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Utilising the extensive experience of the previously CoreAzure team, Methods provide Microsoft Azure cloud migration services including applications, workloads, infrastructure; M365, Modern Workplace services, data. We focus on blending transformation, improvement, lift&shift, including optimisation/application modernisation, adopting an application/data-centric approach.

December 2023: CoreAzure merged into Methods Business and Digital Technology.

What is the Service

Utilising the extensive experience of the previously CoreAzure team, Methods provide a range of integrated implementation and deployment services designed to support and accelerate an organisation’s transition to the Cloud.

Customers are increasingly aware of the disadvantages of ‘lift and shift’ migration strategies to Azure. Environments have typically not been architected for the cloud, are generally over-provisioned and have excessive amounts of data, all of which will add significantly to the cost of migration and require some degree of consolidation either prior to, during or immediately following the migration.

CoreAzure have led the way in terms of Azure, Microsoft 365, workloads, infrastructure and data migrations. We focus on the migration of:

- Infrastructure workloads and applications: designed to reduce risk and cost by simplifying hosting environments and using cloud capabilities to modernise applications and services.
- Office 365 (SharePoint Online, Microsoft Teams and OneDrive for Business): specialising in tenant to tenant and cross tenant migrations, multi-tenant, tenancy merging etc.
- Data and Fileshares: Optimising data storage and making it more accessible to your users by selecting from a range of cloud-based data storage techniques and migration methods.

With all forms of migration services, we will design and configure target environments, covering architectural considerations such as Security by Design, Identity, Backup and DR and network connectivity; And as we are an Advanced Specialisms Microsoft Partner we have access to and will support in securing Microsoft funding and grant options.

Migration services are delivered by our Azure and Microsoft 365 practices and depending upon your requirement we will incorporate knowledge and skills transfer to ensure that your teams are fully aware of and engaged in the migration and able to provide on-going support.

We offer a range of fully transparent fixed price and agile commercial offerings designed to optimise value of money.

Service Features

1. Microsoft Gold and Advanced Specialisms Partner Azure Cloud Platforms
2. Microsoft CAF Azure Platform, Landing Zone build/migration services
3. PaaS-based modernisation, including Azure App Service and AKS
4. M365 Implementation, Deployment and Migration Services
5. Microsoft SharePoint On-line Configuration, Migration and Development
6. Client enablement through formalised Knowledge and Skills transfer
7. AVS platform build and migration services
8. Agile delivery model – no full up-front commercial commitment
9. Services aligned to Microsoft CAF and WAF
10. DevOps / CI/CD pipeline management automation and IAC

Service Benefits

1. Optimise and modernise to minimise Azure consumption costs
2. Prevent service disruption and maintain availability of key systems
3. Record of success and access to reference sites
4. Microsoft accredited resources
5. Client-side team enablement skills and knowledge transfer
6. Fully transparent costs and commercial delivery model
7. Access to Microsoft AMM funding and discounted CSP services
8. DevOps and CI/CD pipeline management and automation
9. Pro-bono pre-mobilisation support
10. Hybrid on-site / off-site engagement model

Contact details

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What can it do for you

Our migration services effectively and efficiently transition applications, workloads and data to the Microsoft Azure platform. Our approach has been designed to fundamentally lower delivery and operational risk with minimal disruption to organisation services and to maintain the integrity, availability and confidentiality of data at all times.

The benefits of transitioning service to the Microsoft Azure Platform includes:

- improves service resilience and business continuity, 'always-there' back-up and cost-effective DR
- Able to build better workplace tools & processes making it easier to work effectively and efficiently
- Empowering staff to innovate in a way that makes a difference operationally, commercially and socially
- Defers and avoids capital investment in underlying non-value adding components
- Widens access to data regardless of device type and location
- The ability to flexibly scale up or down IT resources to match demand
- Financial transparency, to manage demand more effectively by attributing cost of service to usage
- Major contribution to carbon reduction and sustainability targets with Azure Cloud hosting being 98% more carbon efficient than using traditional enterprise DC.
- Enhanced protection from Cyber Threats:
 - Because Azure comes with proven security features it provides full protection for applications, data and services
 - Reduce costs and complexity with a highly secure cloud foundation managed by Microsoft.
 - Multi-layered, built-in security controls and unique threat intelligence helps to identify and protect against rapidly evolving threats.

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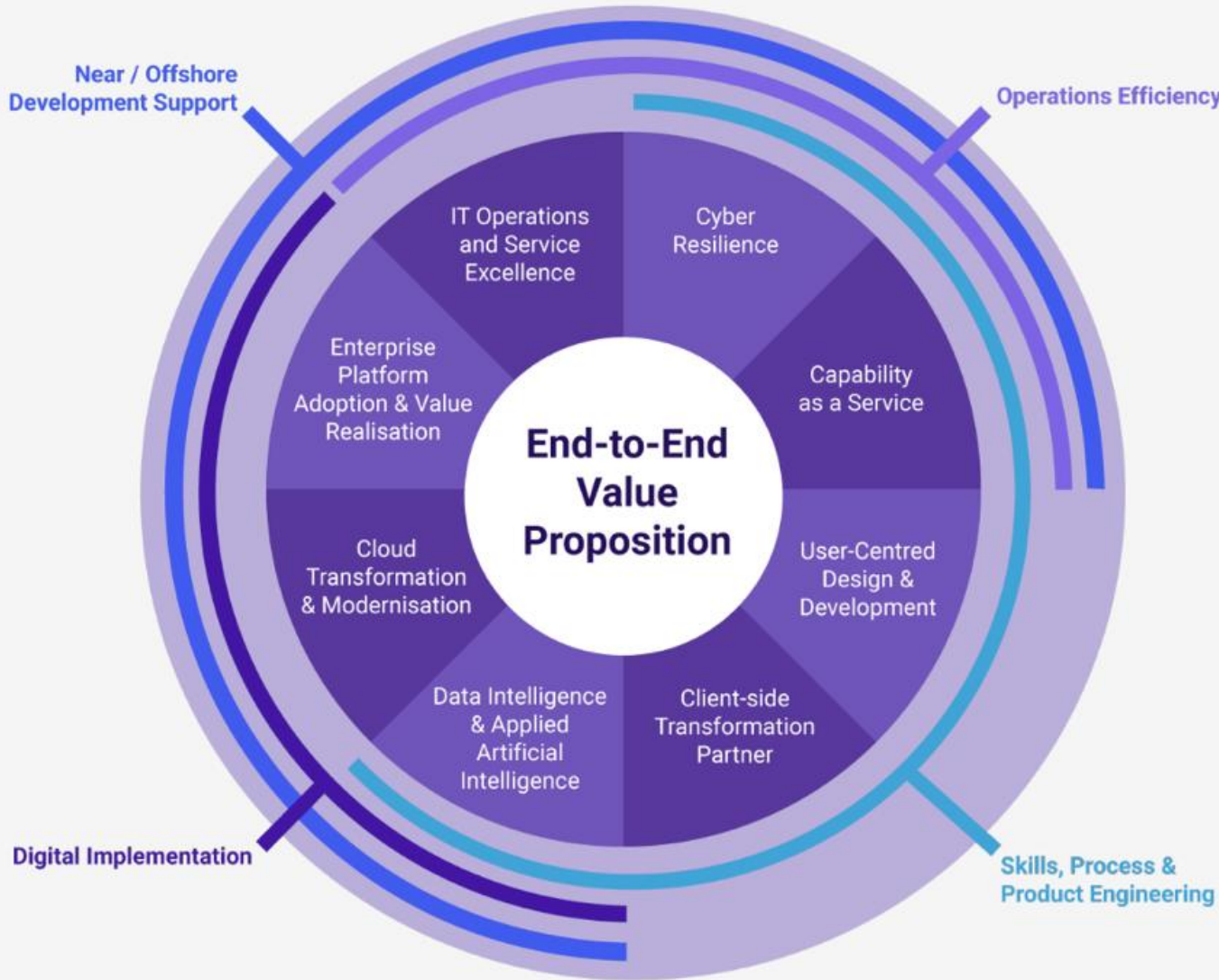
End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

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.

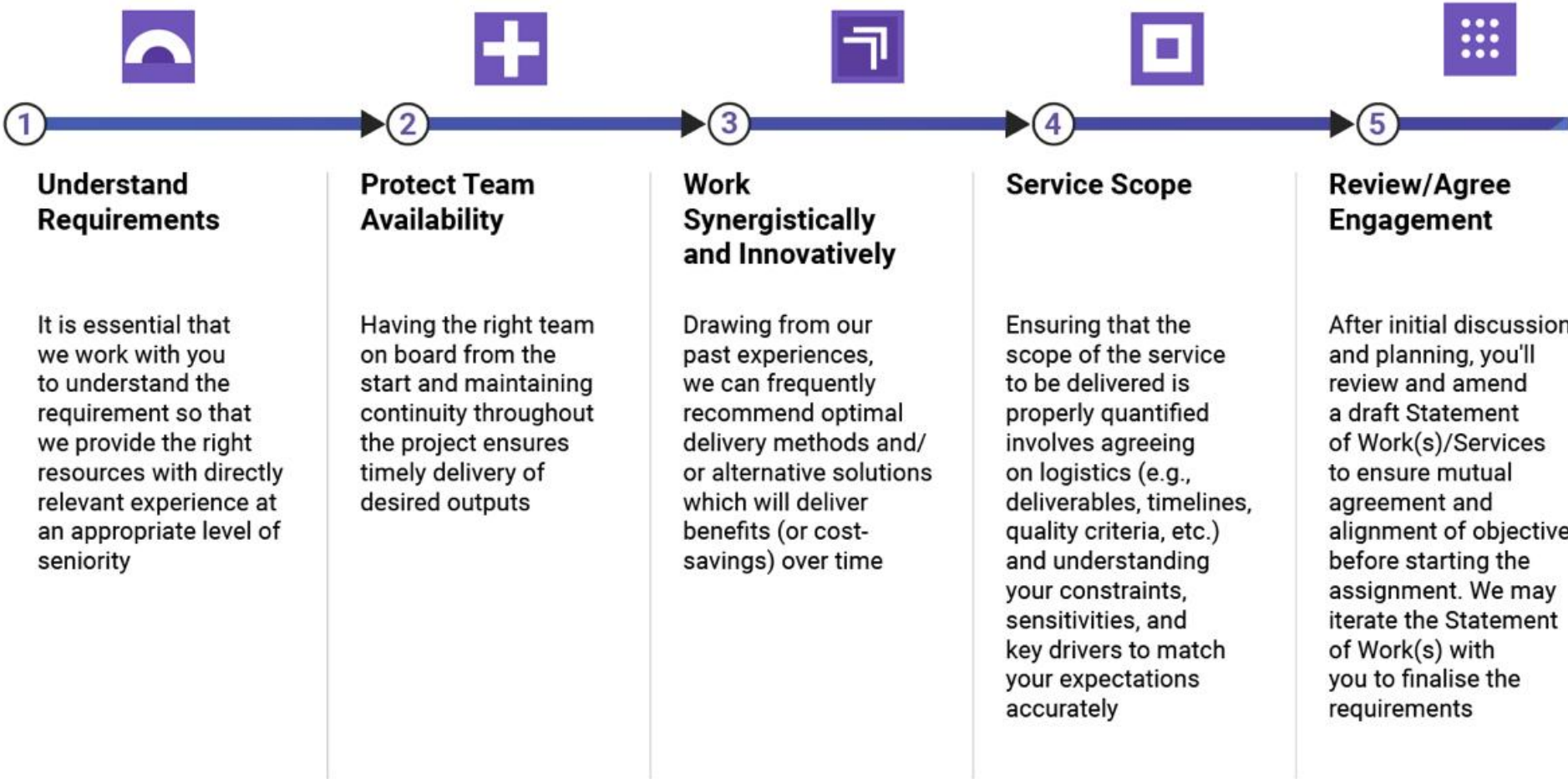
Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

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.

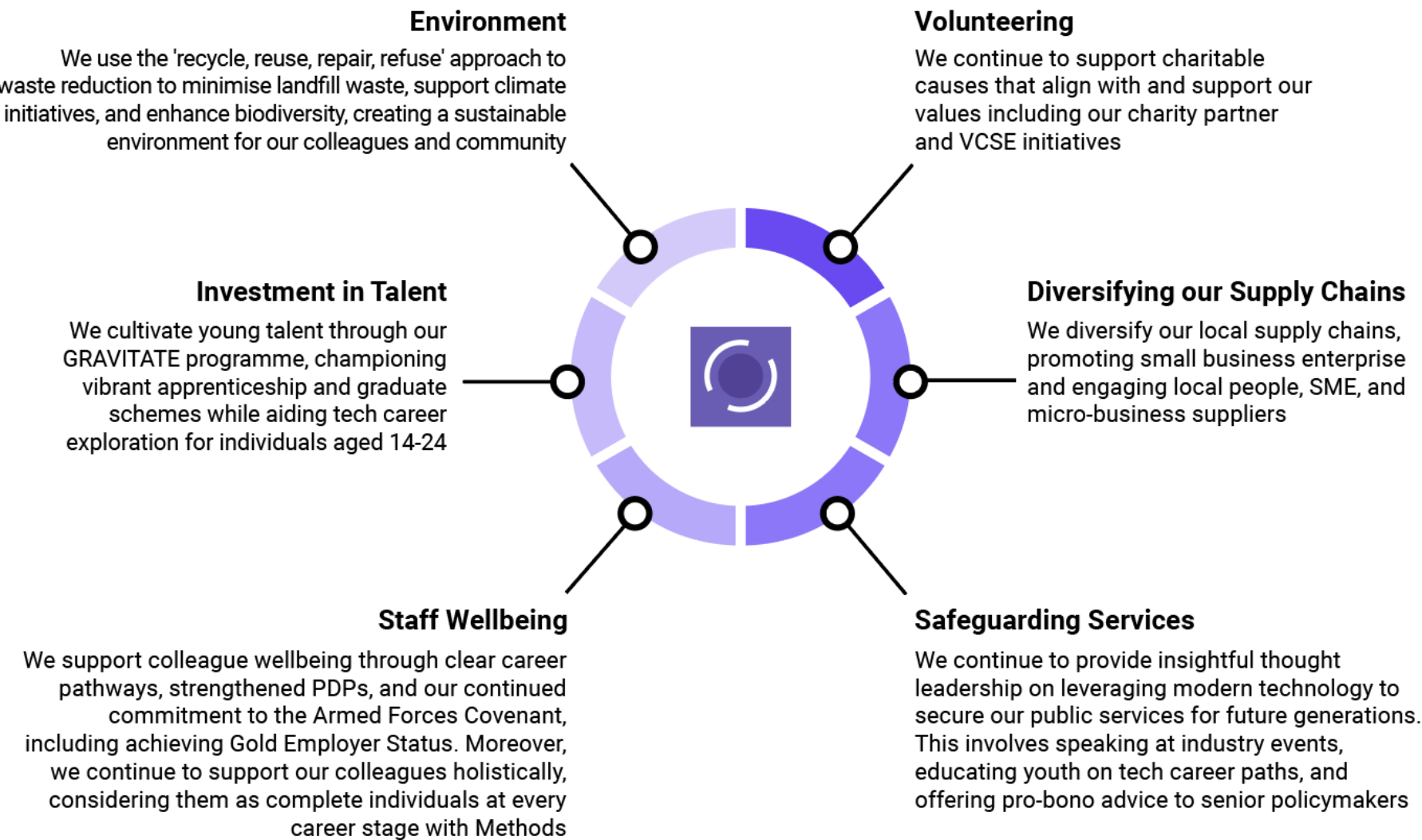


Customer Responsibilities

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



Cloud Hosting & Service Modernisation

Modernised digital services using secure cloud hosting, streamlined legacy workflows, and improved data insights. Delivered faster decisions, reduced manual effort, and a more transparent, **user-friendly experience** for internal teams and external users.



Cloud-Based ITSM Consolidation

Unified multiple service desks onto a cloud-based ITSM platform, standardising processes and automating workflows. Improved incident, change, and problem management, **boosting overall service reliability, efficiency, and organisational visibility.**



Large-Scale Cloud Migration (100+ Apps / 120TB)

Delivered cloud migration of **100+ legacy applications** and **120TB of data** with **100% availability.** Strengthened compliance, improved transparency, and significantly enhanced operational resilience across critical digital services.



Azure Migration & Modern Workplace Enablement

Migrated data centres to Azure and deployed modern workplace cloud services, delivering secure, scalable infrastructure. Achieved improved user experience, strengthened security posture, and **£1m savings** - all with zero service disruption.



Cloud ITSM Migration (ServiceNow SaaS)

Successfully migrated from a legacy ITSM tool to a modern, cloud-based ServiceNow platform. Delivered scalable, robust service operations, strengthened governance, and enabled faster, more consistent digital service delivery across the organisation.



Cloud-Native Data Pipelines (Azure Integration)

Built automated Azure Data Factory pipelines into a Lakehouse architecture, using Bronze/Silver/Gold layers and Delta with CI/CD. Delivered secure daily refreshes, improved data quality, lower manual effort, and more efficient reporting.

