

G-Cloud 15 Service Description



Cloud Readiness Assessment - Azure

Cloud Readiness Assessment - Azure

Utilising the extensive experience of the previously CoreAzure team, Methods provide comprehensive assessments of organisations' readiness/pathway to cloud. Business cases focus on financial/non-financial case for change, resourcing implications, timescales, transition planning; shaping how organisations can maximise value from cloud investments.

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

What is the Service

We will conduct a high-level assessment of applications and associated infrastructure and based upon the objectives defined, the migration scope e.g. the applications and workloads that could and should be migrated to the cloud. We will:

- Conduct an assessment of existing applications based on the underlying technology, size and performance. In doing so we will consider:
 - Our prior experience
 - Duplicate applications and workloads
 - Plans to replace or retire apps and/or infrastructure
 - Indicative remediation / re-factoring costs
 - Native cloud component replacements
 - Recovery requirements (RPO/RT0)
- • Apply T-shirt sizing to all in-scope applications to determine:
 - Estimated consumption costs

o Estimated migration costs

o Indicative modernisation opportunities

We will formulate a high-level migration plan and in respect of that plan define:

- Azure Platform and Landing Zone design blue-print and high-level design principles
- Anticipated consumption costs for the Azure platform and Landing Zone, including anticipated levels of consumption and licensing costs based lift and shift / modernisation strategies with optimised values based upon an initial assessment
- Estimated migration professional services costs and approach

Service Features

1. A high-level audit of the current infrastructure and applications
2. Understand business requirements and drivers for change
3. Supporting business case covering the financial and non-financial case
4. Options/opportunity assessment of Cloud solutions and delivery scenarios
5. High-level Microsoft Azure-based Technical Blueprint for migration of applications/infrastructure
6. Identify modernisation and optimisation opportunities
7. Co-ordinated statement of readiness covering applications, infrastructure, supporting technologies
8. Options assessment for applications/infrastructure that cannot be migrated to Cloud
9. Indicative costs/timescales for cloud migration and BAU run costs
10. Automated tooling options for data collection

Service Benefits

1. Highlights what can and what should migrate to cloud
2. Identifies how cloud transition can reduce risk/cost and enhance services
3. Blends SaaS, PaaS and IaaS migration strategies
4. Builds consensus and stakeholder buy-in at all levels
5. Clarifies the cost of implementing hybrid cloud transition strategies
6. Provides access to vendor incentive funding
7. Updates knowledge of your application and infrastructure estate
8. Access to migration template libraries
9. Highlights and address business and operational risk

Contact details

Service description details



- We will develop a Business Case that contains:
- A cost benefit analysis based on 5, 7 and 10 year ROI scenarios
 - A “to-be” High-Level Technical Blueprint for the Infrastructure and Application Architecture (including options for systems that can’t be migrated)
 - An updated statement of cloud readiness for the applications / workloads contained within the agreed migration scope
 - A high-level, costed implementation plan detailing timelines and major activities for a successful transition
 - Expected TCO (full-life costs) operational revenue requirements.
 - Costs and impact of the change to the ongoing cloud support model, including but not limited to:
 - Financial cost model (Opex/Capex)
 - Impact on systems and business processes, e.g. downtime and minimising its impact, e.g. aligning downtime to Azure patching
 - Management and monitoring toolsets, e.g. cost management
 - On-site presentation of the resultant business case designed to run through the findings and recommended approach

The business case assessment will be formally provided in the form of a PowerPoint style high-level business case report, that includes a financial business case model. Our approach will be adapted as necessary within the project budget. The first deliverable is a report strawman that provides up-front clarity on the Business Case structure.

We will support the development of your business case approvals.

Following the final presentation and within reason, we will provide ad-hoc support to any business case approvals.

What can it do for you

Understanding the challenges and opportunities when exploiting the benefits of cloud is key to unlocking a range of business and technology benefits; what workloads to move, what migration strategies to adopt and what ways to ensure that the transition to cloud is used to optimise and simplify your infrastructure and application environment.

Our Cloud Readiness Assessments build unique cloud adoption pathways and business cases based on application centric migration approaches which have been designed specifically to focus on improvement and optimisation.

Contact details

 bidteam@methods.co.uk

 020 7240 1121

 www.methods.co.uk

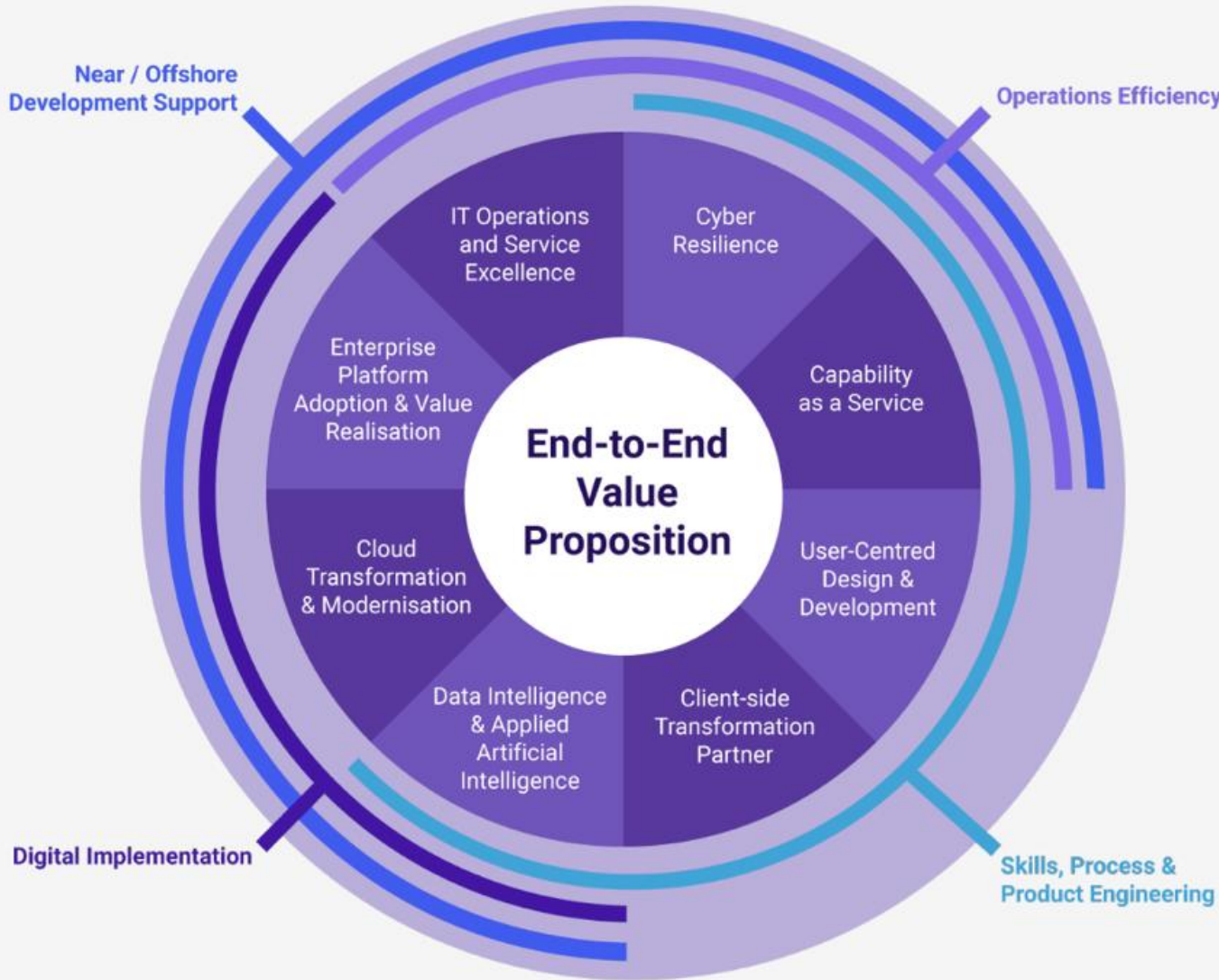
End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

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.

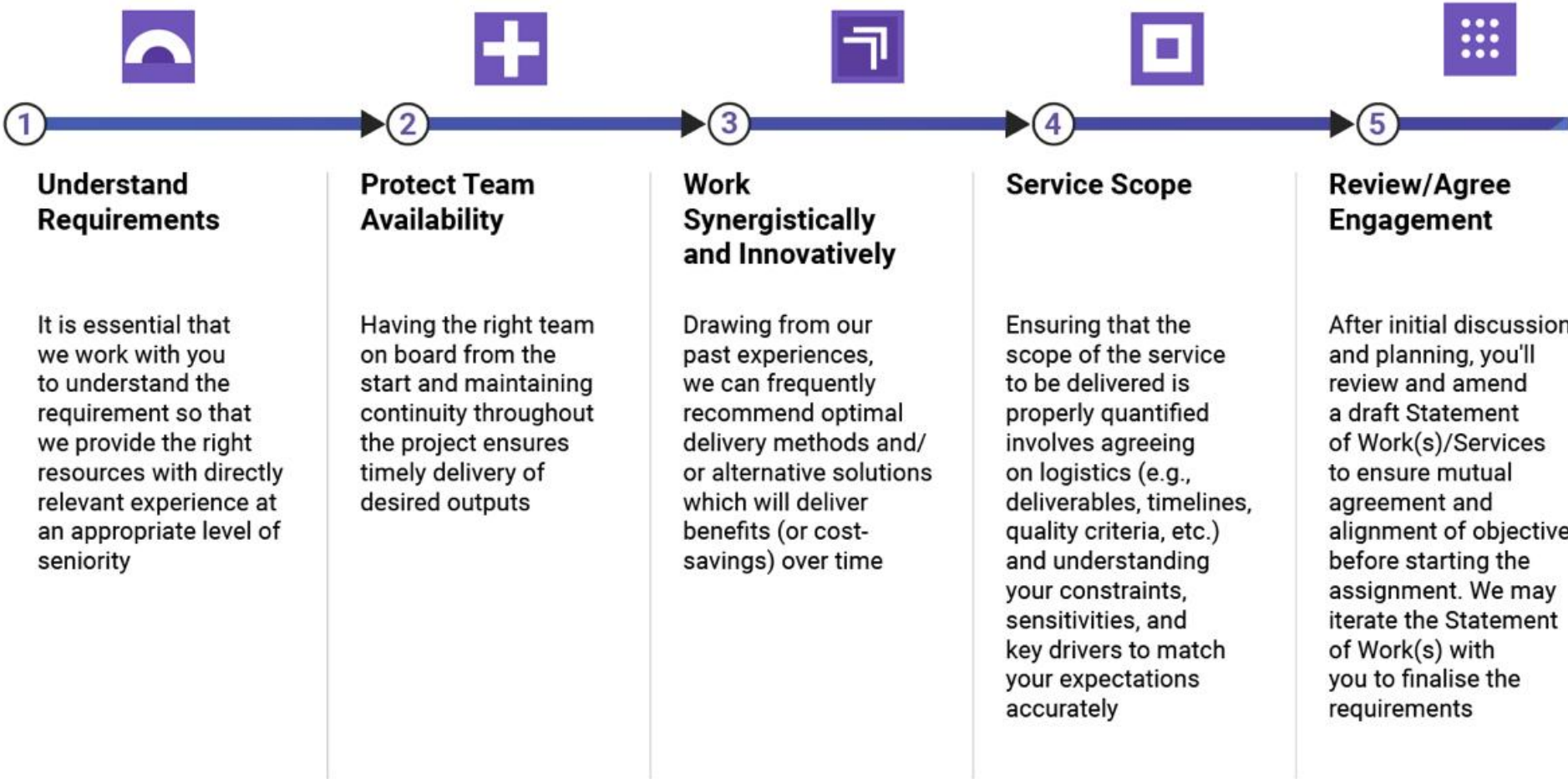
Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

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.

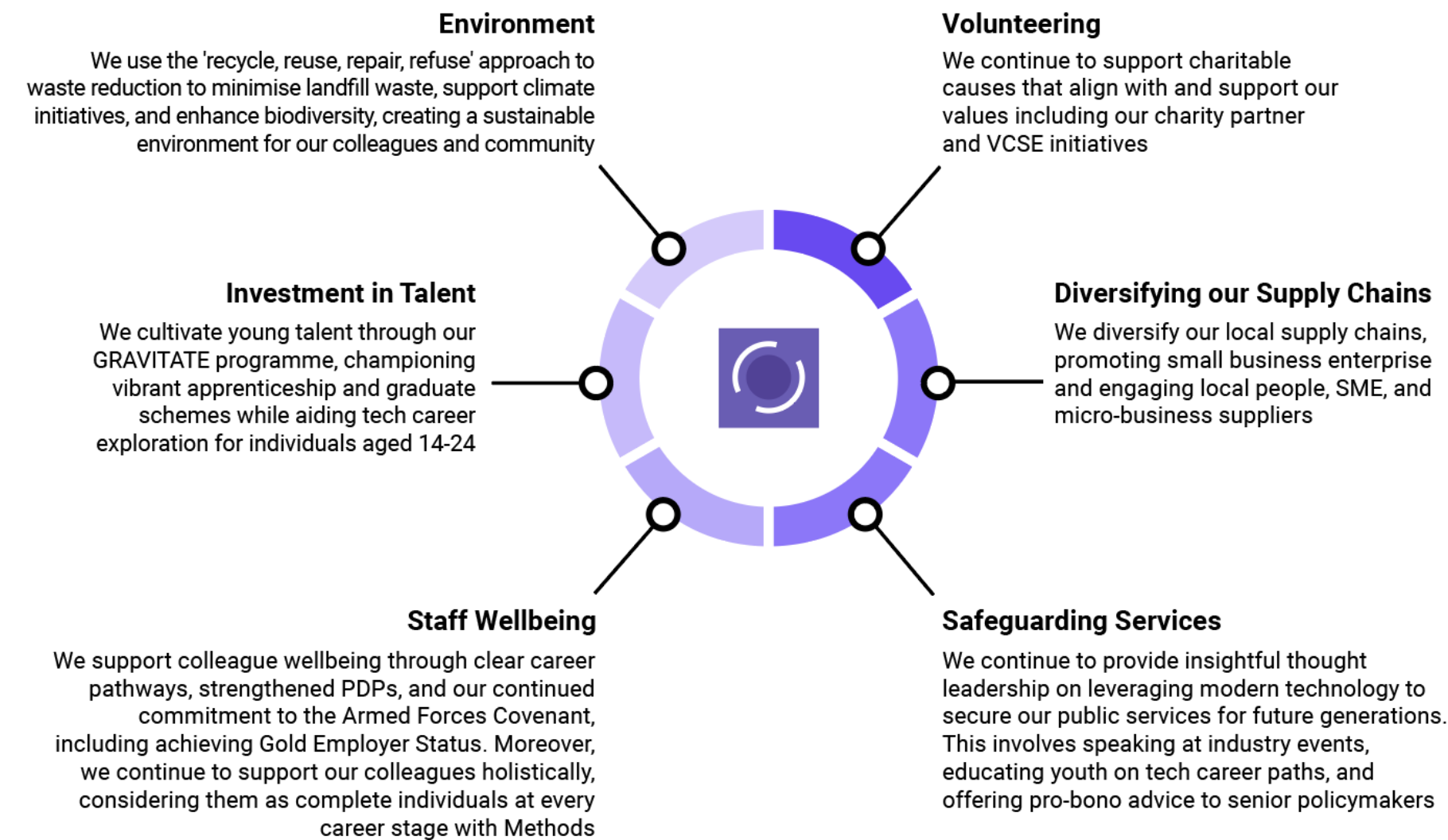


Customer Responsibilities

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.