

G-Cloud 15 Service Description



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What can it do for you

Evaluate cloud architecture design requirements via workshops and facilitated sessions ensuring tailored cloud architecture design solutions are delivered specifically to meet your business and user needs. Assure your workloads for compliance to the latest standards and guidelines from Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google Cloud. Establish an end-to-end full service architecture Community of Practice to facilitate digital transformation and organisational change.

Service Features

1. Development of service strategy to maintain and support cloud architecture
2. Development of integration strategy for multi-sourced, disaggregated environments
3. Architectural strategy, Roadmaps and transition/migration planning
4. Evaluation/advice on adoption of Cloud approaches: IaaS, PaaS & SaaS
5. Design Authorities, Architecture Boards and Architecture Working Group
6. Align business strategy defining target operating models (TOM)
7. Assurance: identifying and resolving issues before they become costly problems
8. Cloud solution prototyping, pilot and proof of concept
9. Service integration and management / SIAM with Cloud services
10. Supplement and uplift capability through training and efficient processes

Service Benefits

1. Translates business goals and priorities into a clear roadmap
2. Ensures full alignment with Government Digital Strategy
3. Expertise in benchmarked offerings aligned with best practice architecture standards
4. Provides independent assessment of progress, risks, issues and improves controls
5. Experience in rapid design, deployment of Private, Public, Hybrid Cloud
6. Service accountability to deliver faster, better, more effective services
7. Business capabilities shared across the organisation
8. Agile and incremental Architecture development approach
9. Improved interoperability and easier system and network management
10. Improved ability to address critical enterprise-wide issues like security

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.

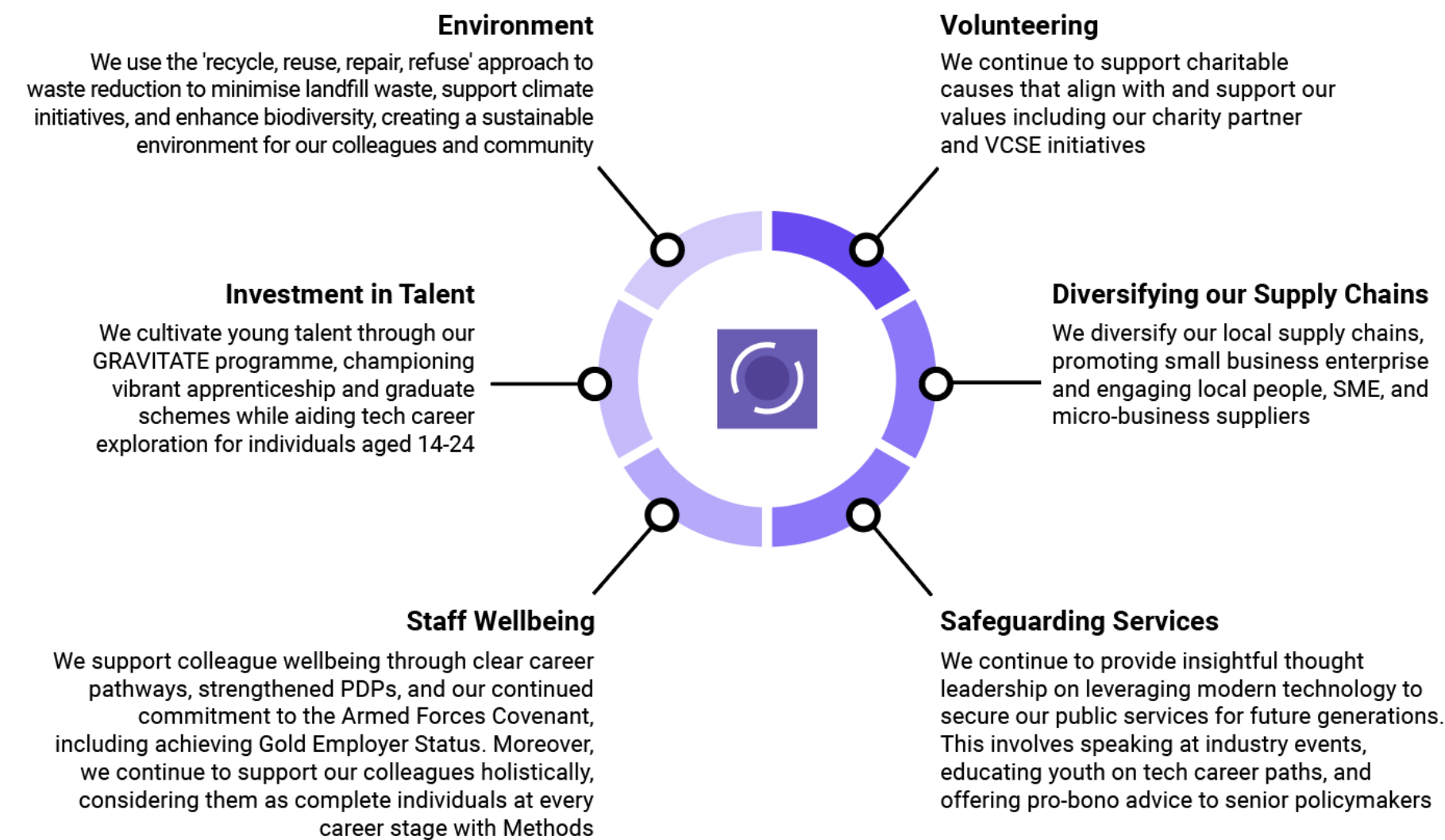


Customer Responsibilities

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



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.