subcontractor within a specified period that does not exceed 60 days from the date the Supplier receives the Key Subcontractor's invoice.
21. WHOLESALE ACCESS PRICES

21.1 The Supplier shall make available Wholesale Access Products and Services at the Project Wholesale Access Prices in accordance with the relevant terms of this Contract.

21.2 The Project Wholesale Access Prices shall be benchmarked in accordance with Schedule 5.2 (Wholesale Access Pricing).

22. PROJECT MODEL

The provisions of Schedule 5.3 (The Project Model) shall apply in respect of the operation and maintenance of the Project Model.

23. STATE AID

23.1 Both the Supplier and the Authority acknowledge that it is the Authority’s responsibility to comply with the State Aid Terms and that the Milestone Payments made by the Authority to the Supplier pursuant to this Contract are made pursuant to an approved State aid scheme.

23.2 The Supplier shall provide such assistance, information and/or support as the Authority may reasonably require from time to time in connection with the Authority’s responsibilities under the State Aid Terms, or with any action, examination and/or investigation by the European Commission, pursuant to the State Aid Terms as may, in the Authority’s view, be reasonably necessary and relevant, but for the avoidance of doubt shall not require the Supplier to provide legal advice subject to privilege to the Authority, and the Supplier shall be given adequate time to provide the information.

23.3 If the European Commission issues a recovery decision as defined in Article 16(1) of Council Regulation 2015/1589 in connection with this Contract naming the Supplier as beneficiary of unlawful aid, then, unless a repayment date has been specified by the European Commission or the national court, the Authority shall issue a written notice to the Supplier (with such notice including a copy of the relevant European Commission decision) and the Supplier shall pay without delay and in any event not later than 20 Working Days from the date of such written notice, an amount equivalent to the unlawful and incompatible aid of which the Supplier is beneficiary (plus interest, calculated from the date when the unlawful aid was first provided to the Supplier as applicable), which the European Commission requires to be repaid pursuant to its decision into a blocked account to which neither Party has unilateral access pending either: (i) the expiry of the deadlines for the Supplier to bring proceedings challenging the recovery decision without the Supplier having brought such proceedings before such expiry; or, where the Supplier has brought proceedings before such expiry, (ii) the final outcome of those proceedings including any appeals, provided that where the European Commission’s decision does not specify the precise amount of unlawful aid to be recovered, the Parties shall (acting reasonably) calculate and agree upon the precise amount to be repaid.

23.4 If the European Commission issues a recovery decision as defined in Article 16(1) of Council Regulation 2015/1589 in connection with this Contract naming the Supplier as beneficiary, the Supplier acknowledges that Clause 23.3 shall apply regardless of whether:

23.4.1 the Supplier is in Default and irrespective of the Supplier’s financial circumstances, except that the Authority shall apply paragraphs 60 to 68 of the Commission’s recovery notice in respect of the Supplier; and

23.4.2 in the Authority’s view, as previously indicated to the Supplier, the State aid granted in connection with this Contract complies with the State Aid Terms.
23.5 If the Supplier fails to bring proceedings in respect of the repayment decision before the expiry of the deadlines for those proceedings or loses any proceedings and fails to the extent possible to bring an appeal against that loss:

23.5.1 the Supplier shall immediately give its consent for the unlawful and incompatible aid (plus interest, as applicable) to be released from the blocked account to the Authority and/or to such other government body as the Authority may direct, including in particular the Programme Authority;

23.5.2 without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Supplier at law (subject always to Clause 57), the Authority shall make no payment to the Supplier to indemnify the Supplier for the recovery of the unlawful and incompatible State aid; and

23.5.3 subject to Clauses 20.2 and 23.5.2, the Parties shall deal with the effect on this Contract of the repayment of the unlawful State aid in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

24. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Schedule 5.4 shall apply in respect of any Additional Funding within the scope of this Contract.

25. NO INDEXATION

The Milestone Payments shall not be subject to indexation of any kind.

26. TAX

In the event that the Milestone Payments are, or become at any time, subject to VAT then the Authority shall provide such reasonable assistance as the Supplier may reasonably require in order to resolve this matter.

27. COST OF PASSING PREMISES

[Bidder Note 1 – a) the provisions of this Clause 27 are still being finalised; and
b) in respect of any Survey Assumptions as they affect or will apply to Premises Cap and Affected Premises, the Authority intends to apply the principles set out in paragraph 9 of Schedule 4.1]

[Bidder Note 2 – principle to be drafted into the body of Clause 27 - If the Authority identifies, through a review of actual costs incurred, that the premise cap has been exceeded after the deployment has been completed, the Supplier shall only be entitled to claim as QCE the lesser of i) forecast cost at M0 or ii) £1,700 per premise for the Affected Premises]

[Bidder Note 3 – principle to be drafted into the body of Clause 27 - To calculate cost per premise passed where the unexpected cost is DIRECT & UNIQUE to a structure : (Forecast cost of structure at M0 (including direct and shared costs but excluding planning and programme-wide costs (such as PMO)) divided by ( total premises passed by that structure)]

[Bidder Note 4 – principle to be drafted into the body of Clause 27 - To calculate cost per premise passed where the unexpected cost is SHARED across a number of structures : (Forecast direct costs of all structures attached to shared infrastructure + the forecast cost of shared infrastructure) as identified by the Supplier and provided to the Authority at M0 + (unexpected shared costs) divided by total premises pass by all structures]
27.1 Subject to Clause 27.11, where subsequent to Achieving Milestone M0 for a Phase but prior to completion of a Milestone M2 for that Phase, the Supplier reasonably believes that an unexpected cost will result in the Qualifying Capital Expenditure for any End User Premises part of the Network will exceed both (i) the cost forecast for the affected End User Premises at M0; and (ii) the Premises Cap ("Affected Premises"), the Supplier shall, subject to Clause 27.5 as soon as is reasonably practicable trigger the Premises Cap procedure described below in this Clause 27. In the case of shared infrastructure, the foregoing only applies where the cost per End User Premise for all End User Premises facilitated by this shared infrastructure exceeds (i) and (ii).

27.2 The Premises Cap procedure below shall only apply where and to the extent the Supplier can evidence to the Authority that:

27.2.1 the unexpected cost is a result of one or more of the Survey Assumptions set out in Appendix 3 of Schedule 5.1 no longer being valid;

27.2.2 the impact of such divergence from a Survey Assumption was not capable of being identified at or before completion of the M0 for the relevant Phase;

27.2.3 the reason for the divergence from the Survey Assumption in the instance concerned could not reasonably have been identified by the Supplier through its application of Good Industry Practice at or before completion of M0 for the relevant Phase.

27.3 In the event that not all three criteria in Clause 27.2 are satisfied then:

27.3.1 the Premises Cap procedure shall not apply;

27.3.2 the Authority shall be under no requirement to agree any form of associated Contract Change or take any other action to address the associated cost impact on the Supplier;

27.3.3 the Supplier shall only be permitted to count NGA Network Build Costs up to the lower amount of the Premises Cap or the costs forecast for that structure a M0. All excess costs shall be at the cost to the Supplier.

27.4 In the event that all three criteria set out in Clause 27.2 are satisfied the Supplier shall first seek to implement an alternative form of Network Deployment to achieve the same or better outcome where it is reasonably practicable to do so without in respect of the Affected Premises i) exceeding the Premises Cap; and/or ii) requiring a Contract Change.

27.5 In the event it is not reasonably practicable to provide an alternative form of Network Deployment in the manner described in Clause 27.1 without exceeding the Premises Cap and/or requiring a Contract Change, the Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable notify the Authority of the:

If the unexpected cost is unique to a specific structure:

27.5.1 forecast cost of the structure as identified by the Supplier and provided to the Authority at M0 split between direct cost (being cost solely relating to the End User Premises concerned) and shared cost (being cost relating to the End User Premises concerned and other non-impacted End User Premises) as well as by Network sub-component, for the End User Premises concerned. Forecast cost should only include direct Network build costs and
should exclude from the calculation, planning costs and programme-wide deployment costs (e.g. programme management);

27.5.2 the total number of all premises connected to the structure and NGA white End User Premises passed per structure;

27.5.3 unexpected incremental direct cost that is now expected to be incurred (above and beyond the forecast cost established at Milestone M0);

If the unexpected cost is a shared cost, which will impact more than one structure:

27.5.4 forecast cost of all structures and shared Network that will be impacted by the unexpected cost as identified by the Supplier and provided to the Authority at M0 split by DIRECT and SHARED and by sub component (direct for each structure, shared will be across all structures). Forecast cost should include direct Network build costs and should exclude from the calculation, planning costs and programme-wide deployment costs (e.g. programme management);

27.5.5 the total number of all End User Premises connected to the structure and NGA white End User Premises passed per structure;

27.5.6 unexpected incremental shared cost (beyond that provided at M0) that is now expected to be incurred;

Plus in either of the above instances:

27.5.7 the non financial / commercial reasons why the Premises Cap and the forecast M0 cost will be exceeded together with supporting evidence to validate such reasons; and

27.5.8 an impact assessment of each potential option under Clause 27.6 which shall include:

(a) the impact of each option on this Contract including in respect of the Implementation Plan, the Speed and Coverage Template, the Milestone Payments, the Project Model and the provision of the Deployed Services;

(b) the identification of the specific material technical or operational risks (if any) associated with the delivery of each option; and

(c) any other matter considered by the Supplier to be relevant for the purpose of the Authority’s selection of the relevant option under Clause 27.6.

The Authority shall as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the notification under Clause 27.5 select (at its sole discretion) one or more (if technically feasible to implement more than one option in respect of the Affected Premises) of the following options:

27.6.1 continue with the Network Deployment of the Affected Premises as planned, provided that agreement is reached between the Parties in accordance with Clause 27.7 as to the:

(a) payment of any Qualifying Capital Expenditure for Network Deployment additional to the forecast (as at the Effective Date) Qualifying Capital Expenditure calculated in accordance with Clause Error! Reference source not found. (which may include,
where applicable, the use of any Network Deployment savings and/or any contingency if applied); and/or

(b) reduction in the scope of the Deployed Services to an appropriate level to compensate the Supplier for any additional Qualifying Capital Expenditure for Network Deployment of the Affected Premises;

27.6.2 place Network Deployment of the Affected Premises on hold for deferral provided that:

(i) the number of End User Premises required to be passed under the relevant Phase in which the Affected Premises were originally placed and the corresponding M2 Milestone is reduced by the number of deferred Affected Premises;

(ii) the Affected Premises together with an amount equal to the proportion of the total forecasted Qualifying Capital Expenditure for each Affected Premise calculated in accordance with Clause 27.5 is transferred to the relevant Milestone Payment(s) in the deferred Phase (once such deferred Phase is agreed in accordance with Clause 27.9) with such sums/Affected Premises being held provisionally in the final Phase in the interim; and

(iii) there is at least one subsequent Phase which has not commenced.

27.6.3 remove the Affected Premises and de-scope the Deployed Services accordingly (including de-scoping the affected Milestone(s) and Speed and Coverage Template), provided that the Milestone Payments shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to the total forecasted Qualifying Capital Expenditure for each Affected Premise calculated in accordance with Clause 27.5 (less any actual Qualifying Capital Expenditure in respect of the Affected Premises (i) for which the Supplier is entitled to submit a Milestone Payment Claim but has not done so or has submitted a Milestone Payment Claim and the Authority has not made the corresponding Milestone Payment; or (ii) which has been paid by the Authority in the form of Milestone Payment(s), in each case following the Achievement of any applicable M0 Milestones, M1 Milestones and/or M2 Milestones and in accordance with the terms of this Contract); and/or

27.6.4 where it is reasonably practicable to provide an alternative form of Network Deployment in the manner described in Clause 27.1 without exceeding the Premises Cap but requiring a Contract Change, provide such alternative form of Network Deployment provided that agreement is reached between the Parties in respect of the necessary changes to this Contract in accordance with Clause 27.7.

27.7 Once an option(s) has been selected by the Authority pursuant to Clause 27.6 and notified to the Supplier the Parties shall agree any consequential changes required to this Contract without recourse to the Change Control Procedure (provided that once the changes are agreed the Supplier shall document such changes in a Change Request for authorisation by the Parties in a Change Authorisation). Any failure to agree the necessary changes in accordance with the option(s) selected by the Authority shall be dealt with by the Parties under the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

27.8 Provided the Supplier has acted in good faith to reach formal agreement of any changes as contemplated by Clause 27.7 and otherwise complied with its obligations under this Clause 27, if and to the extent that as a direct result of the operation of Clauses 27.5 to 27.7 the Supplier is unable to achieve a Milestone by the associated
Milestone Date as planned, such circumstance shall not be treated by the Authority as a Supplier Default and shall not prevent or delay issue of a Milestone Achievement Certificate in respect of the Milestone Achievement Criteria that have been Achieved at the relevant Milestone Date.

27.9 If the deferred option under Clause 27.6.2 is selected by the Authority with corresponding amendments to this Contract agreed under Clause 27.7 to reflect such option, then prior to the commencement of each subsequent Phase:

27.9.1 the Supplier shall (providing the Supplier is not obliged to incur additional survey cost in doing so) determine whether Network Deployment can be provided to the Affected Premises as planned within the Premises Cap; or

27.9.2 where the Supplier determines that the Affected Premises still exceed the Premises Cap, the Authority shall determine whether to keep the Affected Premises deferred provisionally to the final Phase in accordance with Clause 27.6.2 or to select one of the other options under Clause 27.6 with relevant Contract Changes required to be agreed under Clause 27.7.

27.10 This Clause 27 shall not apply where the Premises Cap has been exceeded due (in whole or in part) to any Supplier Default.

27.11 For the purpose of Clause 27.1, the number of Affected Premises and the associated Qualifying Capital Expenditure shall be determined with reference to:

27.11.1 the particular Network Deployment structure(s) (e.g. cabinet, distribution point, manifolds and/or splitters) being implemented in respect of the Affected Premises;

27.11.2 the number of End User Premises planned to be passed by such structure(s) (which shall be the number of Affected Premises); and

27.11.3 the Qualifying Capital Expenditure for Network Deployment associated with passing the Affected Premises and not passing and connecting the Affected Premises.

28. FINANCIAL DISTRESS

28.1 During the Term the Supplier shall regularly monitor its own and each of its Key Subcontractors’ credit ratings or (where used as proxies for credit ratings) Dun & Bradstreet rating, which at the Effective Date are as follows:

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28.2 The Supplier shall promptly notify (or shall procure that its auditors promptly notify) the Authority and Programme Authority in writing following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event (and in any event ensure that such notification is made within ten (10) Working Days of the date on which the Supplier first becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event).

28.3 In the event that the Authority reasonably believes that the Financial Distress Event could adversely impact the performance of this Contract and/or the security of public subsidy already granted (or to be granted) pursuant to this Contract, at the request of the Authority the Supplier shall:
28.3.1 (and shall procure that the relevant Key Subcontractors shall) meet with the Authority as soon as practicable to review the effect of the Financial Distress Event on the continued performance of this Contract and/or the security of public subsidy already granted (or to be granted) pursuant to this Contract;

28.3.2 as soon as practicable and in any event within ten (10) Working Days (taking into account any discussions and any representations made pursuant to Clause 28.3.1), provide a draft Financial Distress Event Remedial Plan for approval by the Authority explaining how the Supplier and/or relevant Key Subcontractor will remedy the potential adverse impact of the Financial Distress Event on the continued performance of this Contract and/or the security of public subsidy already granted (or to be granted) pursuant to this Contract; and

28.3.3 provide such financial information as the Authority may reasonably require to support Clause 28.3.2.

28.4 The Supplier shall incorporate any reasonable comments provided by the Authority on the draft Financial Distress Event Remedial Plan and provide such number of revised drafts as may reasonably be required until the Authority has approved the Financial Distress Event Remedial Plan (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

28.5 Following approval of any Financial Distress Event Remedial Plan pursuant to Clause 28.4, the Supplier shall implement the plan in accordance with its terms and review the plan on a regular basis and assess whether it remains adequate and up to date so as to ensure the continued performance of this Contract and/or the security of public subsidy already granted (or to be granted).

28.6 The Authority's rights set out in this Clause 28 shall be without prejudice to the Authority's termination rights set out in Clause 61.

29. [GUARANTEE]

[Bidder Note: See ITT for explanation of when a Parent Company Guarantee may be required.]

29.1 [On or before the execution of this Contract the Supplier shall procure that the Parent Company shall execute and deliver to the Authority an original copy of the Guarantee.]

29.2 Nothing in the Guarantee shall in any way affect or diminish the obligations of the Supplier under this Contract which shall be required to be complied with in full.

30. [PERFORMANCE BOND]

[Bidder Note: See ITT for explanation of when a Performance Bond may be required.]

30.1 [On or before the execution of this Contract the Supplier shall procure that the relevant parties shall execute and deliver to the Authority an original copy of the Performance Bond.]

30.2 Nothing in the Performance Bond shall in any way affect or diminish the obligations of the Supplier under this Contract which shall be required to be complied with in full.

30.3 The surety under the Performance Bond shall be an entity authorised to issue bonds in England and Wales. The surety should have a minimum long term rating "A3" from Moody's or "A-") from Standard & Poors (or equivalent rating from a replacement agency if Moody's and/or Standard & Poors cease to exist) with both minimum rating levels to apply when the surety is rated by both agencies.
30.4 [Without prejudice to the rights and remedies of the Authority, if the Authority intends to call in the Performance Bond, the Authority shall give the Supplier five (5) Working Days’ notice of such intention. If during the said five (5) Working Days the Supplier discharges by way of bank draft made payable to the Authority the full amount of the Performance Bond, then the Authority shall refrain from proceeding to call in the Performance Bond.]

31. SUPPLIER COSTS BORNE BY THE AUTHORITY

31.1 Where the terms of this Contract expressly provide that any increased costs incurred by the Supplier in performing the Deployed Services shall be borne by the Authority (in full or in part) or otherwise that the matter is to be addressed in accordance with this Clause 0, unless expressly provided otherwise in this Contract the Parties shall use their respective reasonable endeavours to agree (using the Change Control Procedure where applicable) the application of one or more of the following options in respect of any such costs:

31.1.1 the Parties shall endeavour to agree that any increased costs incurred by the Supplier in performing Network Deployment can be absorbed within the existing Milestone Payment arrangements, for example where the Supplier has incurred less cost in other areas of the Network Deployment, without amendment to the Milestones and the associated Milestone Achievement Criteria;

31.1.2 the Parties shall endeavour to agree amendments to the Milestones, the Milestone Achievement Criteria and/or the Milestone Payments provided that (subject to Clause 31.1.5) the aggregate Milestone Payments from time to time shall not exceed the aggregate Milestone Payments agreed at the Effective Date;

31.1.3 the Parties shall endeavour to agree amendments to the Service Requirements, the Supplier Solution and/or (subject to Clauses 20.2 and 31.1.2) any other term of this Contract;

31.1.4 the Parties shall endeavour to agree that the Supplier shall bear the increased costs incurred by the Supplier in performing the Deployed Services; and/or

31.1.5 only in exceptional circumstances, the Authority may make available additional funds to satisfy some or all of the increased costs.

SUBCONTRACTING AND SUPPLY CHAIN RIGHTS

32. SUBCONTRACTORS

32.1 The Supplier shall not subcontract any Key Service without the Authority’s prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In providing its consent pursuant to this Clause 32.1, the Authority may impose such conditions as the Authority reasonably considers appropriate including a requirement that certain terms and conditions from this Contract are flowed down to the relevant Key Subcontract.

32.2 At the Effective Date the Authority has consented to the engagement of the Key Subcontractors listed in Schedule 3.3 (Key Subcontractors). The Supplier shall provide to the Authority copies of any draft or final Key Subcontracts if required by Authority from time to time.
32.3 The Supplier shall ensure that a provision is included in each Key Subcontract requiring the Key Subcontractor to:

32.3.1 promptly notify the Supplier and the Authority in writing of a Key Subcontractor Financial Distress Event or any fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Key Subcontractor Financial Distress Event (and in any event, provide such notification within ten (10) Working Days of the date on which the Key Subcontractor first becomes aware of the Key Subcontractor Financial Distress Event or the fact, circumstance or matter which could cause the Key Subcontractor Financial Distress Event); and

32.3.2 co-operate with the Supplier and the Authority in order to give full effect to the provisions of Clauses 28.3 to 28.5, including meeting with the Supplier and the Authority to discuss and review the effect of the Key Subcontractor Financial Distress Event on the continued performance and delivery of the Deployed Services and/or the security of public subsidy already granted (or to be granted) pursuant to this Contract, and contributing to and complying with the Financial Distress Event Remedial Plan.

32.4 The Supplier shall not terminate or materially amend any Key Subcontract to the extent this could adversely affect the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under this Contract, or change the identity of any Key Subcontractor without the Authority’s prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. This provision shall not apply to restrict amendments to Key Subcontracts to the extent these represent changes which ordinarily occur in the normal course of business.

32.5 At the Effective Date the Supplier undertakes that it has not entered into (and shall not enter into at any time during the Term) any form of exclusivity arrangement with any Subcontractor that would be detrimental to the level of competition for any other broadband project that may be procured by the Authority or other Local Body.

32.6 The Authority shall have the right to require the Supplier to cease to use any Subcontractor in connection with this Contract where the Subcontractor’s failure has led to material Default of this Contract by the Supplier.

33. SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES

33.1 Subject to Clause 33.3, the Supplier shall implement such processes and measures as may be appropriate so as to ensure that, where the Supplier is proposing to subcontract any of the Deployed Services prior to or at any time during the Term, SMEs (when compared with other potential Subcontractors) are given fair, equal and proportionate access to the subcontracting opportunity. At a minimum, the Supplier shall:

33.1.1 to the extent practicable, advertise its subcontracting opportunities in a form which is accessible by all potential Subcontractors including SMEs (for example, on the Government’s Contracts Finder website); and

33.1.2 propose to potential Subcontractors that are SMEs, such commercial, financial and technical terms and conditions that are, where appropriate and proportionate to the nature, size and capacity of the proposed Subcontractor and having regard to the services to be subcontracted, no more onerous than the relevant terms and conditions proposed by the Supplier to other potential Subcontractors.

33.2 The Supplier shall report on its engagement with, and the opportunities made available to, SMEs pursuant to Clauses 33.1 and 33.3 in accordance with Schedule 6.4 (Reports). The Supplier shall be entitled to withhold specific details about the relevant SMEs to the extent this would place the Supplier in breach of confidentiality obligations owed by the Supplier to such SMEs.
33.3 Nothing in this Clause 33 shall require the Supplier to disrupt or not utilise contracted supply chain arrangements which are in place for the purposes of the Supplier's wider business and which are in effect prior to, or which come into effect after, the Effective Date, provided that the Supplier can demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority that such supply chain arrangements are consistent with the SME objectives set out in this Clause 33.

**GOVERNANCE AND KEY PROCEDURES**

34. REPRESENTATIVES

34.1 The Authority shall appoint an Authority Representative and the Supplier shall appoint a Supplier Representative who shall have the authority to act on behalf of the respective Party on the matters pursuant to this Contract. Either Party may, by prior written notice to the other Party, revoke or amend the authority of its Representative or appoint a new or an alternate Representative.

34.2 The respective Representatives shall be sufficiently senior within the organisation of the appointing Party, and granted sufficient authority by that Party, to ensure full cooperation in relation to the operation and the management of this Contract.

35. GOVERNANCE

The Parties agree to manage their relationship and this Contract in accordance with Schedule 6.1 (Governance).

36. AUDIT

36.1 If an audit is imposed on the Authority and/or this Contract by any Regulatory Body at any time during the Term and the 12 month period following the Term the provisions set out in this Clause 36 shall apply.

36.2 The relevant Regulatory Body (and/or its agents or representatives) may perform any such audit in accordance with this Clause 36.

36.3 There shall be no restriction on the frequency of such audits and the Authority shall use reasonable endeavours to procure that the relevant Regulatory Body (or where applicable its agents or representatives) shall endeavour, but shall not be obliged, to provide at least 15 Working Days’ notice of the intention to conduct such audit.

36.4 The Authority shall use reasonable endeavours to procure that the conduct of any such audit does not unreasonably disrupt the Supplier or delay the performance of this Contract.

36.5 Subject to Clauses 36.6 and 50, the Supplier shall provide the relevant Regulatory Body (and/or its agents or representatives) with all such reasonable co-operation and assistance as is reasonably necessary in relation to any such audit, including provision of:

36.5.1 such relevant information requested by the relevant Regulatory Body (and/or its agents or representatives) on an Open Book basis (and/or the Authority’s or Regulatory Body’s its agents or representatives) within the scope of the audit imposed by the Regulatory Body (provided that the Authority shall use reasonable endeavours to procure that the Regulatory Body shall limit the scope of any audit to the information provided or maintained pursuant to Clause 37 and the verification of such information, with the Supplier
acknowledging that the relevant powers of the Regulatory Body cannot be fettered and that the Regulatory Body may request additional information pursuant to this Clause 36.5.1); and

36.5.2 reasonable access to any site controlled by the Supplier or any Key Subcontractor (including any Network implementation or maintenance works conducted pursuant to this Contract) and/or reasonable access to Supplier Personnel, in each case where the scope of the relevant audit cannot be satisfied by the provision of the information provided pursuant to Clause 36.5.1.

36.6 The Parties agree that:

36.6.1 the provision of information by electronic means shall be used to satisfy an audit pursuant to this Clause 36 unless in the relevant Regulatory Body's (or its agent's or representative's) reasonable opinion this will not satisfy the audit requirement; and

36.6.2 where the inspection at any site controlled by the Supplier is required, such inspection shall be subject to the Supplier's then current standard security policies to the extent notified to the relevant Regulatory Body (or where applicable its agents or representatives) in advance of the relevant inspection.

36.7 The Supplier shall bear its own costs and expenses incurred in respect of compliance with this Clause 36, unless and to the extent such costs and expenses are recoverable as Qualifying Capital Expenditure pursuant to Schedule 5.1 (Milestone Payments and Claims Procedure).

36.8 The Authority shall procure that the relevant Regulatory Body (and where applicable its agents and representatives) shall bear its own costs and expenses incurred in respect of compliance with this Clause 36.

36.9 Where as a consequence of any audit carried out pursuant to this Clause 36 the relevant Regulatory Body (or its agents or representatives) reasonably considers that a re-audit is required, then such re-audit may be carried out in accordance with this Clause 36.

37. REPORTS AND RECORDS

37.1 The Supplier shall produce and provide to the Authority and the Programme Authority the reports set out in Schedule 6.4 (Reports) and such other reports as are expressly set out in this Contract on an Open Book basis, along with such reasonable additional ad hoc reports concerning the operation of this Contract as the Authority may reasonably require from time to time. Where the preparation of any ad hoc report requested by the Authority pursuant to this Clause 37.1 shall impose a material burden on the Supplier's resources, theSupplier shall notify the Authority and the Parties shall (prior to the Supplier actioning the request) promptly discuss the issue and agree in writing a reasonable resolution (including using the Change Control Procedure where applicable).

37.2 The Supplier shall keep and maintain:

37.2.1 for the duration of the Term; and

37.2.2 for seven (7) years or such longer period if required by Law after the termination or expiry of this Contract (taking into account the Supplier's own information retention policies in respect of such seven (7) year or longer period):
(i) the MPC Supporting Documentation described in paragraph 4 and the Project Accounts and other financial records on an Open Book basis and as described in paragraph 5 of Schedule 5.1 (Milestone Payments and Claims Procedure); and (ii) such other reasonable and complete records concerning the provision of the Deployed Services and the operation of this Contract as may reasonably be necessary to keep and maintain in accordance with Good Industry Practice, which the Supplier shall provide to (i) the Authority pursuant to paragraph 4.3 of Schedule 5.1 (Milestone Payments and Claims Procedure); and (ii) as required pursuant to Clause 36.

37.3 The Supplier shall grant the Authority reasonable access to any:

37.3.1 site controlled and/or managed by the Supplier or any Key Subcontractor which is used in the provision of the Deployed Services; and/or

37.3.2 Supplier Personnel,

to the extent required in order to access relevant records and information in circumstances where the Supplier is failing to meet its obligations under this Clause 37. In such circumstances, the Authority shall first give the Supplier at least 5 Working Days’ notice of its intention to exercise this right of access.

37.4 Subject to Clause 50, the Authority may share the reports and records provided or made available to it pursuant to this Clause 37 with the Programme Authority any Crown Body or Local Body.

38. REMEDIAL PLAN PROCESS

38.1 Subject to Clause 38.2, if the Supplier commits a material Default and such Default is capable of remedy in accordance with Clause 61.1.1(a), or an event to which the Remedial Plan Process is stated to apply occurs, the Remedial Plan Process shall apply.

38.2 The Remedial Plan Process shall be without prejudice to the Authority’s right to terminate this Contract without providing a remedy period in accordance with Clauses 61.1.1(b) and 61.1.2 to 61.1.6 or the Authority’s right to serve a Stop Notice upon the Supplier in accordance with Clause 15.

39. CHANGE CONTROL

39.1 Subject to Clause 39.2, the Parties shall comply with their respective obligations in relation to Contract Changes as set out in Schedule 6.2 (Change Control Procedure).

39.2 Subject to Clause 39.3, if and to the extent that the Wholesale Access Products and Services incorporate (expressly in this Contract or by reference) any regulated published list prices, regulated terms and/or other regulated items then such prices, terms and/or other items shall be maintained by the Supplier in accordance with the Supplier’s normal business practice and not in accordance with the Change Control Procedure, provided that:

39.2.1 the Supplier shall promptly identify to the Authority in writing any relevant and material change to such prices, terms and/or other items; and

39.2.2 to the extent that such prices, terms and/or other items are expressly included in this Contract, the Parties shall document a variation to the relevant term of this Contract in writing.

39.3 Where any change to the regulated published list prices, regulated terms and/or other regulated items referred to in Clause 39.2 affects any relevant compliance statement set out in the Compliance Matrix or any other provision in this Contract, the Supplier
shall promptly notify the Authority and the Parties shall use their respective reasonable endeavours to address the matter using the Change Control Procedure.

40. **DISPUTES**

All Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure set out in Schedule 6.3 (Dispute Resolution Procedure).

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**PERSONNEL, PREMISES AND ASSETS**

41. **SUPPLIER PERSONNEL**

41.1 **General**

The Authority may refuse admission to the Authority Premises and/or direct the Supplier to end the involvement in the performance of the Supplier’s obligations under this Contract of any of the Supplier Personnel whom the Authority reasonably believes represents a security risk and/or does not have the required levels of training and expertise and/or where the Authority has other grounds for doing so. The Authority shall provide an explanation for any such decision, subject to confidentiality, safety or other reasonable restraints on releasing such information.

41.2 **Convictions**

41.2.1 For each of the Supplier Personnel who, in providing the Deployed Services, has, will have or is likely to have access to children, vulnerable persons, or other members of the public to whom the Authority owes a special duty of care, the Supplier shall (unless and to the extent agreed otherwise by the Authority in writing):

(a) carry out appropriate checks in accordance with Good Industry Practice in relation to Convictions (including conducting a Criminal Records Bureau check where to conduct such a check would be consistent with Good Industry Practice); and

(b) conduct such questioning and investigation as is reasonable regarding any Convictions, where the above required checks reveal a Conviction.

41.2.2 The Supplier shall not (and shall ensure that a Subcontractor shall not) engage or continue to utilise in the provision of those Deployed Services involving or which are likely to involve access to children, vulnerable persons, or other members of the public to whom the Authority owes a special duty of care, any member of the Supplier Personnel whose Conviction means it would reasonably be regarded as inappropriate for them to be conducting such activity.

41.2.3 For the purpose of this Clause 41.2, references to "access" shall not include incidental access to members of the public due to Network Deployment on or about a public highway.

41.3 **Key Personnel**

41.3.1 The Parties have agreed to the appointment of the Key Personnel as at the Effective Date. The Supplier shall obtain the prior written consent of the Authority (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, but
without prejudice to the Supplier needing to take any action as may reasonably be required in accordance with its employment procedures) before any member of the Key Personnel is removed or replaced from their corresponding role during the Term, and, where possible, at least three (3) months' written notice shall be provided by the Supplier of its intention to replace any member of Key Personnel from their corresponding role.

41.3.2 The Supplier acknowledges that the Key Personnel are essential to the proper provision of the Deployed Services. The Supplier shall ensure that the role of any Key Personnel is not vacant for any longer than ten (10) Working Days and that any replacement shall be as or more qualified and experienced as the previous incumbent of such role to carry out the tasks assigned to the role of the member of Key Personnel whom he or she has replaced.

41.3.3 The Supplier shall ensure that each of the Key Personnel shall work for such a period of time in the performance of the Deployed Services that is commensurate with and sufficient to perform the obligation of that person’s role (which shall be at least for the expected duration of the role set out in Schedule 3.4 (Key Personnel)), unless the Authority otherwise gives its prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). To the extent that it can do so without disregarding its statutory obligations, the Supplier shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary to ensure that it retains the services of all the Key Personnel.

41.3.4 The Authority may identify any of the roles performed by Supplier Personnel as Key Personnel for agreement by the Supplier (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), who will then be included on the list of Key Personnel by the Supplier in accordance with the Change Control Procedure. The Authority may also require the Supplier to remove any member of the Key Personnel that the Authority considers in any respect unsatisfactory and the Supplier shall take such action as may reasonably be required in accordance with its employment procedures.

41.3.5 The Authority shall not be liable for the cost of replacing any member appointed to a Key Personnel role.

41.4 Supplier Personnel Security

41.4.1 The Supplier shall ensure that proper staff vetting procedures are in place in respect of all Supplier Personnel employed or engaged in the performance of the Deployed Services.

41.4.2 The Supplier shall provide training on a continuing basis for all Supplier Personnel employed or engaged in the provision of the Deployed Services and maintain a proper and adequate security policy which the Supplier shall employ in the provision of the Deployed Services.
## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, DATA AND CONFIDENTIALITY

### 44. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

44.1 Save as expressly set out in Clauses 45 and 46, a Party shall not by virtue of this Contract acquire any right, title or interest in or to the IPR of the other Party or that other Party's licensors.

44.2 Where either Party (and in the case of the Supplier, its Subcontractors, Affiliates and/or Supplier Personnel) acquires, by operation of Law, title to IPR that is inconsistent with Clause 44.1, that Party shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, assign (or procure that as soon as reasonably practicable its relevant Affiliate, Subcontractor or relevant Supplier Personnel, assigns) in writing such IPR as that Party has acquired to the other Party (or, at the direction of the other Party, to such other person as the other Party may nominate from time to time) and execute and deliver all such other documents as may be necessary to perfect such title and enable the relevant Party to enjoy the full benefits of ownership of the relevant IPR.

### 45. LICENCE GRANTED BY THE SUPPLIER

45.1 For the duration of the Term (and to the extent necessary to enable exercise and performance of the rights and obligations under this Contract which continue in effect after the Term) and subject to Clause 50 the Supplier grants to the Authority, the Programme Authority and the Other Beneficiaries a royalty free, non-exclusive, non-transferable licence to copy or otherwise use (and for the Authority, Programme Authority and the Other Beneficiaries to distribute to or permit its agents, consultants, professional advisers, other Crown Bodies and each Local Body to copy or otherwise use to the extent permitted under Clause 50) the Supplier IPR contained in any information, document, specification, drawing, plan or other material supplied or otherwise made available to the Authority, Programme Authority or Other Beneficiary by the Supplier or any Subcontractor (or their respective Affiliates), to the extent necessary for the purpose of:

45.1.1 receiving and benefiting from the Deployed Services, the granted rights and the Supplier's obligations provided under this Contract;

45.1.2 the Authority performing its responsibilities:

   (a) under this Contract; and/or

   (b) in connection with the Broadband Delivery Programme;

45.1.3 the exercise of the Authority's, Programme Authority's or Other Beneficiaries' business or functions in relation to this Contract.

### 46. LICENCE GRANTED BY THE AUTHORITY

46.1 Subject to Clause 50, the Authority grants to the Supplier a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable licence to copy, distribute or otherwise use (and for the Supplier to permit its Subcontractors to copy, distribute or otherwise use) (i) the Authority IPR contained in any information, document, specification, drawing, plan or other material supplied or made available by the Authority to the Supplier; and (ii) the Authority Data,
solely to the extent necessary for the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract.

46.2 Upon the termination or expiry of this Contract, the licence referred to in Clause 46.1 shall terminate automatically and the Supplier shall deliver to the Authority all Authority IPR and Authority Data in accordance with Clause 65.2. If upon the expiry of this Contract the Supplier reasonably considers that it requires an ongoing licence to use any Authority IPR and/or Authority Data then the grant of any such ongoing licence shall be at the sole discretion of the Authority and shall be subject to the Authority's written agreement to commercially acceptable ongoing licence terms.

47. AUTHORITY DATA

47.1 The Supplier shall not delete or remove any proprietary notices contained within or relating to the Authority Data.

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

47.3 To the extent that Authority Data is held and/or processed by the Supplier, the Supplier shall at its cost supply that Authority Data to the Authority when reasonably requested by the Authority in the format reasonably specified by the Authority.

47.4 The Supplier shall take responsibility for preserving the integrity of Authority Data and preventing the corruption or loss of Authority Data as is reasonable in accordance with Good Industry Practice and taking into account the sensitivity of any such Authority Data.

47.5 If at any time the Supplier suspects or has reason to believe that Authority Data has or may become corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded in any way for any reason, then the Supplier shall notify the Authority as soon as practicable.

48. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

48.1 With respect to the Parties' rights and obligations under this Contract, where either Party is the Data Processor the provisions set out in Clause 48.2 shall apply in respect of that Party.

48.2 The Party that is the Data Processor shall:

48.2.1 Process the Personal Data only in accordance with reasonable instructions from the other Party (which may be specific instructions or instructions of a general nature as set out in this Contract or as otherwise notified by the other Party during the Term);

48.2.2 Process the Personal Data only to the extent, and in such manner, as is necessary for the performance of this Contract or as is required by Law or any Regulatory Body;

48.2.3 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;

48.2.4 notify the other Party (within five (5) 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 other Party's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;

48.2.5 provide the other Party with such cooperation and assistance as is reasonably necessary in relation to any complaint or request made, including by:

(a) providing the other Party with full details of the complaint or request;

(b) complying with a data access request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation and in accordance with the other Party's reasonable instructions;

(c) providing the other Party with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject (within the reasonable timescales required by the other Party); and

(d) providing the other Party with any reasonable additional information requested by the other Party;

48.2.6 not Process or otherwise transfer any Personal Data outside the European Economic Area without the other Party's prior written consent. As part of the provision of any such consent the other Party shall be entitled to impose any additional terms relating to the transfer and use of any Personal Data outside the European Economic Area.

48.3 Each Party shall comply with its applicable obligations under the Data Protection Legislation and shall not perform its obligations under this Contract in such a way as to cause the other Party to breach any of its applicable obligations under the Data Protection Legislation.

49. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

49.1 The Supplier 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 the extent reasonably necessary to enable the Authority to comply with its Information disclosure obligations.

49.2 The Supplier shall and shall procure that its Subcontractors shall:

49.2.1 transfer to the Authority any Request for Information that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within three (3) Working Days of receiving a Request for Information;

49.2.2 provide the Authority with a copy of all Information in its possession, or power in the form that the Authority requires within five (5) Working Days (or such other period as the Authority may specify) of the Authority's request; and

49.2.3 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.

49.3 The Authority:
49.3.1 shall consult with the Supplier to inform its decisions regarding any exemptions as they may relate to any Commercially Sensitive Information; and

49.3.2 may consult with the Supplier to inform its decisions regarding any other exemptions,

but the Authority shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract 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.

49.4 In no event shall the Supplier respond directly to a Request for Information unless expressly authorised to do so by the Authority in writing.

49.5 The Supplier shall ensure that all Information is retained for disclosure in accordance with Clause 37.2.

50. CONFIDENTIALITY

50.1 Except to the extent set out in this Clause 50 or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Contract, each Party shall:

50.1.1 treat the other Party’s Confidential Information as confidential and safeguard it accordingly; and

50.1.2 not disclose the other Party’s Confidential Information to any other person without the owner's prior written consent.

50.2 This Clause 50 shall not apply to the extent that:

50.2.1 such disclosure is a requirement of Law placed upon the Party making the disclosure, including any requirements for disclosure under the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations pursuant to Clause 49;

50.2.2 such information was in the possession of the Party making the disclosure without obligation of confidentiality prior to its disclosure by the information owner;

50.2.3 such information was obtained from a third party without obligation of confidentiality;

50.2.4 such information was already in the public domain at the time of disclosure otherwise than by a breach of this Contract; or

50.2.5 it is independently developed without access to the other Party’s Confidential Information.

50.3 Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, the Supplier gives its consent for the Authority to publish this Contract in its entirety (but with any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA redacted), as this Contract may have been varied at the relevant time, to the general public. Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, the Supplier gives its consent for the Authority to publish any Reports, Change Requests or Change Impact Assessments in their entirety (but with any information redacted which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA). The Supplier shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to publish this Contract. For the purpose of this Clause 50.3 the Authority shall consult with the Supplier to inform its decision
regarding any FOIA exemptions relating to the Commercially Sensitive Information but the Authority shall have the final decision in its absolute discretion.

50.4 The Supplier may only disclose the Authority Confidential Information to the Subcontractors and Supplier Personnel who are directly involved in the performance of this Contract and who need to know the information for such purpose.

50.5 The Supplier shall ensure that Authority Confidential Information is used only for the purposes of this Contract.

50.6 Nothing in this Contract shall prevent the Authority from disclosing the Supplier Confidential Information:

50.6.1 to the Programme Authority in connection with the Contract and/or the Broadband Delivery Programme;

50.6.2 to the Other Beneficiaries in connection with the Contract;

50.6.3 to any Crown Body where such disclosure is in connection with this Contract. All such Crown Bodies receiving such Confidential Information shall be entitled to further disclose the Confidential Information to other Crown Bodies where such disclosure is in connection with this Contract and/or Broadband Delivery Programme on the basis that the information is confidential and is not to be disclosed to any other third party;

50.6.4 to any other Local Body where such disclosure is in connection with this Contract provided that the Authority shall not be permitted to disclose to any other Local Body the subset of Commercially Sensitive Information identified in Schedule 3.2 (Commercially Sensitive Information) as being not for disclosure to other Local Bodies;

50.6.5 to any consultant, supplier or other person engaged by the Authority in relation to this Contract or any person conducting an Official Assurance Review;

50.6.6 for the purpose of the examination and certification of the Authority’s accounts;

50.6.7 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.

50.7 The Authority shall ensure that any body or individual to whom the Supplier Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to Clause 50.6 is made aware of the Authority’s obligations of confidentiality (including the commitment set out in Clause 49.3 to consult in respect of disclosure of Commercially Sensitive Information) under this Contract and the Authority shall:

50.7.1 in respect of disclosure to any body or individual that is part of the Crown, any Regulatory Body and/or any Local Body, use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any such body or individual to whom such disclosure is made complies with similar obligations of confidentiality;

50.7.2 in respect of disclosure to any other body or individual, ensure that any such body or individual to whom such disclosure is made complies with similar obligations of confidentiality.

50.8 Nothing in this Clause 50 shall prevent either Party from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of this Contract 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.

50.9 The Parties acknowledge that a material Default of this Clause 50 may cause irreparable harm to the disclosing Party, for which monetary damages would be inadequate, and injunctive relief may be sought for a material Default of this Clause 50.

51. PROHIBITED ACTS AND PREVENTION OF BRIBERY

51.1 Each Party:

51.1.1 shall not in connection with this Contract commit a Prohibited Act;

51.1.2 warrants, represents and undertakes that it is not aware of any financial or other advantage being given to any person working for or engaged by the other Party, or that an agreement has been reached to that effect, in connection with the execution of this Contract, excluding any arrangement of which full details have been disclosed in writing to the other Party before execution of this Contract.

51.2 Each Party shall, if requested, provide the other Party with any reasonable assistance to enable the other Party to perform any activity required by any relevant government or agency in any relevant jurisdiction for the purpose of compliance with the Bribery Act.

51.3 The Supplier shall have an anti-bribery policy (which shall be disclosed to the Authority) in place throughout the Term with aim of preventing any Subcontractor or Supplier Personnel from committing a Prohibited Act and shall enforce it where necessary.

51.4 If any breach of Clause 51.1 by either Party is suspected or known, such Party shall promptly notify the other Party.

51.5 If a Party notifies the other Party that it suspects or knows that there may be a breach of Clause 51.1, the other Party shall respond as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within ten (10) Working Days to the notifying Party's enquiries and cooperate with any investigation.

52. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

52.1 The Supplier shall as soon as practicable disclose to the Authority any actual or potential conflict of interest between (i) the interests of the Supplier and/or the Supplier Personnel; and (ii) the duties owed to the Authority under this Contract of which it becomes aware.

52.2 The Supplier shall at its cost give effect to such measures as may reasonably be required by the Authority for ending or avoiding any such actual or potential conflict of interest, or alleviating its effect, as soon as reasonably practicable.

53. CHANGE OF CONTROL

53.1 The Supplier shall provide written notice to the Authority within 5 Working Days of any Change of Control of the Supplier [or the Parent Company] taking place or in the case where the Supplier reasonably believes that a Change of Control may take place or is likely to take place within the next 6 months (save in the case where the Supplier is a plc and is prohibited at law to provide any such prior notice of any potential or actual Change of Control).
53.2 Subject to Clauses 53.4 and 53.5, the Authority shall be entitled to terminate this Contract in accordance with Clause 61.1.1(b) where there is a Change of Control to which the Authority objects, except where the Authority has given its prior written consent to the particular Change of Control (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), which subsequently takes place as proposed.

53.3 [If at any time the Guarantor ceases to be the Parent Company of the Supplier, following a change of Control of the Supplier or the Parent Company itself, the Supplier shall, within 20 days of the request by the Authority procure that a replacement Guarantee substantially in the form set out in Schedule 7 (Form of Guarantee) is executed by the Supplier's new Parent Company.] [Template Note: Clause needed only if the Supplier is required to procure a Guarantee in relation to the Contract]

53.4 The non-exhaustive grounds upon which the Authority may object to a Change of Control are:

53.4.1 it would mean the Authority would contract with an entity which:

(a) the Authority would not have contracted with at the Effective Date (for example, where the entity would not have met the ITT evaluation criteria);

(b) has materially failed to deliver services to the Authority to the standards required in any contract with the Authority or any other Local Body; and/or

(c) takes a stance on matters relating to corporate social responsibility (including environmental sustainability) which is inconsistent with the policies of the UK government; and/or

53.4.2 the Change of Control might or would adversely affect or prejudice:

(a) national security or the level of threat of criminal activity; and/or

(b) the operations, reputation or good standing of the Authority.

53.5 The Authority's right to terminate this Contract under Clause 53.2 shall expire if not exercised within six (6) months of the date of written notice to the Authority by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 53.2.

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**WARRANTIES, INDEMNITIES, LIABILITY AND FORCE MAJEURE**

54. **WARRANTIES**

54.1 Each Party warrants, represents and undertakes that:

54.1.1 it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform this Contract;

54.1.2 this Contract is executed by a duly authorised representative of that Party;

54.1.3 as at the Effective Date there are no actions, suits or proceedings or regulatory investigations pending or, to that party's knowledge, threatened...
against or affecting that Party before any court or administrative body or arbitration tribunal that might affect the ability of that party to meet and carry out its obligations under this Contract; and

54.1.4 once duly executed this Contract will constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations.

54.2 The Supplier warrants, represents and undertakes for the duration of the Term that:

54.2.1 it shall discharge its obligations under this Contract with all due skill, care and diligence including in accordance with Good Industry Practice;

54.2.2 it has and will continue to hold all necessary Consents to perform the Supplier's obligations under this Contract (excluding any Consents that only the Authority is eligible to obtain as a matter of law);

54.2.3 it has and will continue to have all IPR (excluding Authority IPR) necessary to perform the Supplier's obligations under this Contract;

54.2.4 as at the Effective Date all statements and representations (subject to any relevant caveats and assumptions provided by the Supplier in writing at the time) in the Supplier's responses to the ITT are to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, complete, true and accurate and that it will advise the Authority of any fact, matter or circumstance of which it may become aware which would render any such statement or representation to be materially false or misleading;

54.2.5 all Supplier Personnel have been vetted and recruited on a basis of proper and adequate staff vetting procedures; and

54.2.6 it shall at all times comply with all applicable Law in carrying out its obligations under this Contract.

54.3 The Authority warrants to the Supplier that it has undertaken all necessary corporate action to approve the execution of this Contract by the Authority.

54.4 Except as expressly stated in this Contract, all warranties and conditions whether express or implied by statute, common law or otherwise are hereby excluded to the extent permitted by Law.

55. THIRD PARTY IPR INDEMNITY

55.1 Each Party shall procure that the performance of its responsibilities under this Contract shall not infringe or cause the infringement of any IPR of any third party.

55.2 The Supplier shall indemnify the Authority against all third party claims, demands, actions, costs (including legal fees and royalties), expenses, losses or damages arising from or incurred by reason of any infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such alleged infringement) arising due to the use of Supplier IPR in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.

55.3 The Authority shall indemnify the Supplier against all third party claims, demands, actions, costs (including legal fees and royalties), expenses, losses or damages arising from or incurred by reason of any infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such alleged infringement) arising due to the use of Authority IPR in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.
56. HANDLING OF INDEMNIFIED CLAIMS

56.1 Each Party shall promptly notify the other in writing of any Indemnified Claim of which it becomes aware.

56.2 In respect of each Indemnified Claim, subject to Clause 56.3 the Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to defend the Indemnified Claim (acting diligently, using competent counsel and in such a way as not to bring the reputation of the Indemnified Party into disrepute) provided that (i) the Indemnifying Party consults with the Indemnified Party and keeps the Indemnified Party fully informed with respect to the Indemnified Claim; (ii) the Indemnifying Party shall not settle, admit fault or compromise the Indemnified Claim without the Indemnified Party's prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); and (iii) the Indemnified Party shall (at the Indemnifying Party's cost) provide such reasonable assistance as required by the Indemnifying Party.

56.3 Where the Supplier is the Indemnifying Party, the Authority may elect (following reasonable consultation with the Supplier) to defend the Indemnified Claim itself (acting diligently and using competent counsel) with the Supplier at the Supplier's own cost providing such reasonable assistance as required by the Authority if the Authority considers that sole control of the Indemnified Claim by the Supplier may place at risk or adversely affect (i) national security or the threat of criminal activity; and/or (ii) the operations, reputation or good standing of the Authority.

56.4 The Indemnified Party shall not settle, admit fault or compromise any Indemnified Claim without the Indemnifying Party's prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

56.5 If an Indemnified Claim is made or the Indemnifying Party anticipates that an Indemnified Claim might be made, the Indemnifying Party may, at its own expense and reasonable discretion, procure the necessary rights or otherwise replace or modify the items or activities concerned to enable the Indemnified Party the right to continue using the relevant item or to otherwise properly permit the continuance of the activity which is the subject of the Indemnified Claim, provided that in each instance:

56.5.1 the performance and/or quality of the replacement item or activity concerned shall be at least equivalent to the performance and/or quality of the original item or activity;

56.5.2 any such action by the Indemnifying Party does not have an adverse effect on the performance of this Contract or the Indemnified Party; and

56.5.4 the terms of this Contract shall continue to apply to the items and activities concerned.

57. LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY

57.1 Neither Party limits its liability for:

57.1.1 death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, agents or Subcontractors (as applicable);

57.1.2 fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees;

57.1.3 breach of any obligation as to title implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982; or
57.1.4 any other matter for which it would be unlawful for either Party to exclude or limit or attempt to exclude or limit its liability.

57.2 Subject to Clause 57.1, the Supplier's total aggregate liability:

57.2.1 in respect of the indemnity set out in Clause 55.2 relating to alleged or actual infringement of IPR shall be unlimited;

57.2.2 for all loss of or damage to the Authority Premises or any real property, real assets, equipment or infrastructure of the Authority or any third party (including any Other Beneficiary where applicable) caused by the Supplier's Default shall in no event exceed £5,000,000 in respect of any one event.

57.2.3 in respect of all other claims, losses or damages, whether arising from tort (including negligence), breach of contract or otherwise pursuant to this Contract (including where suffered or incurred by any Other Beneficiary) shall in no event exceed 115% of the aggregate Milestone Payments paid, due or which would have been payable in the future under this Contract.

57.3 Subject to Clause 57.1, the Authority's total aggregate liability, in addition to its obligation to pay the Milestone Payments as and when they fall due for payment, in respect of:

57.3.1 the indemnity set out in Clause 55.3 relating to alleged or actual infringement of IPR shall be unlimited;

57.3.2 in respect of all other claims, losses or damages, whether arising from tort (including negligence), breach of contract or otherwise pursuant to this Contract shall in no event exceed 85% of the aggregate Milestone Payments paid, due or which would have been payable in the future under this Contract.

57.4 Subject to Clauses 57.1 and 57.3, neither Party will be liable to the other Party for:

57.4.1 any indirect, special or consequential loss or damage; or

57.4.2 any loss of profits, turnover, business opportunities or damage to goodwill (whether direct or indirect).

57.5 Subject to Clause 57.2, the Authority may, amongst other things, recover as a direct loss:

57.5.1 any additional operational and/or administrative costs and expenses arising from the Supplier's Default;

57.5.2 any wasted expenditure or charges rendered unnecessary and/or incurred by the Authority arising from the Supplier's Default; and

57.5.3 the additional cost of procuring Replacement Services for the remainder of the Term.

57.6 The Parties expressly agree that if any limitation or provision contained or expressly referred to in this Clause 57 is held to be invalid under any Law, it will be deemed omitted to that extent, and if any party becomes liable for loss or damage to which that limitation or provision applied, that liability will be subject to the remaining limitations and provisions set out in this Clause 57.

57.7 Nothing in this Clause 57 shall act to reduce or affect a Party's general duty to mitigate its loss.
58. **INSURANCE**

58.1 The Supplier shall maintain the Required Insurance in full force and effect at all times from the Effective Date until the Expiry Date.

58.2 The Required Insurance shall be maintained on terms that are as favourable to those generally available to a prudent contractor in respect of risks insured in the international insurance market.

58.3 The Required Insurance shall be maintained with an independently regulated insurance company of good financial standing properly licensed to underwrite the Required Insurance.

58.4 The Supplier shall procure that nothing is done which would entitle the relevant insurer to cancel, rescind or suspend any Required Insurance or cover, or to treat any Required Insurance, cover or claim as avoided in whole or part. The Supplier shall use reasonable endeavours to notify the Authority (subject to third party confidentiality obligations) as soon as practicable when it becomes aware of any relevant fact, circumstance or matter which has caused, or is reasonably likely to provide grounds to, the relevant insurer to give notice to cancel, rescind, suspend or avoid any Required Insurance, or any cover or claim under any Required Insurance in whole or in part.

58.5 The Authority may purchase (if possible) any of the Required Insurance which the Supplier has failed to maintain in full force and effect pursuant to this Agreement. The Authority may recover the premium and other costs incurred in doing so as a debt due from the Supplier.

58.6 The Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 10 Working Days, following the date of the Authority's request, provide the Authority with a certificate of insurance containing all relevant information of its insurance cover to verify its compliance with this Clause 58.

59. **FORCE MAJEURE**

59.1 Neither Party shall be entitled to bring a claim for a breach of obligations under this Contract by the Affected Party or incur any liability to the Affected Party for any Loss incurred by the Affected Party to the extent that a Force Majeure Event occurs and the Affected Party is prevented from carrying out obligations by that Force Majeure Event.

59.2 Where the Affected Party is the Supplier, none of the following events and circumstances shall be regarded as a Force Majeure Event that relieves liability under this Clause 59:

59.2.1 an event to the extent it is capable of being mitigated by any of the Deployed Services;

59.2.2 a failure by a Subcontractor to perform any obligation owed to the Supplier unless and to the extent that the failure is directly caused by a Force Majeure Event directly affecting that Subcontractor;

59.2.3 an event or circumstance caused by a Default by the Supplier, a Subcontractor or Supplier Personnel;

59.2.4 an event or circumstance attributable to the Supplier's or any Subcontractor's wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions against the relevant event; or

59.2.5 an event or circumstance where its effect is such that a prudent provider of services similar to the Deployed Services, operating to the standards
required by this Contract, would have foreseen and prevented or avoided the consequences of such event or circumstance.

59.3 The Affected Party shall as soon as is practicable give the other Party written notice of the Force Majeure Event. Following the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event the Parties shall use their respective reasonable endeavours to prevent and mitigate the effects of any delay and the Supplier shall during the period which the effects of a Force Majeure Event are subsisting take such reasonable steps as are necessary in accordance with Good Industry Practice to overcome or minimise the consequences of the Force Majeure Event.

59.4 The Affected Party shall notify the other Party as soon as practicable after the Force Majeure Event ceases or no longer causes the Affected Party to be unable to comply with its obligations under this Contract. Following such notification, this Contract shall continue to be performed on the terms existing immediately before the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event unless agreed otherwise by the Parties.

59.5 Nothing in this Clause 59 shall prevent either Party from performing any of its obligations set out in this Contract that are not affected by the relevant Force Majeure Event.

59.6 To the extent that the consequences of a Force Majeure Event can be addressed by a change to the Project Plan without impacting upon the Implementation Plan, then the Parties shall use their respective reasonable endeavours to agree a change to the Project Plan in accordance with paragraph 5.8 of Schedule 4.1 (Implementation) without recourse to the Change Control Procedure.

59.7 To the extent that the consequences of a Force Majeure Event:

59.7.1 materially adversely affect (or are likely to materially adversely affect) the performance of the Deployed Services for a sustained and indeterminate period;

59.7.2 have been mitigated by the Supplier in accordance with Good Industry Practice pursuant to Clause 59.3; and

59.7.3 cannot be addressed solely by a change to the Project Plan without recourse to the Change Control Procedure in accordance with Clause 59.6,

then subject to Clause 59.1 the Parties may elect to use their respective reasonable endeavours to address the consequences of the Force Majeure Event in accordance with the Change Control Procedure, provided that unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing the Parties shall in respect of the agreement of any such change adhere to the principle that each Party shall bear its own costs incurred in dealing with a Force Majeure Event.
60. TERM OF THIS CONTRACT

This Contract shall commence on the Effective Date and, unless terminated at an earlier date by operation of Law or in accordance with the provisions of this Contract, shall expire on the Expiry Date.

61. TERMINATION FOR SUPPLIER DEFAULT

61.1 The Authority may terminate this Contract without penalty by written notice to the Supplier (where such notice shall specify the date of termination being the date of notice or later) upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

61.1.1 where the Supplier commits a material Default of this Contract and:

(a) the material Default is capable of remedy but which, subject to Clause 38, it has failed to remedy in accordance with the Remedial Plan Process; or

(b) in the reasonable opinion of the Authority the material Default is not capable of remedy;

61.1.2 where the Supplier is in material Default of its State aid obligations set out in Clause 23 and the material Default is capable of remedy (in which case Clause 61.1.1(a) shall apply) or in the reasonable opinion of the Authority the material Default is not capable of remedy (in which case Clause 61.1.1(b) shall apply);

61.1.3 NOT USED

61.1.4 where an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Supplier [and/or the Guarantor]; [Template Note: Guarantor wording needed only if the Supplier is required to procure a Guarantee in relation to the Contract];

61.1.5 in accordance with Clause 53.2 in relation to a Change of Control; or

61.1.6 in accordance with paragraphs 2.3.1 or 2.3.3 of Schedule 6.5 (Remedial Plan Process).

61.2 Termination in accordance with this Clause 61 shall be without prejudice to any right of action or remedy of either Party which has accrued or which subsequently accrues.

62. TERMINATION FOR AUTHORITY DEFAULT

The Supplier may terminate this Contract only if the Authority is in material breach of its obligation to pay undisputed Milestone Payments by giving the Authority 60 days’ written notice specifying the breach and requiring its remedy and the breach is not resolved upon the expiry of such notice.

63. TERMINATION DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

63.1 Either Party may, by written notice to the other, terminate this Contract, or in respect of Clause 63.1.2 only require the partial termination of the part of this Contract affected by the Force Majeure Event in accordance with Clause 64, if:
63.1.1 a Force Majeure Event occurs which affects all or a substantial part of the Deployed Services for a continuous period of more than 90 Working Days; or

63.1.2 a Force Majeure Event occurs which affects a non-substantial part of the Deployed Services for a continuous period of more than 120 Working Days.

64. PARTIAL TERMINATION

Where the Authority has the right to terminate this Contract for Supplier Default in accordance with Clause 61, the Authority may terminate the part of the Deployed Services affected by such Supplier Default by written notice to the Supplier (where such notice shall specify the date of termination for the relevant part of this Contract). The consequences of any such partial termination shall be addressed by the Parties in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

65. CONSEQUENCES OF TERMINATION OR EXPIRY

65.1 Following the service of notice terminating this Contract by:

65.1.1 the Authority in accordance with Clause 61 due to Supplier Default:

   (a) subject to Clause 65.3, the Supplier shall continue to be under an obligation to perform its obligations under this Contract until the date of the termination specified in the termination notice;

   (b) the Authority shall pay any outstanding undisputed Milestone Payments which are properly due and payable prior to the date of the termination specified in the termination notice in accordance with the terms of this Contract;

   (c) the Authority shall make no termination or compensation payment of any kind;

   (d) the Supplier shall promptly pay to the Authority all amounts payable to the Authority under this Contract; and

   (e) the Parties shall consult with the European Commission and Programme Authority in its capacity as a competency centre to ensure that any public funding paid under this Contract is not rendered unlawful State aid as a result of the early termination of this Contract (which the Parties acknowledge for such purpose may include the application of certain ongoing requirements in respect of the Network following the early termination of this Contract). Any respective rights and obligations of either Party agreed pursuant to such consultation shall be set out in a written document and executed by duly authorised representatives of each Party.

65.1.2 the Supplier in accordance with Clause 62 due to Authority Default:

   (a) subject to Clause 65.3, the Supplier shall not be under an obligation to continue to perform its obligations under this Contract;

   (b) save in respect of any contract damages claim successfully made by the Supplier (subject to the provisions of this Contract), the Authority shall make no termination or compensation payment of any kind;
(c) the Supplier shall promptly pay to the Authority all amounts payable to the Authority under this Contract; and

(d) the Parties shall consult with the European Commission and Programme Authority in its capacity as a competency centre to ensure that any public funding paid under this Contract is not rendered unlawful State aid as a result of the early termination of this Contract (which the Parties acknowledge for such purpose may include the application of certain ongoing requirements in respect of the Network following the early termination of this Contract). Any respective rights and obligations of either Party agreed pursuant to such consultation shall be set out in a written document and executed by duly authorised representatives of each Party.

65.1.3 either Party in accordance with Clause 63 due to a Force Majeure Event:

(a) subject to Clause 65.3, the Supplier shall not be under an obligation to continue to perform its obligations under this Contract;

(b) the Authority shall pay any outstanding, undisputed Milestone Payments which are properly due and payable prior to the date of the termination specified in the termination notice in accordance with the terms of this Contract;

(c) each Party shall bear its own costs in relation to such termination;

(d) the Supplier shall promptly pay to the Authority all amounts payable to the Authority under this Contract; and

(e) the Parties shall consult with the European Commission and Programme Authority in its capacity as a competency centre to ensure that any public funding paid under this Contract is not rendered unlawful State aid as a result of the early termination of this Contract (which the Parties acknowledge for such purpose may include the application of certain ongoing requirements in respect of the Network following the early termination of this Contract). Any respective rights and obligations of either Party agreed pursuant to such consultation shall be set out in a written document and executed by duly authorised representatives of each Party.

65.2 Upon termination or expiry of this Contract:

65.2.1 the Supplier shall cease to use any Authority IPR and Authority Data and, at the direction of the Authority:

(a) shall provide the Authority with a complete and uncorrupted version of the relevant Authority IPR and Authority Data in electronic form in a format and on media as reasonably requested by the Authority; and

(b) on the earlier of the receipt of the Authority's written instructions or the date of expiry or termination, shall destroy (subject to any constraints of Law) all copies of the relevant Authority IPR and Authority Data remaining in its possession or control;

65.3 The following provisions of this Contract shall survive the termination or expiry of this Contract and shall continue in effect along with such other provisions of this Contract
which expressly or by implication have effect after termination: Clauses 1, 3, 9, 23, 36, 37.2, 40, 44 to 50, 55 to 57, 65 and 67 to 76.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

66. **ASSIGNMENT AND NOVATION**

66.1 The Supplier shall not assign, novate or otherwise dispose of or create any trust in relation to (i) any or all of its rights and obligations under this Contract; and/or (ii) the Network (or part of the Network), without the prior written consent of the Authority (which in respect of a proposed assignment, novation or disposal to an Affiliate only, shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed). In circumstances where the Authority gives its prior written consent it may stipulate certain conditions of such consent (such as reasonable requirements for sharing of profits or the provision of a guarantee (in a form satisfactory to the Authority) from the parent company of the assignee or novatee).

66.2 The Authority may:

66.2.1 assign, novate or otherwise dispose of any or all of its rights and obligations under this Contract to any Contracting Authority or Local Body; and/or

66.2.2 novate this Contract to any other body (including any private sector body) which substantially performs any of the functions that previously had been performed by the Authority in connection with the scope of this Contract (including where applicable the payment of Milestone Payments), provided that where any such body is a competitor of the Supplier in respect of the Supplier’s primary business or function within the UK such novation shall be subject to the prior written consent of the Supplier (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

66.3 The Authority shall be entitled to disclose Confidential Information to any person to whom it assigns, novates or otherwise disposes of the rights and obligations under this Contract in accordance with this Clause 66.

66.4 A change in the legal status of the Authority shall not affect the validity of this Contract and it shall be binding on any successor body to the Authority.

67. **WAIVER AND CUMULATIVE REMEDIES**

67.1 The rights and remedies provided by this Contract may be waived only in writing by the relevant Representative in a manner that expressly states that a waiver is intended, and such waiver shall only be operative with regard to the specific circumstances referred to.

67.2 Unless a right or remedy of a Party is expressed to be an exclusive right or remedy, the exercise of it by that Party is without prejudice to that Party’s other rights and remedies. Any failure to exercise or any delay in exercising a right or remedy by either Party shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy or of any other rights or remedies.

67.3 The rights and remedies provided by this Contract are cumulative and, unless otherwise provided in this Contract, are not exclusive of any right or remedy provided at law or in equity or otherwise under this Contract.
68. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Nothing in this Contract is intended to create a partnership or legal relationship of any kind that would impose liability upon one Party for the act or failure to act of the other Party, or to authorise either Party to act as agent for the other Party. Neither Party shall have authority to make representations, act in the name of, or on behalf of, or to otherwise bind the other Party.

69. PUBLICITY AND BRANDING

69.1 Neither Party shall:

69.1.1 make any press announcement or publicise this Contract or its contents in any way; or

69.1.2 use the other Party's name or brand in any promotion or marketing or announcement of orders,

without the prior written consent of the other Party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

69.2 Neither Party shall make any press or other public announcements using the name of the Programme Authority without the prior consent of the Programme Authority, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

70. SEVERANCE

If any provision of this Contract is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be severed without effect to the remaining provisions.

71. FURTHER ASSURANCES

Each Party shall, at the request of the other, at its own cost, to do all acts and execute all documents which may be necessary to give effect to the meaning of this Contract.

72. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

72.1 This Contract, together with the documents referred to in it (including the ITT, ) and/or attached to it, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties in respect of the matters dealt with in it and supersedes any previous agreement between the Parties in relation to such matters notwithstanding the terms of any previous agreement or arrangement expressed to survive termination.

72.2 Each Party acknowledges and agrees that in entering into this Contract and the documents referred to in it and/or attached to it, it does not rely on, and shall have no remedy in respect of, any statement, representation, warranty or undertaking (whether negligently or innocently made) other than as expressly set out or referred to in this Contract.

72.3 Nothing in this Clause 72 shall operate to exclude any liability for fraud.

73. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

73.1 Except as provided in Clauses 9 and 73.2, nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to grant any rights or benefits to any person other than the Parties, or entitle any third party to enforce any term or condition of this Contract.
73.2 Each Other Beneficiary may enforce the terms of this Contract subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Clause 9 and the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

74. NOTICES

74.1 Any notices given under or in relation to this Contract shall be in writing, signed by or on behalf of the Party giving it and shall be served by delivering it personally or by sending it by pre-paid first class post, recorded delivery or registered post or by fax or email to the address and for the attention of the relevant Party as follows:

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| Matt Ballard  
Service Manager – Economy  
Somerset County Council  
County Hall  
Taunton. TA1 4DY  
E: mdballard@somerset.gov.uk  
T: 01823 355867 | |

74.2 A notice shall be deemed to have been received:

74.2.1 if delivered personally, at the time of delivery;

74.2.2 in the case of pre-paid first class post, recorded delivery or registered post, three (3) Working Days from the date of posting;

74.2.3 in the case of fax, on the day of transmission if sent before 16:00 hours of any Working Day and otherwise at 09:00 hours on the next Working Day and provided that, at the time of transmission of a fax, an error-free transmission report has been received by the sender; and

74.2.4 in the case of email, at the time that the email enters the Information System of the intended recipient provided that no error message indicating failure to deliver has been received by the sender and provided further that, in relation to any notice provided under Clauses 1 to 76 of this Contract, within 24 hours of transmission a hard copy of the email signed by or on behalf of the person giving it is delivered by hand or sent by facsimile, pre-paid first class post, recorded delivery or registered post to the intended recipient.

74.3 In proving service, it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was addressed to the relevant Party at its address previously notified for the receipt of notices (or as otherwise notified by that Party) and delivered either to that address or into the custody of the postal authorities as pre-paid first class post, recorded delivery, registered post or airmail letter, or that the notice was transmitted by fax to the fax number of the relevant Party at its fax number previously notified for the receipt of notices (or as otherwise notified by that Party).

75. AUTHORITY POWERS

Nothing contained or implied in this Contract or any consent or approval granted pursuant to it shall fetter the discretion or otherwise prejudice or affect the rights, powers, duties and obligations of the Authority in the exercise of its functions as the local authority, the local planning authority, the highway authority or other statutory authority and such rights, powers, duties and obligations under Law may be as fully and effectually exercised as if the Authority were not party to this Contract and any approval, consent, direction or authority given by the Authority as the local or other
statutory authority shall not be or be deemed to be an approval, consent, direction or authority given under this Contract and vice versa.

76. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and without prejudice to the Dispute Resolution Procedure each Party agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

EXECUTION

THE COMMON SEAL of SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of

SIGNED for and on behalf of [ADD SUPPLIER NAME] by

Signature of Authorised Officer: Signature:

Name: Name:

Position: Position:

Date: Date: