



**Review of Scottish Government Estates; Facilities; Security and Business Continuity; and Smarter Workplaces Service Delivery Structure**

Report

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# 1.0 Executive Summary

# 1.1 Executive Summary: Background, Scope and Methodology

## Background

This Review was initiated to assess the issues, gaps, and overlaps in the current Scottish Government *Estates, Facilities and Security Services (EFS Services)* delivery structure, in the context of the following demands:

-  Competing budget pressures
-  Overall risk of managing a government estate, such as rising security threat
-  Maintenance of an ageing estate
-  Increasing need for accommodation, due to rapid workforce expansion and creation of several new public bodies

## Scope and Purpose

Four functional areas make up *EFS Services*, these include:



The purpose of this Review is to assess how effectively these functions are working together, and to identify issues, gaps and overlaps in the service delivery structure. The report also includes recommendations about how these issues could be addressed, with reference to market insight and comparator organisations.

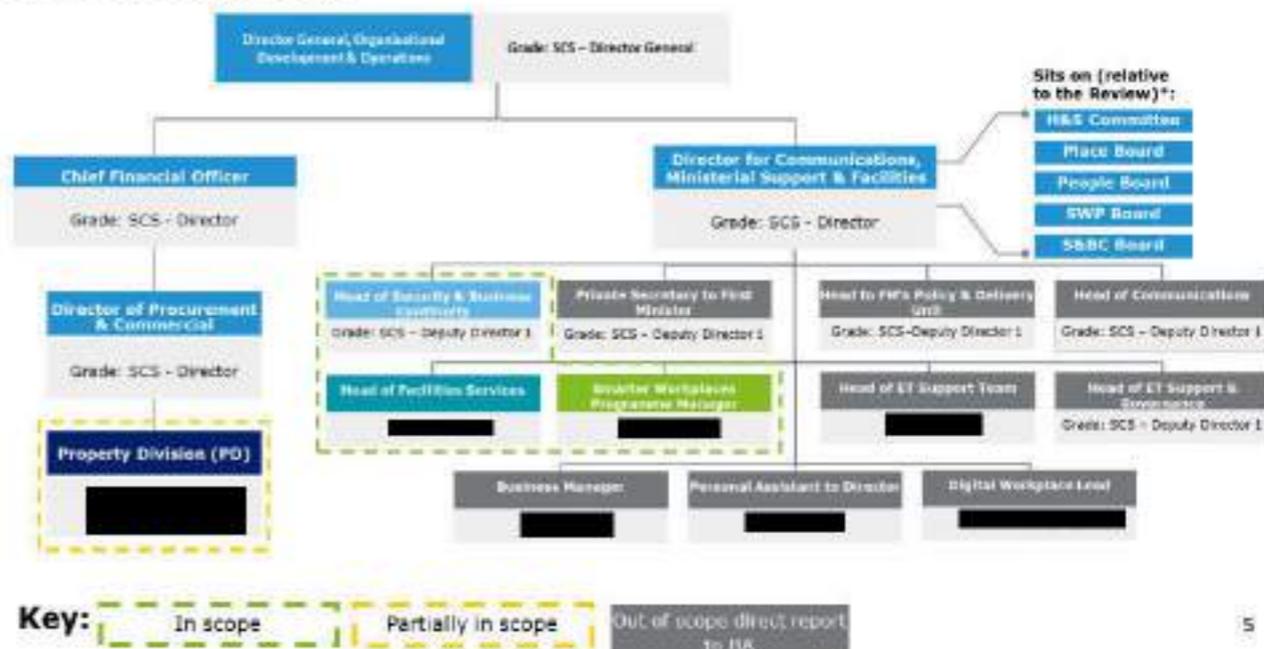
## Methodology

The below illustrates the high level methodology in undertaking the Review. It incorporates the stakeholder engagement process, identification of the key issues, gaps and overlaps, and subsequent recommendations and options to address Key Themes:



## Existing Organisation Structure

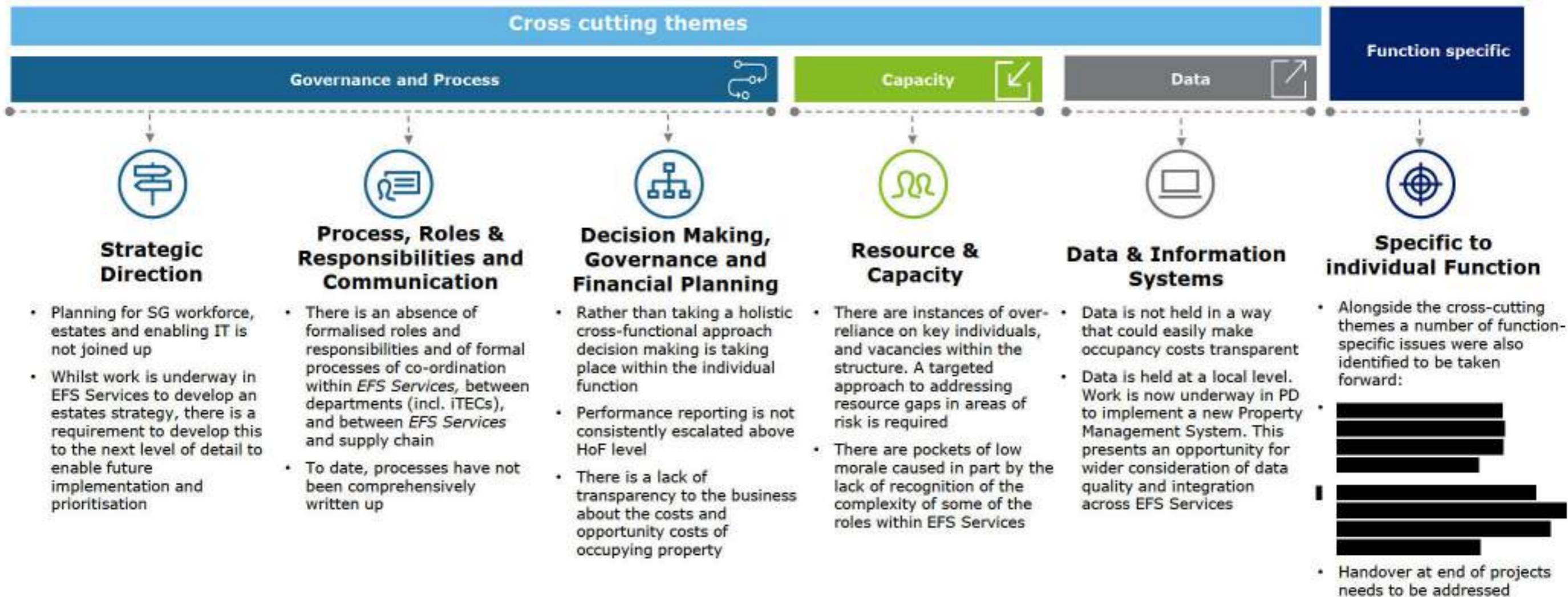
The Review covers three of the functions that report into DCMSF, and some of the activities undertaken within Property Division (PD), which reports into DPC. This organisational structure is shown below:



# 1.2 Executive Summary: Key Themes to be Addressed

## Overview

The below themes have been identified through engagement with key *EFS Services* stakeholders and consolidation of the summary of findings. The Key Themes have been categorised under four lenses: governance, process, capacity and data. The Key Themes alongside the summary of findings were validated with key stakeholders and a workshop was held to co-develop an Action Plan to address the Key Themes.



# 1.3 Executive Summary: Action Plan for Key Themes

## Overview

Priority actions have been identified and validated with *EFS Services* stakeholders to address the Key Themes. These actions have been grouped into short, medium and long term timescales.

## Actions for each of the Key Themes:

### Definition and control Short Term (1-3 Months)

-  Publish SG estate strategy (in progress)
-  Review organisation structure
-  Clarify processes and roles and responsibilities
-  Put in place decision-making process which brings together relevant *EFS Services* appropriately
-  Put in place regular reporting forum across *EFS* functions, and develop criteria for escalation to Director and above (to be addressed as part of review of SWP governance which is in motion)
-  Review critical vacancies, identify particular pressure points and develop strategy to address
-  Appoint data champions in each area to identify priorities for data quality improvement

### Prioritisation Medium Term (3-6 Months)

-  Align budgets and decision making
-  Scope and plan for data quality improvement and integration
-  Enhance contract management capability to coincide with new FM contract go-live

### Consolidation Long Term (6+ Months)

-  Asset level plan for SG core estate
-  Alignment of SG core asset plan with IT and workforce strategies
-  Set out service standards
-  Review processes across *EFS Services* in light of strategy
-  Implement transparent reporting of occupancy costs to support understanding of opportunity costs in decision-making
-  Talent and development – develop an approach to professional development across *EFS Services* including training and development – potentially to include training needs/analysis of skills for the future across the functions
-  Implement data and information systems action plan

 Increasing maturity of new functions: Business Continuity and Security



# 2.0 Background & Approach

2.1 Scope

2.2 Approach

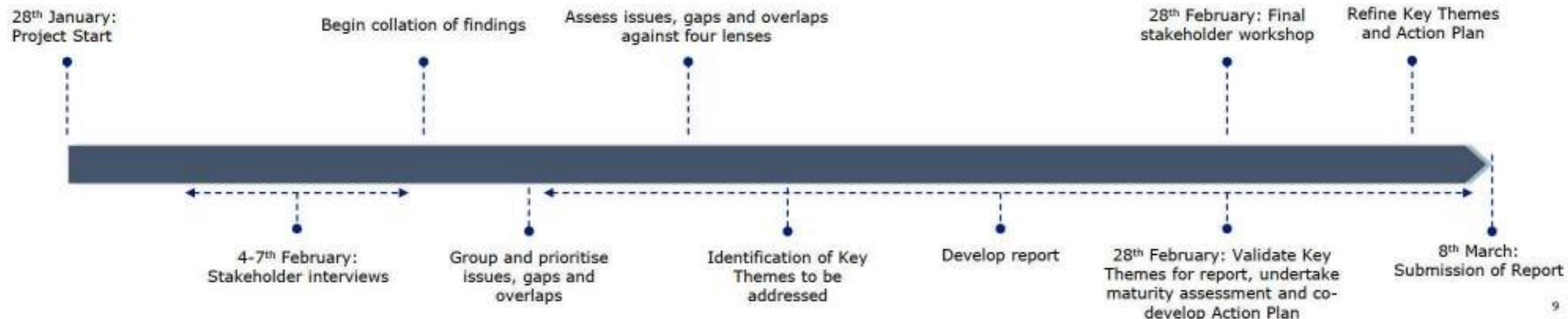
## 2.1.1 Scope: Aims and Objectives

### Background

This Review was initiated to assess the issues, gaps, and overlaps in the current *EFS Services* delivery structure. Scottish Government must ensure there is a capable and resilient service delivery structure in place to meet following demands:

-  Competing budget pressures
-  Overall risk of managing a government estate, such as rising security threat
-  Maintenance of an ageing estate
-  Increasing need for accommodation, due to rapid workforce expansion and creation of several new public bodies

### Project Timeline



### Scope and Purpose

Four functional areas make up *EFS Services*. More detail on reporting lines is shown on the next slide:



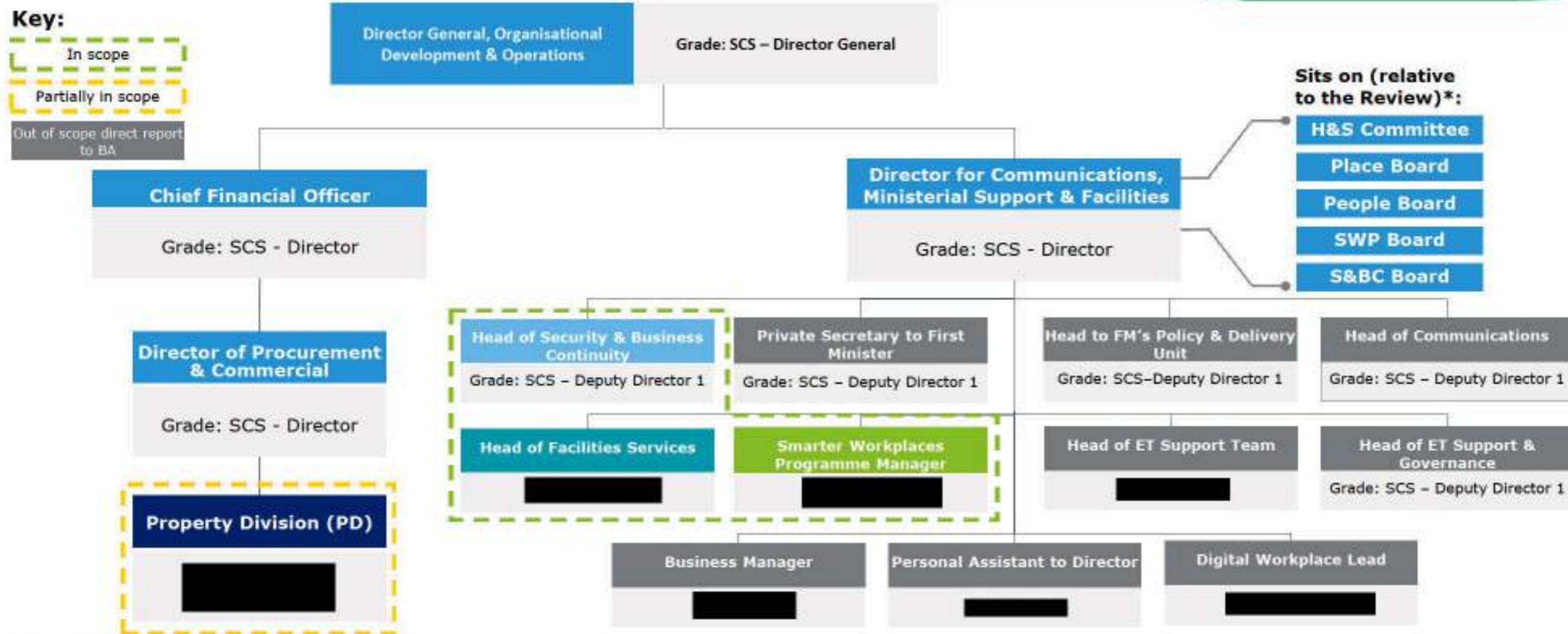
The purpose of this Review is to assess how effectively these functions are working together, and to identify issues, gaps and overlaps in the service delivery structure. The Review also incorporates recommendations about how these issues could be addressed, with reference to market insight and comparator organisations. More detail on the scope is provided on slide 12.

## 2.1.2 Scope: Existing Organisation Structure

### Overview

The Review covers three of the functions that report into Director for Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities (DCMSF), and some of the activities undertaken within the Property Division (PD), which reports into DPC as shown below. These functional areas are collectively referred to as *EFS Services* and comprise Property Division (PD) – in part, Facilities Services (FS), Security and Business Continuity (SBC) and Smarter Workplaces Programme (SWP). The structure below outlines all the functional areas which report into DCMSF to give an understanding of the breadth of her responsibilities.

### Estates Reporting Structure



\* A summary of Board terms of reference are provided in Appendix A  
Source: SG Service Delivery Review Organisation Charts January 2019

## 2.1.3 Remit of the Review

### Overview

As outlined in the proposal, the scope of the Review at each phase, as well as matters out of scope, are listed below.



## 2.2 Approach

### Overview

The below outlines the methodology taken in the Review. It incorporates the stakeholder engagement process, identification of the key issues, gaps, and overlaps, as well as subsequent recommendations and options to address the Key Themes.

### Activities

The diagram opposite illustrates the high-level methodology adopted during the Review. A breakdown of the steps taken is outlined below:

**Step 1:** Stakeholders were identified and meetings scheduled.

**Step 2:** Stakeholders were interviewed w/c 4 February. A list of interviewees is set out in Appendix B.

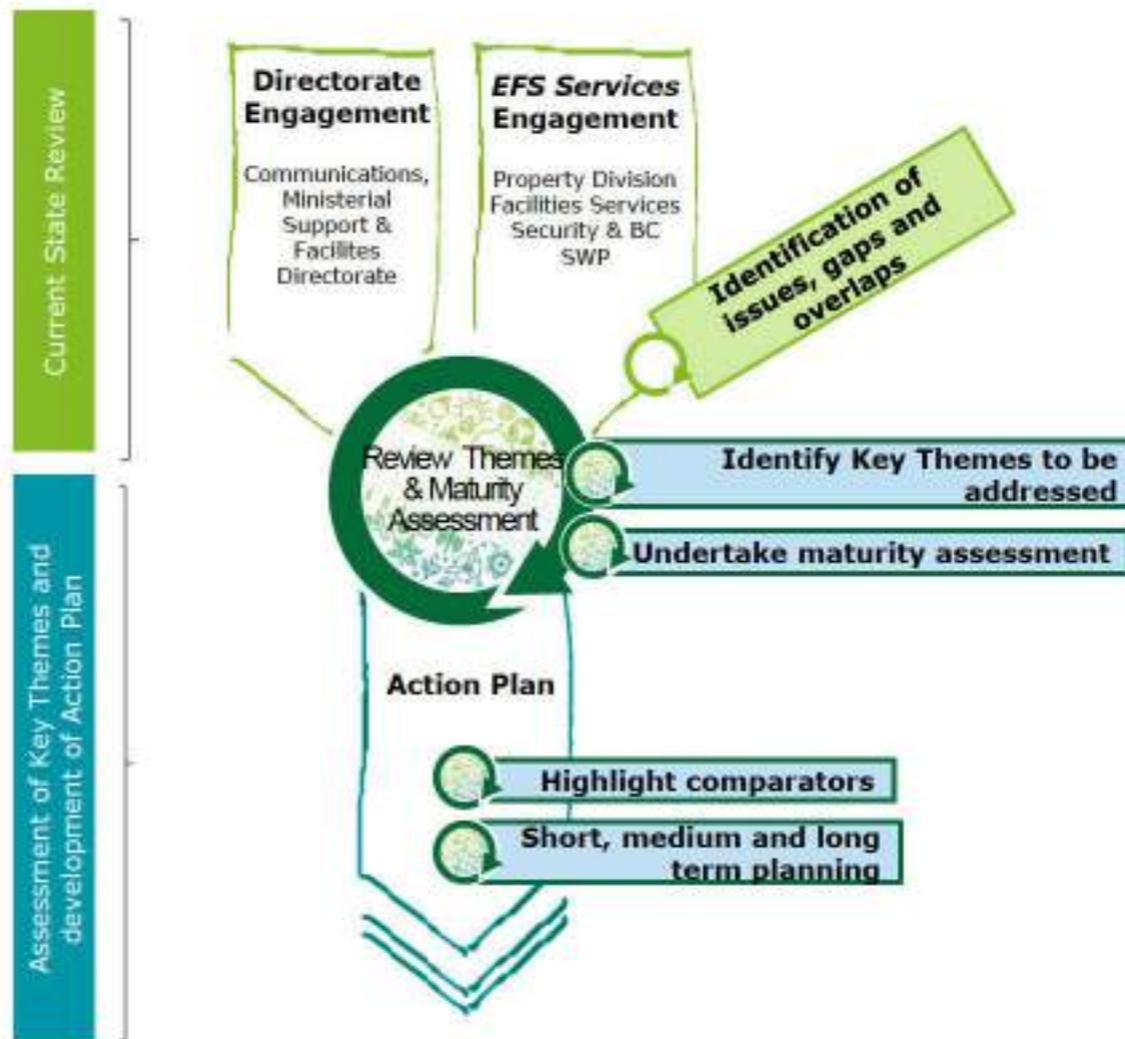
**Step 3:** Key issues, gaps and overlaps were collated for each functional area and tested back with the functions.

**Step 4:** 5 cross cutting themes were then identified, using the consolidation of the summary of findings. The themes were then categorised under four lenses: capacity, process, data, and governance.

**Step 5:** A workshop was held on 28 February to undertake a maturity assessment; validate the Key Themes emerging from the functional interviews; and support development of an Action Plan.

**Step 6:** In parallel, comparator organisations were used to illustrate how other organisations have addressed similar issues, gaps and overlaps.

**Step 7:** The findings from the Review, activities based on comparators and Action Plan have been incorporated into this final report.



# 3.0 Current State Review

3.1 Approach

3.2 Summary of Findings by Function

3.3 Maturity Assessment and Comparator Assessment

3.4 Key Themes to be Addressed

# 3.1 Approach to the Current State Review

## Overview

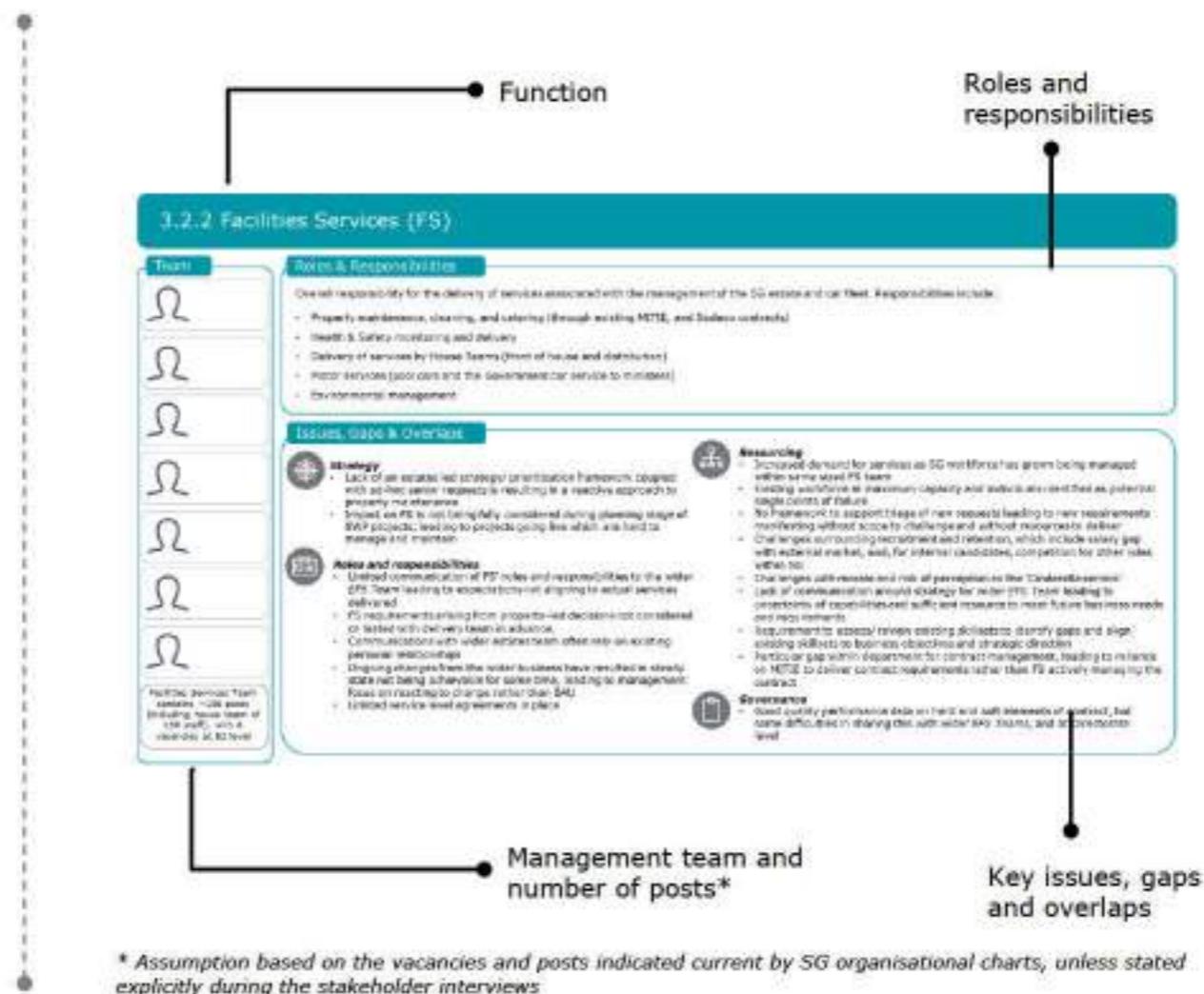
The below outlines the approach taken during the current state review, from the identification of key stakeholders through to the write up of findings.

## Outline Approach

- 1 Identified key stakeholders and made preliminary document request to obtain information relating to roles and responsibilities.
- 2 Held key stakeholder interviews at Directorate and Heads of Function (HoF) level for each function within scope. Additional interviews were held with SFT, Health and Safety and ITECs, the latter to gain understanding of alignment with IT strategy. *(NB: Interviews were the primary source of information as limited documentation was available beyond organisation charts).*
- 3 Consolidated and wrote up issues, gaps and overlaps across EFS Services (as highlighted opposite).
- 4 Maturity of service delivery reviewed against industry best practice comparator to assess current maturity and a reasonable ambition for maturity in 12 – 18 months time. Service delivery processes cross checked against best practice comparator.
- 5 Identified Key Themes to be addressed

**Note:** The slides are organised by Function, the key issues, gaps and overlaps have been collated from a range of stakeholders about the Function and are therefore not reflective of individual views from each Function. Each Head of Function has had the opportunity to review the slide relating to their area.

## Summary of Findings Structure



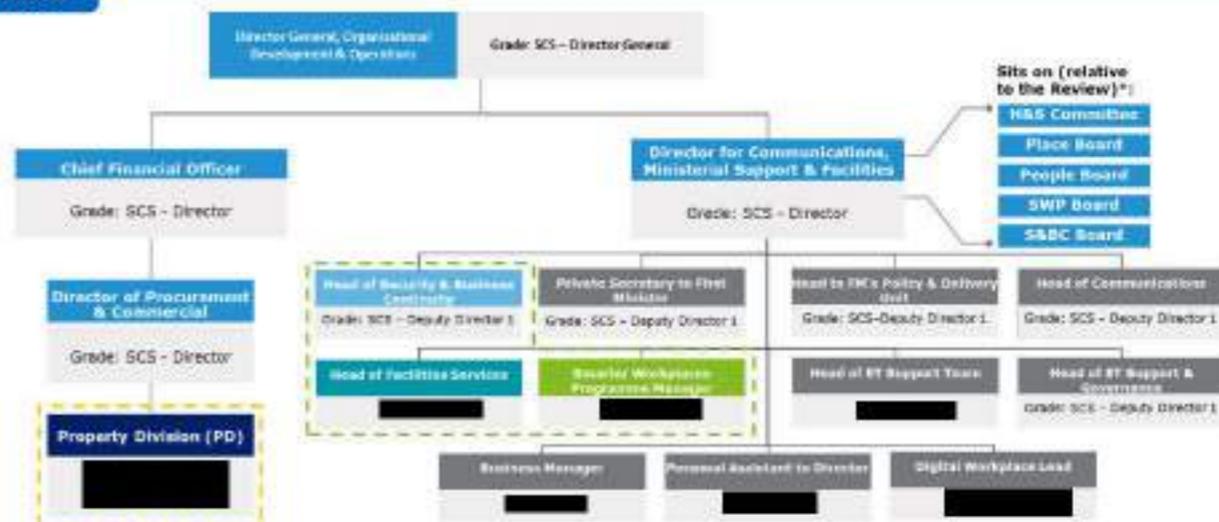
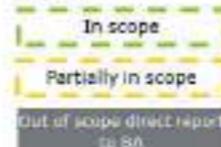
## 3.2.1 Communications, Ministerial Support and Facilities

### Role & Responsibilities

- Headed up by Director for Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities (DCMSF)
- Departments within this directorate, which are relevant to this Review include:
  - Facilities Services (FS)
  - Smarter Workplaces Programme (SWP)
  - Security & Business Continuity (SBC)
- Receives advice from Property Division (PD) on property related matters
- Works closely with Scottish Futures Trust (public body)

### Reporting Structure

#### Key:



### Issues, Gaps & Overlaps



#### Strategy

- Moving away from pure focus on space reduction to more flexibility, in order to accommodate potential growth
- Difficult to quantify future business requirements (eg. workforce) to feed into asset planning
- There is not one individual within the team with responsibility for estates strategy and asset planning (although it is understood that there is a new part time post reporting to the Director looking at Workplace of the Future)
- SFT have traditionally provided some strategic capacity
- External environment has created a much higher focus on physical security and business continuity
- Need to balance move towards flexible working/adoption of SWP principles with security concerns
- Also balancing desire for greater public access with physical security issues
- Dependencies exist across *EFS Services* relating to the provision of IT and associated infrastructure across the SG estate
- Alignment required with IT strategy/ITECs and any future estates-led strategy



#### Data

- Lack of portfolio data hinders SG's ability to properly manage estate (includes lack of certainty on future workforce, which impacts ability to plan)



#### Decision-making and governance

- The Place Board- which brings together a variety of business and staff representatives and is jointly chaired by two DGs (Liz Ditchburn and Paul Johnston)- is a stakeholder forum, not a decision making group
- Budget approval and authority comes from DG Organisational Development & Operations
- Recent budgeting has focused on asset condition and backlog of maintenance
- PD is responsible for recommendations to Ministers on lease decisions, copying DCMSF. Budgets for rent and property costs (and professional property advice) sit with DCMSF
- Deputy Directors / Heads of Service come together with other direct reports to DCMSF in a monthly housekeeping meeting



#### Communications

- Instances identified where delivery of services is being undertaken in 'silos', with limited cross-service cooperation
- The primary example was [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted] strong personal relationships: requirement to utilise these relationships to adopt a more formal governance model and strengthen alignment across *EFS Services*

## 3.2.2 Facilities Services (FS)

### Team



Head of  
Facilities  
Services



Head of  
Delivery



Hard Services  
and Projects  
Lead



Senior House  
Team  
Manager



Senior  
Occupational  
H&S Advisor



Senior  
Environmental  
Manager



Senior  
Contracts  
Manager

Facilities Services Team  
contains ~156 posts  
(including house team of  
130 staff), with 6  
vacancies at B2 level

### Roles & Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for the delivery of services associated with the management of the SG estate and car fleet. Responsibilities include:

- Property maintenance, cleaning, and catering (through existing MITIE, and Sodexo contracts)
- Health & Safety monitoring and delivery
- Delivery of services by House Teams (front of house and distribution)
- Motor services (pool cars and the Government car service to ministers)
- Environmental management

### Issues, Gaps & Overlaps



#### Strategy

- Lack of an estates led strategy/ prioritisation framework coupled with ad-hoc senior requests is resulting in a reactive approach to property maintenance
- Impact on FS is not being fully considered during planning stage of SWP projects, leading to projects going live which are hard to manage and maintain



#### Roles and responsibilities

- Limited communication of FS' roles and responsibilities to the wider *EFS Team* leading to expectations not aligning to actual services delivered
- FS requirements arising from property-led decisions not considered or tested with delivery team in advance.
- Communications with wider estates team often rely on existing personal relationships
- Ongoing changes from the wider business have resulted in steady state not being achievable for some time, leading to management focus on reacting to change rather than BAU
- Limited service level agreements in place



#### Resourcing

- Increased demand for services as SG workforce has grown; demand being managed within same sized FS team
- Existing workforce at maximum capacity and individuals identified as potential single points of failure
- No framework to support triage of new requests leading to new requirements manifesting without scope to challenge and without resources to deliver
- Challenges surrounding recruitment and retention, which include salary gap with external market, and, for internal candidates, competition for other roles within SG
- Challenges with morale and risk of perception as the 'Cinderella service'
- Lack of communication around strategy for wider *EFS Team* leading to uncertainty of capabilities and sufficient resource to meet future business needs and requirements
- Requirement to assess/ review existing skillsets to identify gaps and align existing skillsets to business objectives and strategic direction
- Particular gap within department for contract management, leading to reliance on MITIE to deliver contract requirements rather than FS actively managing the contract



#### Governance

- Good quality performance data on hard and soft elements of contract, but some difficulties in sharing this with wider *EFS Teams*, and at Directorate level

## 3.2.3 Security and Business Continuity (SBC)

### Team



Head of Security & Business Continuity



Head of Security Unit



Head of Business Continuity



Vacancy Head of Security Improvement

Security and Business Continuity Team contains ~32 posts, with 3 vacancies

### Roles & Responsibilities

#### Security

##### Responsibilities include

- Physical and Personnel Security for SG estate and staff (including ministers)
- Provision of a national security vetting service
- Security improvement programme to bring SG in line with Cabinet Office Security Policy Framework

##### Reports to Programme Board

- Security Programme Board sits under Security & Governance Board which is chaired by DCMSF and contains representatives from other EFS HoF
- Board discussions can identify further opportunities to provide security services for inter-departmental programmes and projects

#### Business Continuity (BC)

##### Raising profile of business continuity concerns within SG

- Assessment of processes required to ensure continuity of the organisation
- Ensure the maintenance of business continuity measures and controls
- Includes ensuring SG is prepared for major incidents, and formulation/communication of contingency plans (eg. extreme weather)

##### Loss of workplace strategy

- Encouraging the requirements for robust contingency plans in the event of SG workplace becoming uninhabitable
- Defining responsibilities for reinstatement, relocation, and repair

##### Advising Directors

- Providing advice to Directors in drawing up their own business continuity plans
- Assurance to the wider organisation that business continuity is being considered

### Issues, Gaps & Overlaps



#### Strategy

- Business Continuity is making progress in gaining visibility higher up the organisation - in early stages of discussions with Director Generals and above
- BC is a relatively new function and a risk management framework is currently in development.

[Redacted text]

- There is not yet an integrated strategy with technology



#### Decision-making

- Budget decisions made in SBC impact on Facilities Services, which is responsible for delivering large portion of estate's security measures



#### Roles and responsibilities

- Risk of duplication of efforts with FS, which is also responsible for delivering physical security, for example:
  - Difficult to standardise across different house teams (eg. some buildings do not have front of house)

[Redacted text]



#### Communication with wider EFS Services

[Redacted text]

## 3.2.4 Smarter Workplaces Programme (SWP)

### Team



SWP  
Manager



Programme  
Governance &  
Business  
Manager



Change &  
Communica-  
tions  
Manager



SWP: Project  
Manager  
Lead

SWP Team contains  
~7 posts

### Support provided by:



Smarter  
Workplaces  
Lead  
Grade: N/A



Support  
Grade: N/A

### Roles & Responsibilities

#### Bringing activity-based working to SG

- Transformation of workplaces within SG core estate
- Responsible for managing and allocation of an annual budget of [REDACTED]
- Development of core SWP principles outlining how SG can introduce new ways of working

#### Phased Approach

- Phase 1: Consolidation and rationalisation of the core SG estate in line with SWP principles with the aim of achieving savings targets of between 8-10%
- Phase 2: The rolling out SWP principles and the use of accommodation changes and enabling technologies to implement new ways of working to deliver services in improved working environments

#### Leading Projects

- Leading a flagship project of transforming SG's Glasgow building at 5 Atlantic Quay
- Responsible for the fit-out space at Victoria Quay over a four year period
- Subsequent acquisition and fit out of 4AQ to accommodate further workforce growth in Glasgow

#### Reports through SWP Board

- SWP Board is chaired by DCMSF, and invites representatives from other departments across SG and Public Bodies. Board is consultative not decision making
- The purpose of the board is consultation and engagement with *EFS Services* on SWP programmes
- SWP governance is currently under review

### Issues, Gaps & Overlaps



#### Strategy

- SWP Phase 1 is complete with savings target achieved
- Phase 2 experiencing difficulty due to lack of workforce planning in addition to challenges faced with a location neutral strategy
- Without workforce planning space requirements are difficult to assess leading to further challenges faced by SWP
- Limited buy-in to SWP principles within FS and more widely in the organisation
- Roll out of SWP programme not yet formally aligned with IT strategy resulting in misalignment with enabling IT and infrastructure requirements
- Challenges articulating aims and objectives of Phase 2 due to lack of formal communications across *EFS Services*
- Limited strategic direction for locations within the estate is resulting in lack of direction for site specific property decisions
- Development of central estate prioritisation plan is underway but difficult to develop without a robust strategic plan
- Difficult to articulate to the rest of the organisation as to the strategy for the rest of estate

- Programme does not have sufficient skills/resources to support comprehensive change management strategy for Scottish Government, it is only resourced to deal with estates project elements
- Difficult to implement standardised change management strategy across entire estate as it relies on communication approach of individual Directorates



#### Decision-making

- Delegated decision-making exercised by individual head of service
- Higher levels of delegated authority than other functions (SWP's current level of delegated authority is to approve projects up to the value of the programme opposed to the PD, which requires Ministerial approval for any property decisions with a monetary value of above £60k)



#### Communication

- Misalignment between SWP and FS, FS experienced difficulties maintaining workplaces to the SWP's specifications and standards
- 'Playbook' outlining the adoption of SWP principles is in development
- Purpose and audience is not yet clarified as to whether the Playbook is an operational or end user guidance document

## 3.2.5 Property Division (PD)

### Team



Chief  
Surveyor



Principal  
Estates  
Surveyor



Principal  
Estates  
Surveyor



Senior  
Estates  
Surveyor



Senior  
Estates  
Surveyor

Property Division  
contains ~11 posts,  
with two vacancies

### Roles & Responsibilities

Sits outside Communications, Ministerial Support and Facilities (CMSF). Provides a range of property related services to Scottish Government beyond services to CMSF.

#### Advice to ministers

- Scrutinising property business cases intended for ministerial approval
- Offering commercial property perspective on matters including: setting property policy, and setting terms for the Scottish Public Finance Manual (SPFM)

#### Scottish Procurement and Commercial Directorate (SPCD)

- Support in setting Directorate vision and plan
- Liaising with wider built environment business areas to ensure clear vision, targets, and standards are established and delivered

#### Property Controls

- Acting as gateway in assuring use of best practice and incorporation of Ministerial policies and programmes. Co-chair Property Controls team
- All acquisitions of property from SG and affiliate bodies require approval through this group before request for Ministerial consent

#### Property Delegation

- Assessment of lower value non-contentious property related business cases. Approval based upon guidance in SPFM

#### Asset Management

- Advising public bodies to review property requirements, in accordance with SPFM and Asset Management policy and exercising a minor property delegation
- Contributor to SG Estate Strategy
- Provide advice/service to DCMSF as well as public bodies

#### Other

- Participation on SWP and Place Boards
- Head of profession for all SG Chartered Surveyors
- Annual report on efficiency of SG civil estate (Climate Change Act Scotland)
- Centre of Excellence for gateway review teams

### Issues, Gaps & Overlaps



#### Strategy

- To date, lack of estates strategy to inform lease and acquisition recommendations and prioritisation
- This leads to barriers to scrutinise/challenge business cases from the wider business against wider estates strategy, which hinders informed property decision making
- Lack of process for early line of sight of SWP roll out meaning limited PD influence
- Emerging estates strategy will outline desired state – detailed criteria for prioritisation and to facilitate scrutiny of business cases have not yet been developed



#### Roles & responsibilities

- Existing SLA is not current and not actively used – it requires updating to reflect current services provided to CMSF
- Property-led recommendations to ministers require an options appraisal outlining requirements submitted to PD for scrutiny and assurance. Following this recommendations are taken to DCMSF for approval and subsequently to Ministers. These submissions should include: (a) business case (b) impact on budget (c) cost to include DCMSF, FM impact and utilities costs.



#### Budget

- Property costs budget (rent, rates and service charge) currently sits under FS, which is informed, not consulted on Ministerial recommendations.
- PD supply annual forecasts of property funding requirements
- Budget forecasting is undertaken by FS, which does not always take account of mandatory property costs (eg. dilapidations)



#### Communication and alignment with wider EFS team

- Reliance on legacy relationships
- Lack of structured forum to support communication with EFS departments
- Resourcing constraints impinge on scheduling of meetings
- No central point of contact for wider EFS Team



#### Resourcing

- Existing workforce does not have capacity to address current backlog of work
- Difficulties in attracting specialist staff due to pay gap with wider market
- Backlog created due to resources diverted to SWP upon its inception

### 3.3.1 Maturity Assessment - Approach

A maturity assessment was carried out in a workshop with the Director, HoF and representatives of SFT on 28 February 2019. The framework used for the assessment is shown below. Items 1 – 7 are taken from real estate industry good practice, used by Deloitte with real estate clients across public and private sectors. Items 8 and 9 are drawn from Deloitte experience of good practice in the security and business continuity fields. A well-established industry H&S maturity tool, which is used to define an organisation's current level of H&S maturity, has informed item 10. Items 8 – 10 have been included to reflect (a) the scope of functions within *EFS Services* and (b) those areas where the impact of risks occurring would be high.

Item	Emergent	Understanding	Excellence
<b>1. Property Strategy</b>	No property plans and unaware of importance to link property plans with business plans	Some plans in place on Property & FM and related to corporate objectives	Comprehensive strategic plans in place to reinforce corporate objectives
<b>2. Standards/ Policy</b>	No documented policies and unaware that common standards are a key way to manage demand	Some policies in place, limited understanding, not uniformly enforced across business	Comprehensive policy framework in place, owned by businesses and enforced
<b>3. Financial Planning</b>	No plans which break out occupancy costs. Unable to analyse cost base or business unit locations	Property costs recorded on a stand alone system which allows reports to be run which detail spend by service category. Reports showing breakdown of BU occupations by location available	Property costs recorded on an integrated system, which allows reports to be run that cross-reference products by location and allows analyses of BU cost bases
<b>4. Supplier Relationships</b>	Services provided on an ad hoc basis, varying across business units and controlled by line management	FM and property services procured individually using a procurement strategy, which compares in-house against those which could be provided externally	Property and FM services provided together as appropriate. Services procured according to a supply strategy, utilising processes to manage and challenge suppliers. Cost/ value trade off optimised
<b>5. Manage Demand</b>	Business and users contact the <i>EFS Services</i> directly and are provided with the products and services as demanded. Little or no interaction by <i>EFS Services</i> and budget holdings	Businesses and users contract <i>EFS Services</i> through defined channels and are provided with products and services against a product list or service level set by the businesses	Demand channelled through buyers and helpdesks operating 'red' and 'green' routes. <i>EFS Services</i> work closely with the wider organisation to identify drivers of cost base and costs/ quality trade offs
<b>6. Manage Supply</b>	External contractors not managed. Contract arrangements left in place over time without review	Relationships with external contract managed at a local level. Limited recognition for need to manage internal suppliers commercially	Relationships managed through supply managers. Internal and external supplier managed on the same basis. On-going review of supply arrangements
<b>7. Performance Management</b>	Performance of internal and external supplier not monitored. No data to establish whether performance is failing	Heads of Function (HoF) monitor external contractors performance against KPIs and agreed service levels. Performance failure addresses through meetings	Suppliers self-monitor, sharing data with wider <i>EFS Services</i> , who undertake spot checks. Failures are quickly addressed and contracts allow for deductions for service failures
<b>8. Security</b>	Undefined security strategies, policies, procedures, reporting mechanisms and governance structures. Security risks are not analysed, tracked, treated or reviewed. Minimal awareness and enforcement of basic security practices is minimal.	Established and documented security governance and operating model. All security processes for key activities are defined and documented. Risk management is sound and complete, with all aspects of the process documented and repeatable.	Capable of agile response to change in security threat or business imperatives. Risk management is proactive and forward-looking, using latest tools and techniques and industry best practice. Continuous review of operational security processes and procedures, and a strong security culture within the organisation.
<b>9. Business Continuity</b>	Ownership of BC not clearly defined. Some BC arrangements, but established in isolation from core business. Little, if any continuity planning undertaken.	Established governance and operating model, with some executive involvement. BC policy defines roles and responsibilities, and auditable controls. Key risk scenarios integrated into planning, and clear escalation process in place. Some crisis training in place.	Business-integrated governance model, and BC in alignment with business strategy and change management. Business-wide planning, maintenance and monitoring software implemented. Risks identified, reported, and mitigated, and validated by external experts. Advanced training procedures
<b>10. Health &amp; Safety</b>	Safety is defined in terms of technical and procedural solutions, and compliance with regulations. Only seen as responsibility of Health & Safety department.	Safety is seen as business risk, with some senior management involvement in accident prevention. Safety performance actively measured, and data used effectively. Majority of staff accept personal responsibility for their own health and safety.	Strong commitment to safety across organisation, with proactive measures in place to prevent accidents. Prevention of injury/harm to employees both at work and at home is core SG objective. Uses indicators to monitor performance, but not performance-driven due to confidence in safety processes.



### 3.3.4 Maturity Assessment – Basis of Assessments (1)

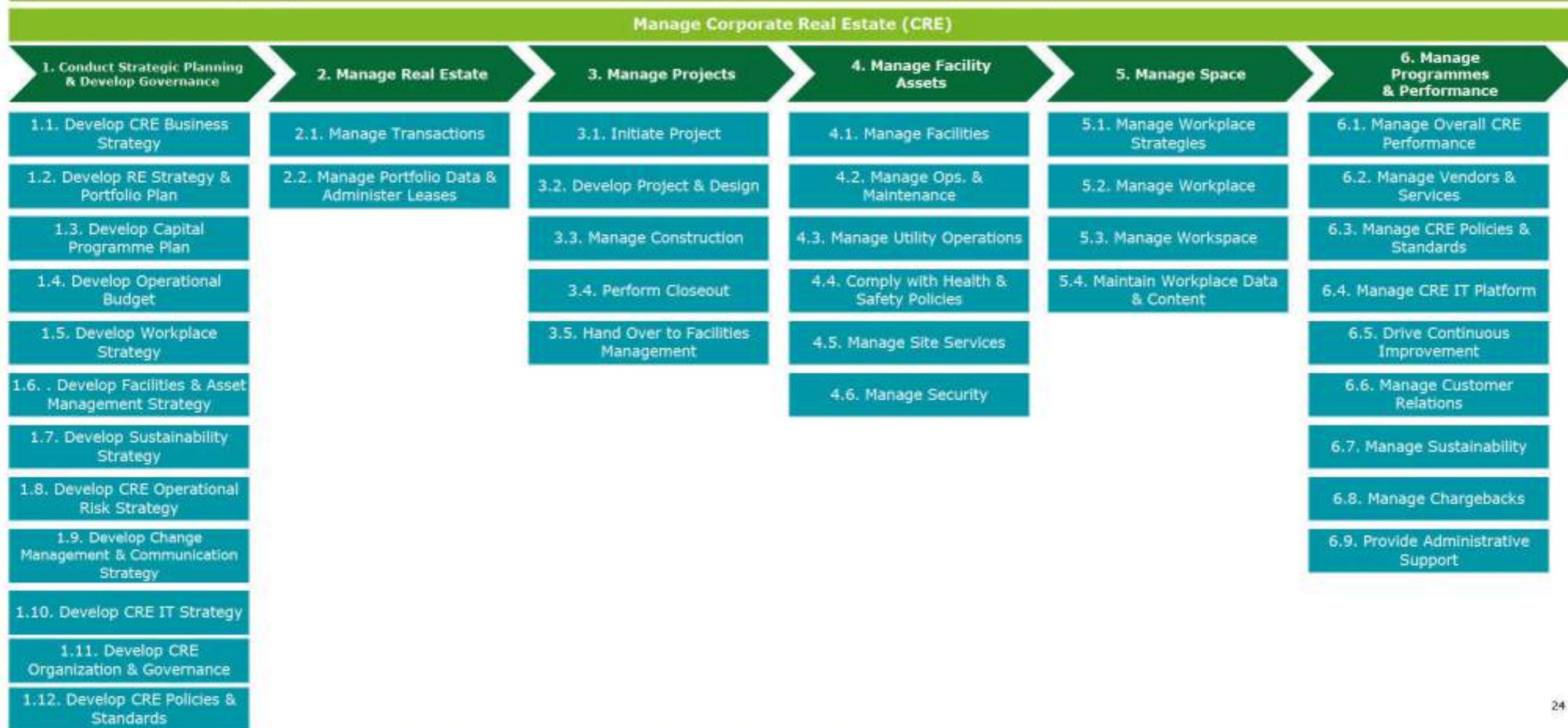
The table below summarises the basis of the assessments as illustrated on slide 21.

Item	Current state rating	Basis of assessment	Reasonable ambition 12 – 18 months	Basis of assessment
<b>1. Property Strategy</b>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SG Estate Strategy due to be published shortly, which all future projects will be assessed against</li> <li>Needs to be translated to core SG estate</li> <li>There are individual strategies but they are not integrated with corporate and business plans</li> <li>When new activities are introduced, HR consequences are tested but it is assumed that all other enabling activities can be aligned to support the new activity</li> <li>There is no 5 – 10 year business strategy to drive the Estates Strategy and there is not an annual planning process that brings together business requirements, staff numbers and enablers such as estates</li> </ul>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is lots of work in place and in train to build on</li> <li>SG Estate Strategy soon to be published</li> <li>Prioritisation plans are being developed bottom-up to link to this</li> <li>In 12 months time SG expect to be on a journey towards end state where there is an asset plan and implementation plan which brings together business requirements and technical estates factors to underpin decision-making</li> </ul>
<b>2. Standards/ Policy</b>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Processes not always written down, mixed picture. Where not in place there is a reliance on custom and practice and knowledge of key individuals</li> <li>Work underway between SBC and PD to write up desk instructions</li> <li>Work underway in SWP to improve change control processes</li> <li>Lack of awareness across business about standards in place</li> </ul>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential to build on work underway between SBC and PD to formalise processes and desk instructions across <i>EFS Services</i> (“flowcharts”)</li> <li>Should be easy to identify priorities for action – e.g. improving integration of decision-making</li> </ul>
<b>3. Financial Planning</b>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business users are not aware of the costs of occupying the estate</li> <li>Therefore opportunity costs related to the estate do not inform business decisions</li> <li>MI is available on estates cost per building but not cost per occupant or cost per business unit</li> <li>This year’s budget planning round has included greater emphasis on estate condition and need for investment to retain fitness for purpose</li> </ul>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonable objective for 12 – 18 months is transparency of MI to inform decision-making (cost per person / business unit)</li> <li>Integrated systems cross FS / PD and Finance (■) is a longer term ambition</li> </ul>
<b>4. Supplier Relationships</b>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear business case underpins sourcing strategy for FS</li> </ul>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain current</li> </ul>
<b>5. Manage Demand</b>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although FS is delivering well operationally, resourcing constraints mean managing demand is largely reactive</li> </ul>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First step strategy (1 above)</li> <li>Then clear articulation of service standards</li> <li>And transparency of cost implications of required standards (links to 3)</li> </ul>
<b>6. Manage Supply</b>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mature contracting environment</li> <li>■</li> </ul>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ – exit from current contract, mobilization of new supplier, new contract requirements around socio-economic impacts</li> <li>■</li> </ul>
<b>7. Performance Management</b>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear performance regime in place with MITIE and Sodexo (two main contractors) – reporting activity sits with suppliers</li> <li>■</li> </ul>	■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■</li> </ul>



### 3.3.5 Best Practice Comparator – cross-check

The diagram below sets out the range of processes that an organisation would typically have in place to manage its corporate real estate. The functional interviews and the workshop identified particular gaps around Block 1 – strategic planning and governance. They also identified a general issue with custom and practice being used, without processes always being written up. At the workshop, participants were asked to highlight if there were gaps in the other blocks which are having, or could have, a significant impact on service delivery. They identified handover to BAU at end of projects (3.5) and interfaces with IT (throughout).



## 3.4.1 Key Themes - What's Working Well?

### Overview

Through the stakeholder interview process the following have been identified as working well across *EFS Services*.



Strong personal relationships across the *EFS Services*



Dedicated workforce with clear motivation to deliver high quality service



Diligent approach to service delivery despite increasing financial pressures



Experienced, skilled and motivated workforce



Embracing new way of working through enabling technologies and adapting workspaces



Maintaining service delivery continuity despite resourcing constraints



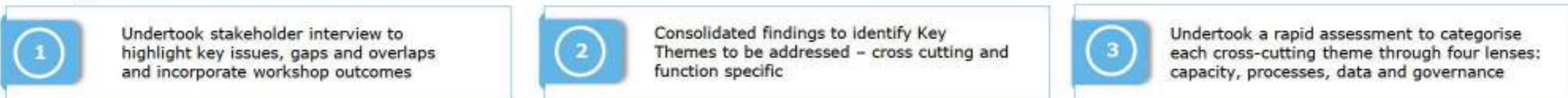
Continually reacting to wider business changes to ensure the delivery of an effective SG estate



Deep understanding of the SG estate through long service

## 3.4.2 Key Themes to be Addressed

### Our Approach



# 4.0 Action Plan

4.1 Approach

4.2 Prioritisation

4.3 Activities to Address Key Themes

4.4 Action Plan for Key Themes

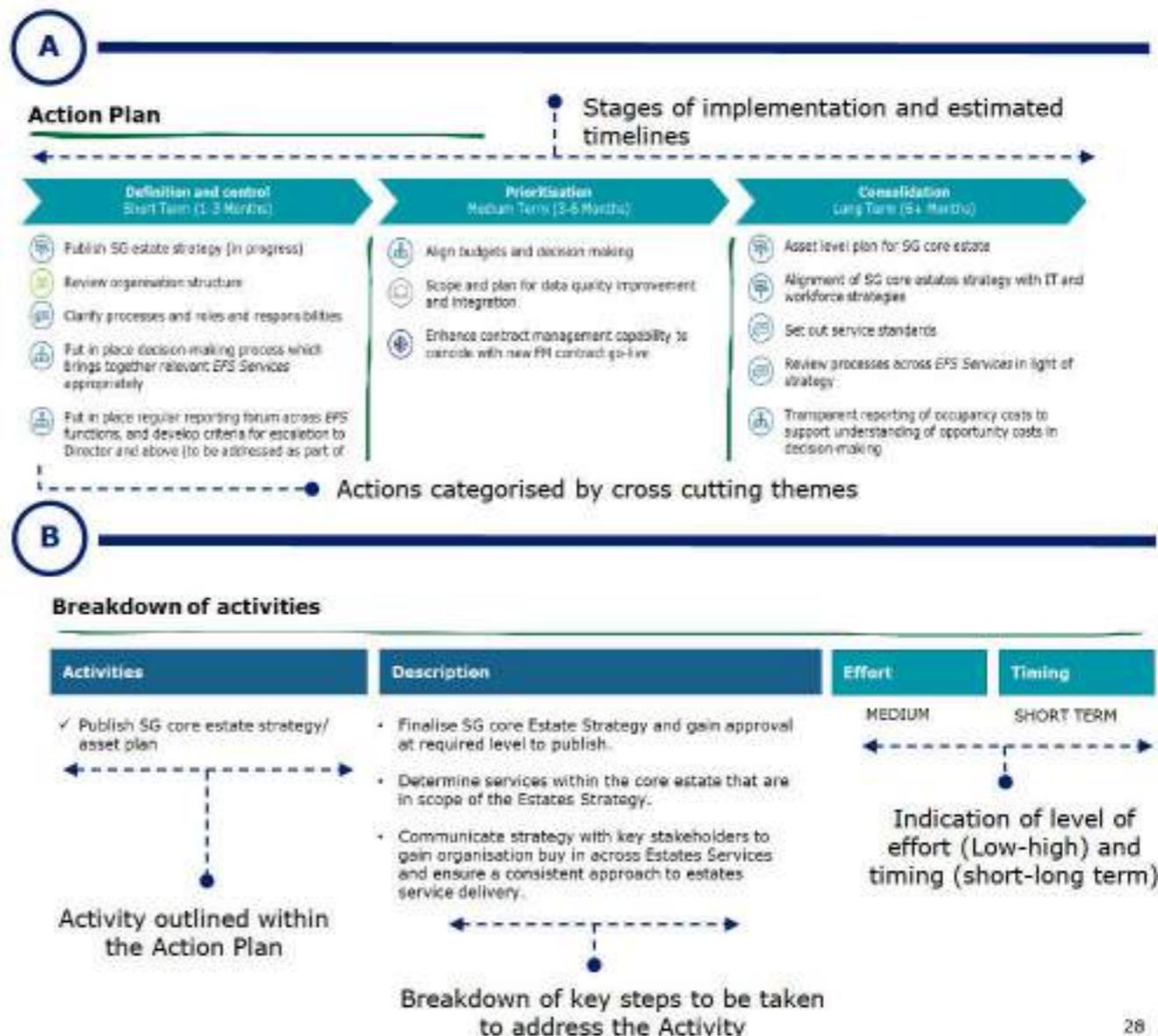
# 4.1 Approach

## Overview

The below outlines the approach taken in developing the Action Plan and subsequently detailing the actions required to address the Key Themes.

## Outline Approach

- 1 A workshop was held to validate the Key Themes with key stakeholders.
- 2 A preliminary Action Plan was developed for discussion prior to the workshop. During the workshop the preliminary actions were discussed and validated with key stakeholders resulting in the co-development of a revised Action Plan.
- 3 Activities were categorised by short, medium, and long term implementation timescales, in addition to an indication of the level of effort required to undertake the activities.
- 4 Comparators were identified to support the key activities and provide examples of how other organisations have addressed similar themes.



## 4.2 Prioritisation

### Overview

Recognising resource constraints and the constantly evolving business requirement in which *EFS Services* are being delivered, four areas of priority for action planning were identified at the workshop on 28 February.

### Priorities for action planning:



**Areas where upfront investment of resource will 'pay back'** through streamlined activity in the long term – in particular strategy and financial planning



**'Quick wins'** in particular around roles and responsibilities – e.g. interfaces between teams, how the wider business interfaces with estates, decision-making and change control



**Urgent resource pressures or gaps** – in relation to specific roles identified as pressure points



**Ongoing consolidation** – in particular plans already in place to develop the Security and Business Continuity functions

**Note:** On this basis a series of activities have been developed under the Key Themes, which are described in the subsequent pages, and set out in an Action Plan, highlighting short, medium, and long term actions.





## 4.3.2 Activities: Process, Roles & Responsibilities and Communication

### Overview



There is an absence of formalised roles and responsibilities and of formal processes of co-ordination within EFS Services, between departments (incl. ITECs), and between EFS Services and supply chain. To date, processes have not been comprehensively written up.

### Breakdown of activities

Activities	Description	Effort	Timing
 Review organisation structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See slide 33</li> </ul>	MEDIUM	SHORT TERM
 Clarify processes and roles and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write up team roles and responsibilities</li> <li>Write up process desk instructions where missing ("flowcharts")</li> <li>Define client role and refresh SLA between DCMSF and PD</li> <li>Complete review of change control</li> <li>Write up interfaces between teams</li> <li>Include plans for handover at end of projects</li> <li>Review interfaces between <i>EFS Services</i> and rest of business, and review communications</li> </ul>	MEDIUM	SHORT TERM
 Set out service standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set out the level of service provided by <i>EFS Services</i> to the rest of the business, and what they should expect from <i>EFS</i></li> </ul>	MEDIUM	LONG TERM
 Review processes across <i>EFS Services</i> in light of strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive process review in light of core estate asset level plan</li> </ul>	MEDIUM	LONG TERM

### Large Public Sector Infrastructure Organisation

The organisation's transformation programme aims to create a new operating model (processes, technology, behaviours and organisation) that strategically manages its property and land assets. The design of the operating model has encompassed the following:

- Engaging with a wide range of stakeholders to gain insights and buy in to the design – including new Sponsors of engagement activity;
- Developing detailed design documentation including job descriptions;
- Undertaking process design testing and ensuring alignment with the people, organisation and technology;
- Testing designs through scenarios to ensure alignment between process, organisation and technology; and
- Using a best-practice process mapping tool to drive consistency across the process design.

## 4.3.3 Process, Roles & Responsibilities and Communication – Senior Team (1)

### Overview



There is an absence of formalised roles and responsibilities and of formal processes of co-ordination within *EFS Services*, between departments (incl. ITECs), and between *EFS Services* and supply chain. To date, processes have not been comprehensively written up.

### Senior team structure

One of the potential causes of the lack of clarity around roles and responsibilities is the structure of the teams providing *EFS Services* in SG.

### SG Analysis

A comparator large UK government department operates at a different scale to SG (c. 800 properties), but the activities required to manage the estate are similar.

There are a number of differences between the organisation of estates within SG and the comparator, including:

- At SG there are three estate related functions reporting to a Director who has a much wider remit than just estates. There is no single accountable person with responsibilities across *EFS Services*;
- Property advice is provided from within a different Directorate at SG;
- There is no dedicated strategy lead within estates at SG. Much of the resource to take forward the Estates Strategy work to date has come from SWP. As with other areas of delivery, roles and responsibilities are not formalised; and
- There is no capacity in *EFS Services* to provide pan-estates business support / governance / reporting.

The next slide explores a proposed solution to address the above in relation to the *EFS Services* senior leadership.



## 4.3.3 Process, Roles & Responsibilities and Communication – Senior Team (2)

### Potential Senior Team Structure – for discussion

To drive forward the changes to co-ordination and decision-making set out in the responses to the cross-cutting themes, and to provide a single accountable individual whose sole focus is *EFS Services*, the SG team should consider a change in the senior structure. On the basis of the previous comparator analysis, this is intended to address:

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

As SWP moves to the next phase, its governance is under review. In relation to the senior team structure the SWP Manager role should be reviewed as part of this. Options include:

- a) Task and finish role to complete at end of SWP programme, with SWP policy and strategy moving to Portfolio Strategy; or
- b) Establish an end to end capital projects function, including moving capital project responsibility from FS

As part of the scope of the Review, we were asked to address issues related to the current organisational structure specifically with regard to senior team organisation (a recommended future organisational structure was out of scope). A proposed approach to senior team structure (provided this can be accommodated in the resource envelope) is set out below:



### Deputy Director *EFS Services*

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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## 4.3.4 Activities: Decision Making

### Overview



Rather than taking an holistic cross-functional approach decision making is taking place within the individual function. Performance reporting is not consistently escalated above HoF level. There is a lack of transparency to the business about the costs and opportunity costs of occupying property.

### Breakdown of activities

Activities	Description	Effort	Timing
Put in place a decision-making process which brings together relevant <i>EFS Services</i> appropriately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put in place decision making processes aligned to delegations, ensuring correct levels of engagement and consultation across <i>EFS Services</i>.</li> <li>Links to roles and responsibilities</li> </ul>	LOW	SHORT TERM
Put in place regular reporting forum across <i>EFS</i> functions, and develop criteria for escalation to Director and above (to be addressed as part of review of SWP governance which is in motion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be incorporated into the review of SWP governance which is now in train</li> <li>Identify the required level of reporting across <i>EFS Services</i> above Head of Function level</li> <li>Put in place a regular reporting forum including plans, progress, performance, risks and issues.</li> <li>Develop criteria and process for escalation of matters to Director level and communication to wider stakeholders</li> </ul>	LOW	SHORT TERM
Align budgets and decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review decision-making processes and roles and responsibilities to ensure budget holders are engaged at the correct stage in decision-making which affects their budgets</li> <li>Links to asset level plan for core estate</li> </ul>	HIGH	MEDIUM TERM
Transparent reporting of occupancy costs to support understanding of opportunity costs in decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further scoping needed against an end objective of transparent reporting of occupancy costs per person and business unit as well as per building</li> <li>Links to data and IT</li> </ul>	HIGH	LONG TERM







## 4.3.7 Activities: Function Specific

### Overview



Alongside the cross-cutting themes a number of function-specific issues were also identified to be taken forward.

### Breakdown of activities

Activities	Description	Effort	Timing
Ongoing maturity of security and business continuity functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>Continued assessment of processes required to ensure continuity / maintenance of business continuity measures and controls</li> <li>A business continuity risk management framework is currently in development, requirement to gain sign off from SG senior leadership</li> </ul>	IN TRAIN	ONGOING
Enhance contract management capability to coincide with new FM contract go-live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scope and plan, tasks to potentially include:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued management of FM procurement</li> <li>Management of expiry of existing FM contract (Mitie)</li> <li>Mobilisation of new FM provider/ contract (potentially different from incumbent)</li> <li>Develop Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) approach</li> <li>Assess impact of new contract specification, e.g. socio-economic impacts</li> </ul> </li> <li>Review resource requirements to deliver required tasks</li> </ul>	MEDIUM	MEDIUM TERM

### Supplier Relationship Management (SRM)

SRM is a key component of the overall end-to-end lifecycle management of suppliers. SRM activities start at the point that contracts are signed. Activities generally include; performance management, risk and issue management, governance and stakeholder management, commercial management (budgeting/forecasting) and contract change management.

Without adequate SRM any potential value created in the Procurement exercise can be lost. Organisations are realising the value of adopting robust SRM frameworks. Frameworks typically include:

- the mandatory steps of the SRM process
- the outputs of the processes
- roles and responsibilities
- tools and templates to be used for managing suppliers
- a robust framework for managing suppliers

Adopting an SRM framework or approach can help organisations to achieve two core objectives:

- Leveraging value from the relationship and creating value beyond the contract; and
- To improve performance across operational suppliers. Reducing the risk of value erosion into the relationship.

## 4.4 Action Plan for Key Themes

### Overview

The priority actions have been grouped into short, medium, and long term timescales.

### Actions for each Key Theme:

#### Define and control Short Term (1-3 Months)

-  Publish SG estate strategy (in progress)
-  Review organisation structure
-  Clarify processes and roles and responsibilities
-  Put in place a decision-making process which brings together relevant *EFS Services* appropriately
-  Put in place regular reporting forum across *EFS* functions, and develop criteria for escalation to Director and above (to be addressed as part of review of SWP governance which is in motion)
-  Review critical vacancies, identify particular pressure points and develop strategy to address
-  Identify data champions in each area to identify priorities for data quality improvement

#### Prioritise Medium Term (3-6 Months)

-  Align budgets and decision making
-  Scope and plan for data quality improvement and integration
-  Enhance contract management capability to coincide with new FM contract go-live

#### Consolidate Long Term (6+ Months)

-  Asset level plan for SG core estate
-  Alignment of SG core asset plan with IT and workforce strategies
-  Set out service standards
-  Review processes across *EFS Services* in light of strategy
-  Transparent reporting of occupancy costs to support understanding of opportunity costs in decision-making
-  Talent and development – develop an approach to professional development across *EFS Services* including training and development – potentially to include training needs/analysis of skills for the future across the functions
-  Implement data and information systems action plan



Increasing maturity of new functions: Business Continuity and Security



Strategic Direction



Processes, Roles & Responsibilities, and Communication



Decision Making, Governance & Financial Planning



Resource & Capacity



Data & Information Systems



Specific to individual Functions

# Appendix

# Appendix A: Existing Governance Forums

## Overview

*EFS Services'* organisational structure includes the following governance boards, which are intended to support decision making and allow consultation between functions. The aims and objectives of these boards have been outlined below, along with the existing governance structure.

## Place & Smarter Workplaces Boards

**Place Board**  
**Co-Chairs: Director General Economy and Director for Education, Communities & Justice**

DCMSF and Director Digital also sit on this board, alongside representatives from *EFS* and IT services.

The aims and objectives of the board include:

 Securing the effective delivery of the Smarter Workplaces and Corporate Systems and Digital programmes	 Anticipating and responding effectively to future challenges in terms of SG workplace and systems
 Ensuring that investment decisions support delivery of Place Board's vision	

**Smarter Workplaces Programme Board – SWP governance under review**  
**Chair & Programme Sponsor: Director for Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities**

The SWP Board was established to provide strategic oversight, as well as to challenge and oversee delivery of the programme.

The Board's responsibilities include:

 Approving proposals schedule and programme plan for SWP projects	 Review risks and issues with in-flight projects, and look to resolve these	 Monitor project delivery, and advise/facilitate implementation
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## Health & Safety (H&S) Committee

**Health & Safety Committee**  
**Chair: Director for Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities**

Due to fact that good H&S measures are already in place, the Committee focuses on how to maintain and improve current standards. This includes:

 Reviewing H&S statistics and monitoring performance	 Preventing high risk/serious accidents	 Consulting with colleagues across SG (incl. trade union reps) to ensure alignment on H&S
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## Security & Business Continuity Board

**Security & Business Continuity Programme Board**  
**Chair: Director for Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities**

The Programme Board focuses on operational responsibilities of the Security & Business Continuity department, with input from ITECs colleagues in charge of cyber security.

Members of this board include:

Head of Facilities Services	Head of ITECs	Representative from PD
SWP Manager	Personnel from cyber security (which sits under ITECs)	

Although this board is in its early stages, part of its aim is to facilitate cross-collaboration with SBC's colleagues in *EFS*.

\*Source of information on Place Board and SWP Board taken from terms of reference documents

\*\* Source of information on Health & Safety Board, and Security & Business Continuity Boards were stakeholder interviews

# Appendix B: Stakeholder Interviews – Participants

## Overview

Preliminary stakeholder interviews were undertaken with the following representative from *EFS Services*.

## Stakeholder Interview Participants:

Director for Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities	Scottish Futures Trust Representatives	Security & Business Continuity (SBC)	Smarter Workplaces Programme (SWP)	Facilities Services (FS)	Property Division (PD)	ITECs
<b>Interview 1:</b> Barbara Allison* DCMSF	<b>Interview 1:</b> [Redacted]	<b>Interview 1:</b> [Redacted]	<b>Interview 1:</b> [Redacted]	<b>Interview 1:</b> [Redacted]	<b>Interview 1:</b> [Redacted]	<b>Interview 1:</b> [Redacted]
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		<b>Interview 3:</b> [Redacted]		<b>Interview 3:</b> [Redacted]		<b>Interview 3:</b> [Redacted]
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				<b>Interview 5:</b> [Redacted]		
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				<b>Interview 7:</b> [Redacted]		
				<b>Interview 8:</b> [Redacted]		
				<b>Interview 9:</b> [Redacted]		
				<b>Interview 10:</b> [Redacted]		

\*Additional attendance at Workshop held 28/02

# Appendix C: Glossary

## Overview

A full list of acronyms used within this report has been given below.

## Glossary of Acronyms

<b>EFS Services</b>	Estates, Facilities, and Security Services
<b>SG</b>	Scottish Government
<b>SFT</b>	Scottish Futures Trust
<b>(D)CMSF</b>	(Director for) Communications, Ministerial Support & Facilities
<b>FS</b>	Facilities Services
<b>PD</b>	Property Division
<b>SBC</b>	Security & Business Continuity
<b>BC</b>	Business Continuity
<b>SWP</b>	Smarter Workplaces Programme
<b>DPC</b>	Director for Procurement & Commercial
<b>HoF</b>	Heads of Function
<b>CRE</b>	Corporate Real Estate
<b>H&amp;S</b>	Health & Safety
<b>BAU</b>	Business As Usual
<b>BU</b>	Business Unit
<b>KPIs</b>	Key Performance Indicators
<b>FM</b>	Facilities Management
<b>AQ</b>	Atlantic Quay
<b>SPFM</b>	Scottish Public Finance Manual
<b>SPCD</b>	Scottish Procurement & Commercial Directorate
<b>SLA</b>	Service Level Agreement
<b>SRM</b>	Supplier Relationship Management



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