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Flexible managed services for hybrid cloud, end-user computing and digital infrastructure environments. Supporting Azure, AWS, on-premises and co-located platforms, services are tailored to organisational operating models and delivered through ITIL, DevOps, Cyber Essentials Plus, ISO27001 and CAF-aligned practices. Includes CSP, FinOps, service desk and specialist technical support.

What is the Service

Utilising the extensive experience of the previously CoreAzure team, Methods provide a managed service for Microsoft Hybrid Cloud Platform and End-user Support. CoreAzure merged into Methods Business and Digital Technology in December 2023.

The Managed Service for Microsoft Hybrid Cloud Platform and End-user Support Managed Services is a comprehensive and co-ordinated set of services designed to complement an organisation’s own Managed Service Design / Operating model, particularly in the context of an evolving Cloud-based infrastructure hosting and delivery model. For many of our customers the transition to the cloud is an evolutionary process and we have delivered significant value in providing support throughout that journey.

Key to our success is technical and commercial flexibility and providing our customers with a delivery model for Managed Services that can flex over time in order to maintain the suitability of the services and value for money.

Our services focus on up to a 24*7 support capability and covers all requirement that are associated with the management of and maintaining the integrity of modern and in many cases complex Hybrid cloud platforms and environments. Our service exploits the very latest in hybrid cloud delivery, monitoring, reporting and remediation capabilities and our focus on ‘shift-left’ strategies drives down cost whilst driving up service standards.

What can it do for you

The aim of our Managed Services for Microsoft Hybrid Cloud Platform and End-user Support Managed Services is to establish continual service improvement for end-user experience and to drive down operational overheads. There are a number of benefits that we can offer our customers:

- An exemplary support model for hybrid cloud environments
- Improved first time fix and self service capabilities
- Access to skilled ITIL and Microsoft professionals
- Proactive and reactive support capabilities
- A model that adapts to your Service Operating Model
- ITSM options including Zendesk and ServiceNow which consolidates teams, data and processes on a single platform, automating manual tasks, and ITSM integration

Service Features

1. Full managed services for Microsoft Azure, AWS, multicloud platforms
2. Support for on-premises, cloud and co-located infrastructure environments
3. Azure support including AVD, PaaS, SQLMI, native Azure services
4. Integrated CSP, FinOps, consumption management and cost optimisation services
5. Flexible 1st/2nd/3rd line support models with tailored SLAs
6. 24x7 incident, major incident and problem management services
7. Managed backup, DR and BC aligned to RTO/RPO targets
8. ITIL-aligned service desk with multichannel incident logging, request fulfilment
9. ISO27001, CE+ and CAF aligned DevOps, CI/CD and automation
10. Supplier management/escalation, certificate lifecycle management and ITSM integration

Service Benefits

1. Full commercial transparency with flexible and scalable pricing models
2. Services continuously aligned to changing business and operational priorities
3. Shift-left and CSI to reduce service demand and incidents
4. Reduced operational, security and service delivery risk
5. Lower support overheads through automation and proactive management
6. Access to specialist cloud, infrastructure, security and EUC expertise
7. Flexible support coverage ranging from business-hours to 24x7 operations
8. Skills transfer and mentoring strengthen internal capability and resilience
9. Effective supplier management improves issue resolution and accountability
10. Experience delivering services within highly regulated and security-conscious environments

Contact details

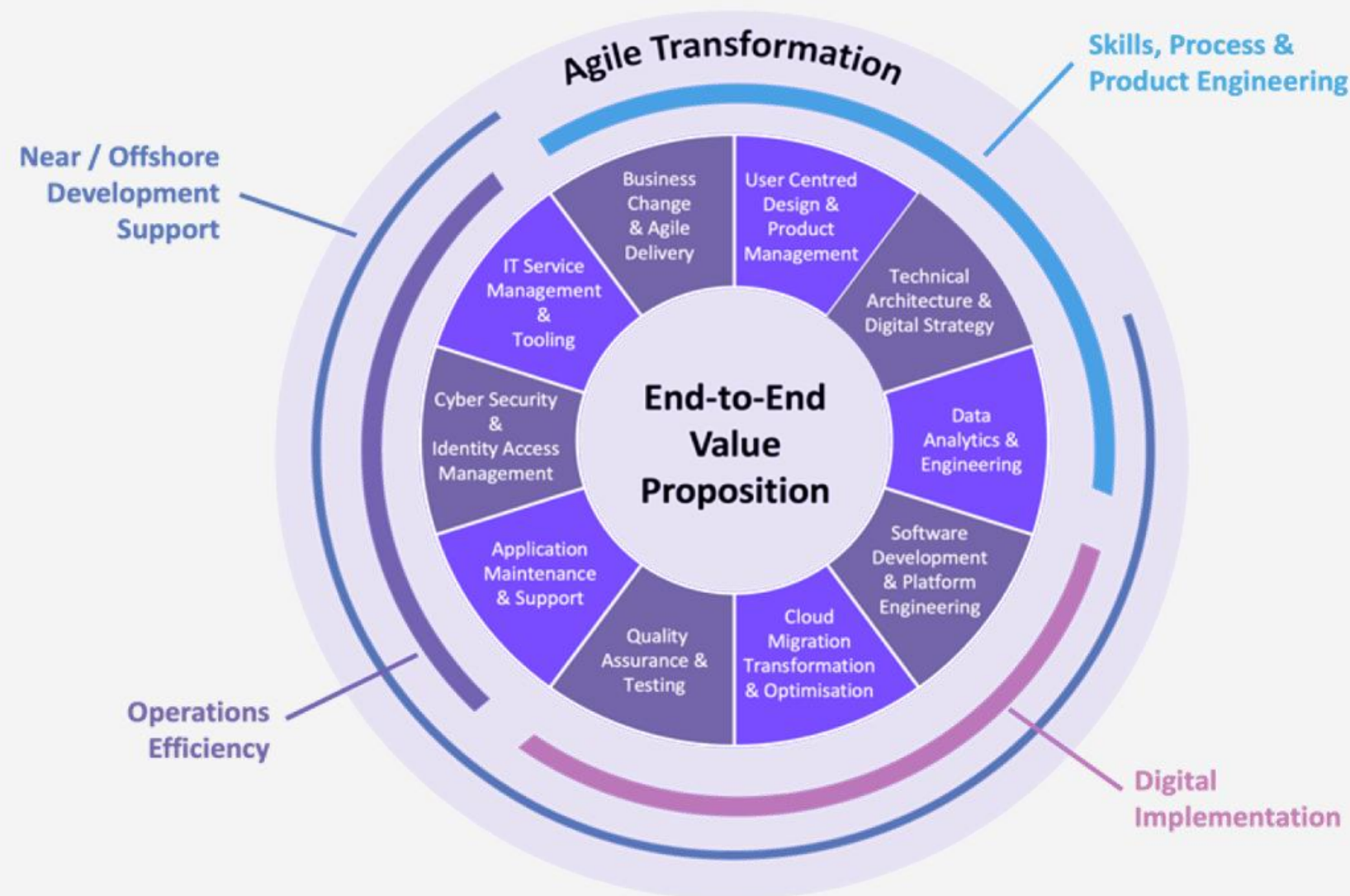
End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

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.

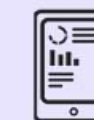
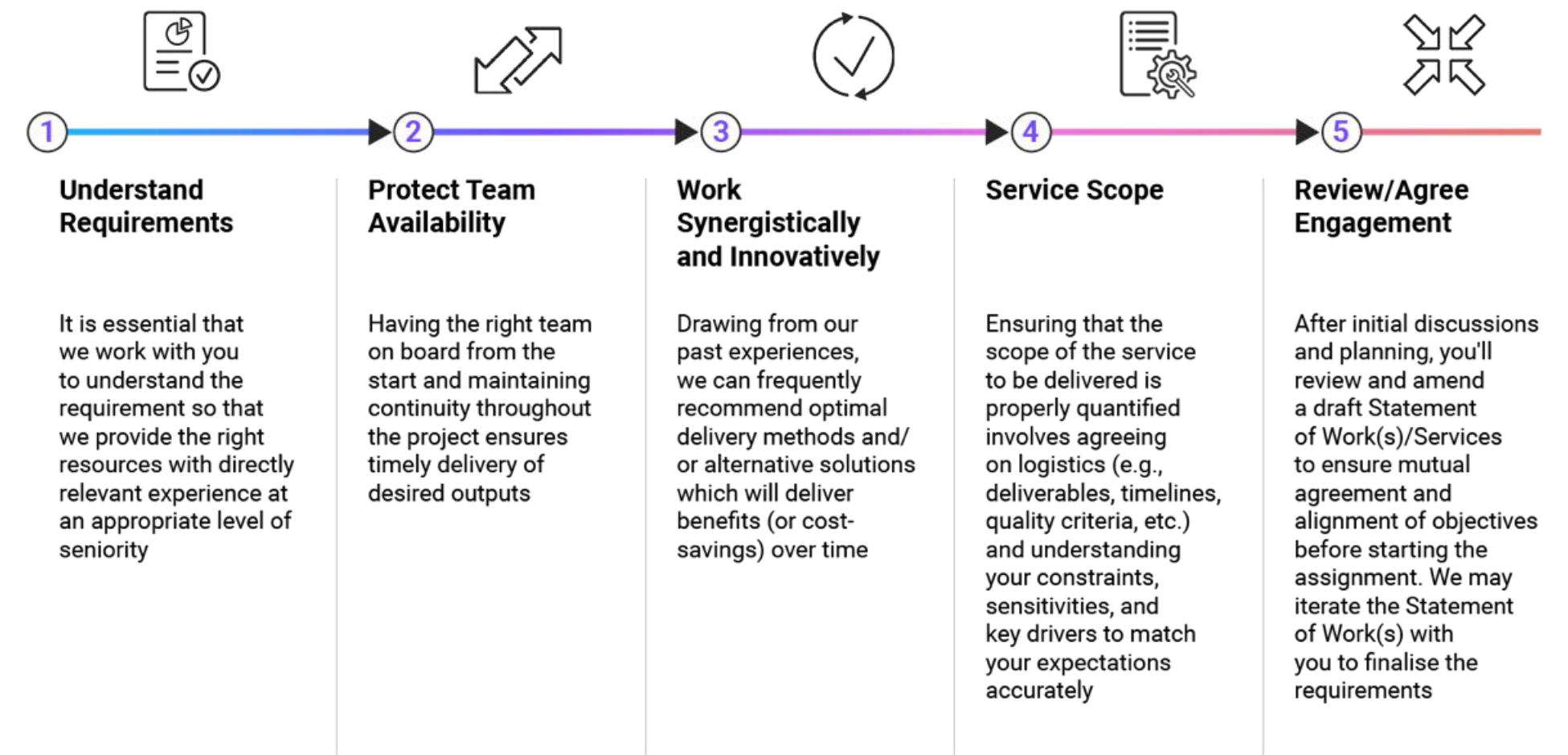
Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

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:



Onboarding and offboarding process



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.

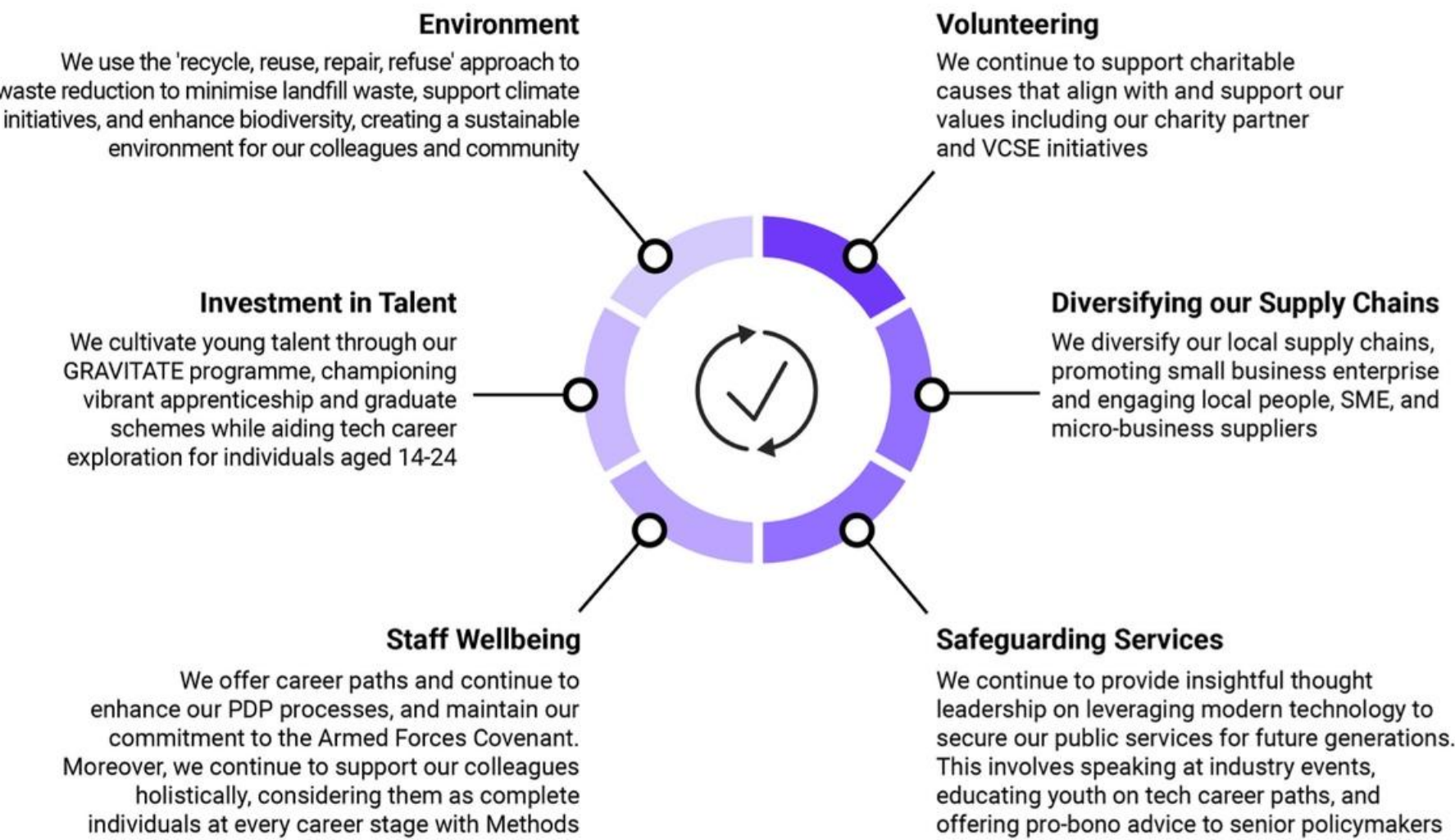


Customer Responsibilities

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.

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.



Customer stories



Stopped a Central Government 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