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Service Description

Data Strategy

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Methods' Data Strategy service uses our deep expertise to design data strategies that optimise and enhance capabilities and resources of organisations, delivering increased productivity. We outline the application of data and information, providing an evidence base to change and innovate, driving improved decision making and service delivery.

What is the Service

We enable organisations to use data to deliver change and transformation, realise their strategic ambitions and solve difficult problems by unlocking the benefits their data has to offer. This may be by leveraging emerging technology, exploiting new techniques, or maximising value from your existing data estate. We deliver the framework and direction for all data led initiatives to follow, setting organisations on the path to become a data driven organisation, covering the strategic and operational aspects of any organisation.

In practical terms we design data strategies to enable employees across the organisation to use the right data at the right time, ensuring it is in the right format to enable evidence-based decision making.

What can it do for you

By having a robust data strategy in place you will be able to maximise the use of your data, reduce duplication by taking a more strategic approach and identify the key data inputs that will enable you to realise your organisational strategic intentions. This includes the goals and objectives for how you can measure progress and ensure data is managed and used in the most effective and efficient way.

Service Features

1. Stakeholder identification: SRO, Internal teams, supporters / challengers
2. Review of current business processes
3. Review of current Data sources
4. Review of current Data / technology assets
5. Review of current Business capabilities / policies
6. Define desired future state
7. Gap analysis in data architecture, technology, tools, processes and people
8. Business case development if investment is required
9. Implementation roadmap
10. Write and socialise the strategy facilitating 'buy in'

Service Benefits

1. Develop more strategic approaches to handling and managing data
2. Define and meet your data reporting and visualisation requirements
3. Identify a data architecture and master data approach
4. Support appropriate data sharing within and outside of your organisation
5. Quantify future savings from data migrations
6. Increase the flexibility of your relationship with vendors
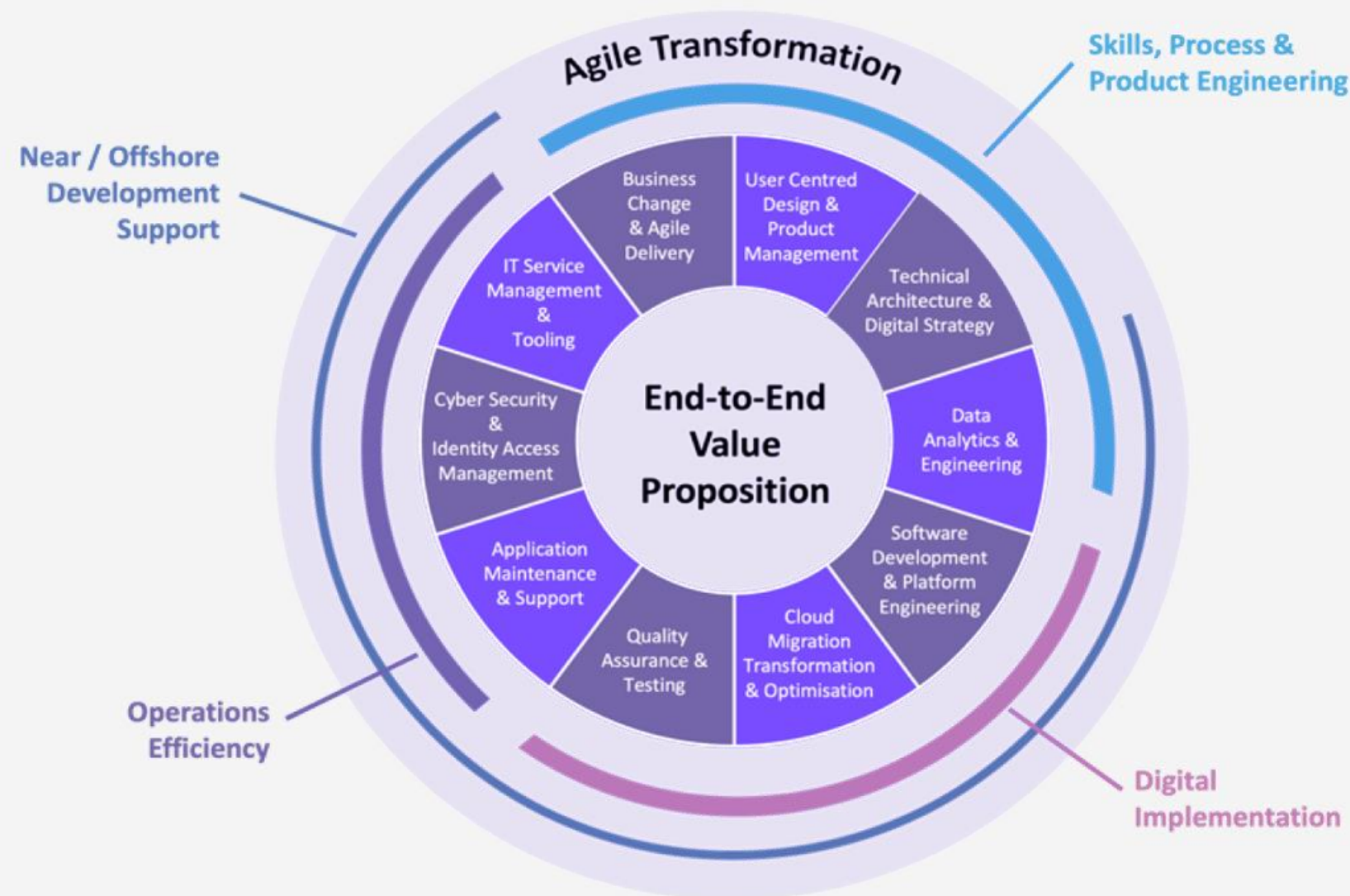7. Understand implications for data of emerging technologies such as AI

End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

Applying our skills in innovation and collaboration from across the Methods Group, to deliver end-to-end business and technical solutions that are people-centred, safe, and designed for the future.
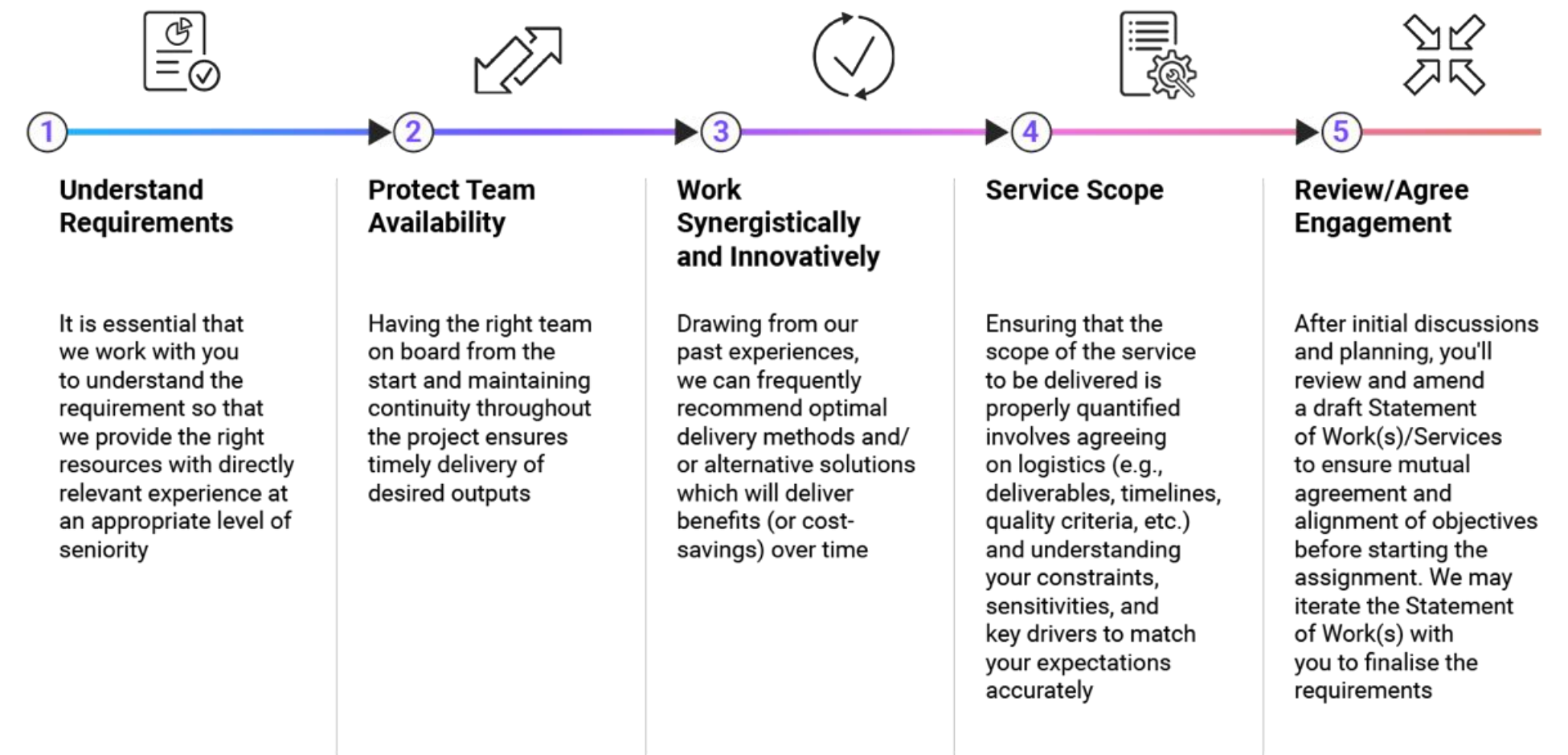
Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

With a focus on driving interoperability and innovation in UK Central Government, we have helped multiple organisations in the sector modernise their IT architecture, systems, strategy, and operating models to improve organisational resilience and service delivery.

Methods deliver wide-ranging services and thought leadership to support delivery including:

Agile Transformation

Skills, Process & Product Engineering

Near / Offshore Development Support

Operations Efficiency

Digital Implementation

- Business Change & Agile Delivery
- User Centred Design & Product Management
- Technical Architecture & Digital Strategy
- IT Service Management & Tooling
- Data Analytics & Engineering
- Cyber Security & Identity Access Management
- Software Development & Platform Engineering
- Application Maintenance & Support
- Cloud Migration Transformation & Optimisation
- Quality Assurance & Testing

End-to-End Value Proposition

Onboarding and offboarding process

1 Understand Requirements

It is essential that we work with you to understand the requirement so that we provide the right resources with directly relevant experience at an appropriate level of seniority

2 Protect Team Availability

Having the right team on board from the start and maintaining continuity throughout the project ensures timely delivery of desired outputs

3 Work Synergistically and Innovatively

Drawing from our past experiences, we can frequently recommend optimal delivery methods and/or alternative solutions which will deliver benefits (or cost-savings) over time

4 Service Scope

Ensuring that the scope of the service to be delivered is properly quantified involves agreeing on logistics (e.g., deliverables, timelines, quality criteria, etc.) and understanding your constraints, sensitivities, and key drivers to match your expectations accurately

5 Review/Agree Engagement

After initial discussions and planning, you'll review and amend a draft Statement of Work(s)/Services to ensure mutual agreement and alignment of objectives before starting the assignment. We may iterate the Statement of Work(s) with you to finalise the requirements

Ordering and Invoicing

Once we have agreed a Statement of Work(s) we will sign the appropriate agreement and complete a Call Off contract with an attached Statement of Work(s), and submission of a Purchase Order. We will then set up a mutually acceptable start date and commence work.

Payment terms are 30 days or less as may be agreed.

Please note - we are unable to accept Government Procurement Card (GPC) payments.

Customer Responsibilities

For any given requirement, we will identify any dependencies on the customer (e.g. access to key stakeholders, facilities, documentation, etc.) and agree these at the start of the work.

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Making a difference

The work we do each day is focused on delivering a positive difference for the public sector for the benefit of society as a whole.

Environment
We use the 'recycle, reuse, repair, refuse' approach to waste reduction to minimise landfill waste, support climate initiatives, and enhance biodiversity, creating a sustainable environment for our colleagues and community

Volunteering
We continue to support charitable causes that align with and support our values including our charity partner and VCSE initiatives

Investment in Talent
We cultivate young talent through our GRAVITATE programme, championing vibrant apprenticeship and graduate schemes while aiding tech career exploration for individuals aged 14-24

Diversifying our Supply Chains
We diversify our local supply chains, promoting small business enterprise and engaging local people, SME, and micro-business suppliers

Staff Wellbeing
We offer career paths and continue to enhance our PDP processes, and maintain our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant. Moreover, we continue to support our colleagues holistically, considering them as complete individuals at every career stage with Methods

Safeguarding Services
We continue to provide insightful thought leadership on leveraging modern technology to secure our public services for future generations. This involves speaking at industry events, educating youth on tech career paths, and offering pro-bono advice to senior policymakers

Customer stories

Stopped a Central Goverment high-severity Cyber threat in its tracks with a Threat Management solution that continuously monitors the security posture and responds to active cyber security incidents and vulnerabilities fast

Simplified 230+ service offerings with no disruption to live service to deliver service management maturity that was standardised to be more efficient, and optimised to reduce cost at a critical time for HMCTS

Put nature at the heart of government decision-making using digital and AI innovation to explore 21 natural capital ecosystem assessments with Defra

Reduced service costs by 60% through the design and transition of Robotic Process Automation of 1.2M service billing transactions per month at NOS Telecoms Cabinet Office

Enabled the delivery of 4.7M care and food supplies to people who were at the highest risk from COVID-19 through the development, delivery, and maintenance of the Shielding Vulnerable People service at the Cabinet Office

Increased speed and traceability of annual education funding allocations by transforming the Funding Service at ESFA in the DFE