



G-Cloud 15 Service Definition

Website Accessibility Compliance Audit

Lot 3 - Cloud Support

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1 Introduction

1.1 Company Overview

Annertech is a multi-award-winning digital agency, focussing on creating exceptional user experiences. We do this while providing the most performant and secure solution that delivers on the needs of the organisation.

Put simply, we partner with great clients to create digital success stories.

We are perceived in the market as one of Europe's leading Drupal specialists, are Drupal certified Platinum Partners and are highly prominent within the international Drupal community. We are also Drupal Signature Supporting Partners and Upsun (formerly called Platform.sh) Platinum Partners for hosting.

We are strong supporters of the Drupal project and its ecosystem, and regularly contribute code and time, and help organise Drupal events. With thousands of code contributions and over 500 years' combined Drupal experience, our team is responsible for in excess of 50 contributed projects on drupal.org. We're also proud to have, not 1, but 2 Drupal Core maintainers and 1 Security Team Member on our team.

Annertech specialises in Website Accessibility Compliance Audit services. We are a trusted partner for public sector organisations across the UK and Ireland, working together to design, develop, and enhance websites to improve service outcomes. Our aim is to help organisations efficiently serve their users by identifying and resolving challenges they face. We support public sector organisations looking to enhance their websites.

Our History

Annertech (UK) is part of the Annertech group which was established 15 years ago in 2008 and is headquartered in Ireland. After many years of successfully delivering services to the Irish public sector, such as Dublin City Council, University of Limerick, and Department of Defence, Annertech (UK) was established in 2021 to deliver services to UK clients. Since then we have gone on to work with the likes of Essex County Council, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, and many others.



1.3 Our Value Proposition

Our Website Accessibility Compliance Audit service solves a key problem within the public sector by helping organisations assess the accessibility standard of their website.

We understand that public sector organisations face challenges in efficiently serving their users, and our service addresses these challenges by supporting organisations looking to improve their site's accessibility.

Annertech has been involved in the delivery and optimisation of websites since 2008. Our clients have great confidence in us for these reasons:

- How we approach all projects as a partnership and are transparent in everything we do – our clients have full access to all of our information about their project, including our decision making processes.
- The quality of our work, as seen on our portfolio.
- With a long history of working on digital projects in the public sector, we can bring our experience to bear on your project. We have partnered with many organisations in the past, the majority of whom we continue to work with today.
- The friendliness and helpfulness of our staff. We're here to help and we'll do our utmost to ensure that the website delivers what you need.

We work with multiple organisations on their websites across both the UK and Ireland. We have the experience in not only auditing the accessibility of your site, but also in addressing accessibility issues found, and designing, developing supporting, maintaining, and hosting it.

To date, Annertech has delivered solutions for the likes of [Cork County Council](#), [the National Library of Ireland](#), and [University of Limerick](#).

1.4 What the Service Provides

Our service, Website Accessibility Compliance Audit, offers a range of benefits to organisations across the UK and Ireland.

Our service provides you with an accessibility audit of a representative number of pages on your site. In it we evaluate how the website conforms to each of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 or 2.2.

It enables you to gain a better understanding of where it currently stands and what needs to be improved or remedied. It is the first step in creating an implementation plan that will have measurable and long-term results.

Throughout our engagement, we will aim to be a pro-active partner. Your Account Manager will work with you to enhance your digital presence and make sure that you are getting the most out of our service.

It is important to stress that, at Annertech, we see this as a partnership, and not just another client-supplier relationship.

1.5 Social Value

Annertech is committed to social value and aligns with the Social Value themes outlined in PPN 002. We recognise the importance of kickstarting economic growth, making Britain a clean energy superpower, breaking down barriers to opportunity, and building an NHS fit for the future.

Our LocalGov Drupal Design, Development, Support, and Maintenance service contributes to these themes by enabling councils to serve their citizens more efficiently and effectively. Annertech is an official LGD supplier and have significantly contributed to the evolution of the platform.

What initially drew us to become involved in LocalGov Drupal was that we have always been huge believers in the "Build to Share" philosophy and this is what LocalGov Drupal espouses.

We will ensure that work completed for you can be shared with the LocalGov Drupal community and that you will be working collaboratively with other councils.

As a digital only company, we've removed the need for paper, and travel to on-site meetings only where value can be added. We are committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2030.

In addition, we partner with suppliers who are committed to reducing their carbon footprint. We have zero tolerance for slavery and human trafficking and ask our suppliers to make a similar commitment and include an anti-human trafficking and slavery in their contracts wherever possible.

At Annertech, the wellbeing of our staff is very important to us. We offer all staff members fully flexible working conditions, including the ability to work from home and fully flexible working hours. We also run a wellbeing programme where staff can access online resources and avail of a 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme which covers a large range of assistance from mental health, legal and financial advice, family counselling, and more.

1.6 Overview of the G-Cloud Service

Website Accessibility Compliance Audit is a service offered by Annertech. The service aims to help organisations serve their users more efficiently by identifying and resolving web accessibility challenges faced by public sector organisations on their websites.

1.6.1 Initial Engagement

Each contract starts with a kick-off meeting of the project with your Account Manager. Your Account Manager will work with you to ensure that there is a clear understanding of the process, expectations and responsibilities.

They will also discuss any particular concerns you have in relation to the site or areas where particular attention should be paid.

1.6.2 Accessibility Compliance Audit & Report

Our accessibility audit provides you with a high level overview of your site. In it we evaluate how the website conforms to each of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 or 2.2 success criteria.

Your Project Manager will collaborate with you to define the scope for the audit. This typically involves defining an agreed set of pages that are representative of the website as a whole. Key user flows will also be identified and agreed.

Each of these pages and user flows will then be analysed by an accessibility expert using a combination of automated testing, assistive technology and manual review.

After completing the audit, we will provide you with a detailed report clearly explaining what was uncovered, categorising each issue against the relevant WCAG success criteria, and provide you with recommendations and advice for next steps. We will then organise a meeting with you to discuss the results of the audit, and high-priority recommendations.

1.7 Associated Services

Our Website Accessibility Compliance Audit service includes a range of associated services that can be bought alongside the main service. These include:

1. **Accessibility Statement:** We can assist you in drafting an accessibility statement for publication on your website. It is necessary to have completed a recent accessibility compliance audit prior to writing the statement as the results from the audit form the basis for the issues that need to be declared in the accessibility statement. Please see our pricing document for our daily rates.
2. **Accessibility scanning:** Annertech can provide monthly scanning of your site to detect potential accessibility issues along with quarterly consultations and reports.
3. **Remedial Work:** If you have a PHP based or decoupled website, then Annertech can also undertake the remedial work required to address the accessibility issues found. Otherwise we can advise and guide your development team on how to rectify the problems. Please see our pricing document for our daily rates.
4. **Professional Services:** Our team of experts can provide consultancy, training, and implementation services to help organisations maximise the value and impact of Drupal. These can be in the areas of UX research & design, content design and strategy, content writing, development, migration, SEO and performance. Please see our pricing document for our daily rates.
5. **Maintenance and Support:** We provide ongoing maintenance and support services to ensure the smooth operation of your website, including bug fixes, security updates, and technical assistance. Please see our pricing document for our support subscription package pricing.
6. **Training:** We provide accessibility training to your editors, as well as “train the trainer” training. Each course is tailored to meet your specific requirements and can be delivered on-site or online via Teams, Zoom or similar tools. Please see our pricing document for our daily rates.
7. **Hosting:** Annertech are Upsun Platinum Partners and we provide a managed hosting service for Drupal websites. The servers are specifically primed for Drupal and can give up to a 99.99% up-time guarantee depending on the package chosen. Please see our pricing document for costs.

These associated services can be tailored to meet the specific needs and requirements of each organisation, providing a comprehensive and integrated solution for their digital transformation journey.

2 Data Protection

2.1 Information Assurance

As a service provider, we prioritise the security and protection of information. We have robust processes and facilities in place to safely manage information and ensure data confidentiality, integrity, and availability. We comply with industry best practices and standards, to maintain a secure environment for our clients. We are ISO 27001 certified, as well as Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus.



Our team follows strict information security policies and procedures to safeguard sensitive data. We continuously monitor and update our security measures to mitigate risks and ensure the highest level of information assurance.

2.2 Business continuity statement/plan

Our business continuity plan ensures that Annertech can continue to operate should a disaster occur, which could jeopardise Annertech's ability to carry out its normal business. The plan covers when and how it will be invoked and defines what actions need to take place, when, and the responsible people.

It identifies the main areas of risk to Annertech as being:

- loss of key systems or utilities
- loss of staff

As Annertech is a distributed company, with the majority of staff working remotely, the loss of premises is not a main area of risk to Annertech.

A more detailed plan can be provided to the buyer on request.

2.3 Privacy by Design

Annertech has data protection by design embedded across the business. In advance of Annertech engaging with any customer data, Annertech will agree data management and data protection protocols with the customer, assigning clear roles and responsibilities in respect of the data.

Annertech is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) as a Data Processor. We have a dedicated Data Protection Officer to ensure compliance with the regulation. As a data processor, we comply with GDPR principles and ensure all our processing meets Data Protection law. We are happy to work with clients to help meet their regulatory requirements.

3 Using the service

3.1 Ordering and Invoicing

To order services from Annertech for Website Accessibility Compliance Audit service, please contact our team to discuss your requirements in more detail. You can reach us at hello@annertech.com or by phoning +44 20 458 600 65. Our team will assist you with the call-off contract, to formalise the agreement.

Our fees are invoiced monthly in arrears for any on-going engagement via our support subscription packages, while other work is usually invoiced upon completion of agreed milestones. Payment terms are 30 days net of receipt of the invoice. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team. We are here to help you throughout the ordering and invoicing process.

3.2 On-Boarding, Off-Boarding, Service Migration, Scope etc.

The on-boarding process for our Website Accessibility Compliance Audit service is designed to help users start using the service effectively and efficiently. Here's how we support users during the on-boarding phase:

1. **Kick-off Meeting:** We start by scheduling a kick-off meeting with key team members to understand your specific requirements and goals.
2. **Dedicated Point of Contact:** We assign you an Account Manager who will provide assistance and guidance during the on-boarding process and throughout the contract. They will be available to answer any questions and address any concerns you may have.
3. **Training:** We offer training sessions tailored to your needs, whether it's for editors or "train the trainer". These sessions can be conducted remotely or on-site, depending on your preference.
4. **Account Management:** Throughout the on-boarding process, our account management team will be available to ensure a smooth transition and address any issues that may arise.

Regarding off-boarding, when you decide to stop using our service, we will work closely with you to ensure a seamless transition to your new provider. We will provide all code, documentation and data access as needed.

We are committed to supporting you throughout your engagement with us, ensuring that you have the necessary resources and expertise to maximise the value of our service.

3.3 Training

Our training facilities for Website Accessibility Compliance Audit service include a range of resources to support users in acquiring the necessary skills and knowledge. These facilities include:

1. **Accessibility training:** As part of our commitment to facilitating the on-going improvement of your site's accessibility, we offer training sessions to editors to help them maintain it going forward. Please see our Pricing document for daily rates.

3.4 Implementation Plan

A detailed implementation plan can be provided to the buyer on request. We offer a partnership approach, working closely with organisations to identify and resolve challenges they face.

3.5 Service Management

We manage our Website Accessibility Compliance Audit service using a combination of people, processes, and technology. Here's how we ensure effective service management:

- **Certifications and Standards:** We adhere to industry best practices and standards, including ISO/IEC 27001 certification for data security and are ISO 27001 certified. Our team follows ITIL service management principles to deliver high-quality services.
- **Continual Improvement:** We have a proactive approach to continual improvement. We regularly assess our processes, identify areas for enhancement, and implement necessary changes to optimise service delivery.
- **Service Constraints and Incidents:** We have a well-defined process for handling service constraints and incidents. Our project management and ticketing system acts as a single point of contact for customers to seek support and make requests.
- **Progress Reporting:** We provide regular progress reports to our customers, keeping them informed about the status of their projects. Our reporting includes key milestones, deliverables, and any relevant updates.

3.6 Service Constraints

Service Hours

Services are available between 9am and 5:30pm Monday-Friday, excluding public holidays. Service delivery outside of these hours can be discussed if required.

Limitations

While not mandatory, we recommend that your website has a XML sitemap to speed up the auditing process and reduce costs.

We can only provide remediation work for PHP-based and decoupled websites. We do not provide remediation services for Java or .NET sites. For the remediation service, we require access to the website code and database.

3.7 Service Levels

Associated Service – Maintenance and Support

Package Sizes

We offer a number of maintenance and support subscription packages. They cover help and support from our dedicated managed services team, plus continuous improvement and development.

These come in bundles of 8 hours per month and are billed in 15 minute increments.

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Enterprise
Hours per month	8	16	24	25+

All packages can be **upgraded or downgraded with one month's notice**.

We do not penalise clients for exceeding their monthly subscription, and still only charge extra work at the hourly rate according to the package chosen. However, we are unable to guarantee our capacity to take on extra work which has not been previously flagged or agreed to.

If not all subscribed hours are used within a given month, you can **roll over hours** to the following month(s). A cap of one month's subscription is applied.

Service Hours

Subscription services are available between 9am and 5:30pm Monday-Friday, excluding public holidays. Service delivery outside of these hours can be discussed if required.

Response Times

We provide a number of communication channels: phone, email, ticketing system – basically, we'll make it as easy as possible for you to talk to us (and directly to a developer if you wish).

- **Critical priority** – immediately, with a maximum 1 working hour response time
- **High priority** – within 8 working hours
- **Medium priority** – within 24 working hours
- **Low priority** – within 5 working days

3.8 Financial Recompense Model for not Meeting Service Levels

We do not have a specific financial recompense model in place for not meeting service levels. However, we are committed to providing high-quality service and ensuring customer satisfaction. If there are any issues or concerns regarding service levels, we will work closely with you to address them and find a suitable resolution.

Our goal is to deliver a reliable and efficient Website Accessibility Compliance Audit service that meets your expectations and requirements. We value your feedback and will continuously strive to improve our service delivery.

4 Provision of the service

4.1 Customer Responsibilities

These responsibilities will vary per project but normally focus on a commitment to:

- Resourcing the project internally
- Ensuring that key project sign-off points are met
- Providing all necessary access required to complete the audit

4.2 Client-Side Requirements

The requirements for our Website Accessibility Compliance Audit service include the following:

1. Client-Side Requirements: The client will need to provide resources to facilitate the Website Accessibility Compliance Audit. These requirements can be further discussed and documented during the onboarding process, ensuring a clear understanding between both parties.

We understand that each client's requirements may vary, and we are committed to working closely with you to ensure a smooth and successful audit.

4.3 Outcomes/Deliverables

This service will deliver the following outcomes, deliverables, and outputs:

- **Identification and assessment of the client's current situation:** We will work closely with the client to understand their specific needs, challenges, and goals.
- **Documented findings:** The client will receive a comprehensive report outlining how the site fares in each of the audit's assessment areas, along with a severity and description for each of the issues found.
- **Expert guidance and consulting:** Our team of experts will provide advice and guidance to the client on any remediation action required.

By implementing the recommendations of our audit report, the client will benefit from improved service outcomes, improved website accessibility and compliance with Public Sector Accessibility Regulations.

4.4 After-sales Account Management

To build and maintain customer relationships, we take the following approach:

1. **Relationship Management:** We prioritise effective communication and collaboration between our team and the customer. We assign dedicated account managers who serve as the primary point of contact, ensuring smooth and efficient communication. Our account managers work closely with customers to understand their needs, address any concerns, and provide ongoing support.
2. **Reporting:** Reporting will form a major element of the communications between Annertech and the customer. These communications will take place at regularly scheduled intervals.
3. **Customer Satisfaction:** We strive to ensure customer satisfaction by delivering high-quality services and solutions. We actively seek feedback from customers to understand their experience and make necessary improvements. Our goal is to exceed customer expectations and build long-term partnerships based on trust and mutual success.
4. **Business Partnership:** We aim to grow our business partnerships by fostering a collaborative and mutually beneficial relationship. We work closely with customers to identify opportunities for innovation, provide strategic guidance, and explore ways to enhance their digital capabilities. Our focus is on delivering value and helping customers achieve their goals.

By adopting these practices, we aim to build strong and lasting customer relationships, ensuring customer satisfaction and driving mutual success.

4.5 Termination Process

In our Website Accessibility Compliance Audit service, we have a clear approach to termination that includes specific clauses, rights, obligations, and responsibilities for both parties.

Termination Process: If either party wishes to terminate the service, they must provide written notice with a minimum of 30 days' notice. The termination notice should include the effective date of termination and the reasons for termination.

Rights and Obligations: Upon termination, and subject to payment of any outstanding fees, the customer retains the rights to any deliverables or outputs provided during the service period. The supplier is responsible for ensuring a smooth transition and providing any necessary support or documentation to facilitate the transfer of services. Daily rates (as per our Pricing document) will apply in respect of any extra documentation or support that may need to be written or provided.

5 Our experience

5.1 Client List

Here are just some of the clients we work with.



5.2 Example Testimonials

“Their friendly folks brought lots of domain knowledge and gave us good advice around best practice, that has enabled us to implement change quickly and created a result that is performing really well.”

- UK local government client

“Working with the team involved has been incredible. Their passion and buy-in with our vision was what made the whole journey, from procurement to delivery, completely seamless. The transparency and communication back to our team is why we have been able to launch a successful and efficient resident-focused platform.”

- UK local government client

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