Dated

2021

**Dorset Council** 

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# CONTRACT

relating to

the provision of

Production of Residents' Magazine Publication for Dorset Council

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#### THIS CONTRACT is made on

#### BETWEEN

(1) Dorset Council County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ; ("the Council") and

(2) xx xx xx xx (Company Number: xx xx xxx) whose registered office is at ("the Contractor")

1		BACKGROUND
	1.1	Dorset Council is desirous that certain services should be provided by the Contractor namely the publishing and printing of the Residents' Magazine Publication and the Contractor has been appointed to provide the required services.

2		DEFINITIONS
		In this Contract unless the context otherwise requires, the following provisions shall have the
		meanings given to them below:
	2.1	'Commencement Date' means 01 October 2021;
	2.2	'Commercially Sensitive Information' means the information marked as confidential and
		comprising Information:
		which is provided by the Contractor and designated as commercially sensitive information by
		the Council for the term of the Contract and/or
		that constitutes a trade secret;
	2.3	'Confidential Information' means:
		• any Information which has been designated as confidential by either Party in writing or that
		ought to be considered as confidential (however it is conveyed or on whatever media it is
		stored) including Information the disclosure of which would, or would be likely to, prejudice
		the commercial interests of any person, trade secrets, Intellectual Property Rights and know-
		how of either Party and all personal data and sensitive personal data within the meaning of
		the GDPR;
		the Commercially Sensitive Information;
	2.4	'Contract' means this Contract including all Appendices and variations as made in relation to this
		Contract;
	2.5	'Contract Price' means the price as set out in the Pricing Schedule (Appendix E);
	2.6	'Contract Terms' means these terms, excluding the Specification;
	2.7	'Contractor' means the person, firm or company appointed by the Council to supply the Goods
		or Services under this Contract and shall include the Contractor's Employees, personal
		representatives, successors and permitted assigns;
	2.8	'Contracting Officer' means an officer representing the Council;
	2.9	<b>'Council'</b> means Dorset Council;
	2.10	Not Used

2.11	'Default' means any breach of the obligations of the relevant Party (including but not limited to
	fundamental breach or breach of a fundamental term) or any other default, act, omission
	negligence or negligent statement of the relevant Party or the Employees in connection with or ir
	relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which such Party is liable to the
	other;
2.12	Not Used
2.13	`Environmental Information Regulations' means the Environmental Information Regulations
	2004 and any subsequent revision or amendment;
2.14	'Employees' means all persons employed by the Contractor together with the Contractor's
	servants, agents, contractors and sub-contractors used in the performance of its obligations under
	this Contract;
2.15	'Equipment' means the Contractor's equipment, plant and materials used in the performance of
	its obligations under this Contract;
2.16	'FOIA' means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under
	this Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the
	Information Commissioner in relation to the legislation;
2.17	`Force Majeure' means any event or occurrence which is outside the reasonable control of the
	Party concerned and which is not attributable to any act or failure to take preventative action by
	that Party, including fire; flood; violent storm; pestilence; explosion; malicious damage; armed
	conflict; acts of terrorism; nuclear, biological or chemical warfare; or any other disaster, natural or
	man-made, but excluding: -
	any industrial action occurring within the Contractor's or any sub-contractor's
	organisation or;
	• the failure by any sub-contractor to perform its obligations under any sub-contract
	(unless such failure itself is caused by Force Majeure);
2.18	Not used
2.19	`Good Industry Practice' means standards, practices, methods and procedures conforming to
	the Law and the degree of skill and care, diligence, prudence and foresight which would
	reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person or body engaged ir
	a similar type of undertaking under the same or similar circumstances;
2.20	'Goods or Services' means the Goods and/or the Services as detailed in the Specification;
2.21	<b>`Information'</b> has the meaning given under section 84 of the FOIA;
2.22	
	in clause 4.1, or such earlier date of termination or partial termination of the Contract in accordance
	with the provisions of the Contract;
2.23	
	(whether registrable or otherwise), applications for any of the foregoing, copyright, database rights,
	domain names, trade or business names, moral rights and other similar rights or obligations
	whether registrable or not in any country (including but not limited to the United Kingdom) and the
	whether registrable or not in any country (including but not limited to the United Kingdom) and the right to sue for passing off:
2.24	right to sue for passing off;

	community right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972,
	regulatory policy, guidance or industry codes, judgement of a relevant court of law, or directives
	or requirements of any Regulatory Body with which the Contractor is bound to comply;
2.25	'Month' means calendar month;
2.26	'Notice' means notice given in accordance with clause 9
2.27	<b>`Parent Company'</b> means any company which is the ultimate Holding Company of the Contractor or any other company of which the ultimate Holding Company of the Contractor is also the ultimate Holding Company and which is either responsible directly or indirectly for the business activities of the Contractor or which is engaged in the same or similar business to the Contractor. The term "Holding Company" shall have the meaning given in Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985 or
	any statutory re-enactment or amendment thereto;
2.28	<b>'Party'</b> means the Council or the Contractor and 'Parties' will be construed accordingly;
2.29	<b>'Premises'</b> or <b>'Site'</b> means any location where the Goods or Services are delivered;
2.30	Not Used;
2.31	'Prohibited Act': the following constitute Prohibited Acts:
	<ol> <li>to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by the Council a financial or other advantage to:</li> </ol>
	a. induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or
	b. reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity;
	2. to directly or indirectly request, agree to receive or accept any financial or other advantage
	as an inducement or a reward for improper performance of a relevant function or activity
	in connection with this Contract;
	3. committing any offence:
	a. under the Bribery Act 2010;
	b. under the legislation creating offences concerning fraudulent acts;
	c. at common law concerning fraudulent acts relating to this Contract or any other
	contract or agreement with the Council; or
	d. defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Council;
2.32	`Quality Standards' means the quality standards published by BSI British Standards, the National
	Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardisation or other
	reputable or equivalent body (and their successor bodies), that a skilled and experienced operator
	in the same type of industry or business sector as the Contractor would reasonably and ordinarily
	be expected to comply with and any other quality standards as set out in the Specification;
2.33	`Regulatory Bodies' means those government departments and regulatory, statutory and other
	entities, committees, ombudsmen and bodies which, whether under statute, rules, regulations,
	codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to regulate, investigate, or influence the matters dealt
	with in the Contract or any other affairs of the Council;
2.34	<b>Services'</b> means the Goods or Services as detailed in the Specification;
2.35	<b>'Specification'</b> means the specification for the Goods or Services attached at Appendix A;
2.36	Not Used
2.37	<b>'Term'</b> means the Term as detailed in clause 4;
2.37	<b>`VAT'</b> means value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1993;
2.38	
2.30	<b>'Working Days'</b> means Monday to Friday inclusive but not including any declared public holiday.

3.	INTERPRETATION
	The interpretation and construction of the Contract, including Appendices, shall be subject to the
	following provisions:
3.	words importing the singular meaning include where the context so admits the plural meaning and vice versa;
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3.:	the words "include", "includes" and "including" are construed as though they were immediately followed by the words "without limitation";
3.	references to any person shall include persons and partnerships, firms and other incorporated bodies and all other legal persons of whatever kind and however constituted and their successors and permitted assigns and transferees;
3.	reference to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or other similar instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as amended by any subsequent enactment, modification, order, regulation or instrument as subsequently amended or re-enacted;
3.	<ul> <li>headings in this Contract are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of the Contract;</li> </ul>
3.	reference to a clause is a reference to the whole of that clause unless stated otherwise;
3.	references to clauses and appendices are references to clauses and Appendices to this Contract;
3.9	the provisions of the Appendices are incorporated in this Contract;
3.	<ul> <li>any periods of time referred to in this Contract and expressed in days shall refer to calendar days unless stated otherwise;</li> </ul>
3.	1 any condition referring to the delivery of Goods shall apply equally to the performance of Services and vice versa, as appropriate unless otherwise stated.

# PART ONE: TERM AND PRIORITY

4.		TERM
	4.1	The Contract shall take effect on the Commencement Date of 01 October 2021 and shall expire automatically on 31 May 2023, unless it is terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract or otherwise lawfully terminated, or extended under clause 5 Extension of the Term.
5		EXTENSION OF TERM
	5.1	Subject to satisfactory performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, the Council may, by giving Notice to the Contractor not less than three months prior to the last day of the Term, extend the Contract in accordance with 5.2.
	5.2	The Council may extend the Term for a further 12 months.
6		PRIORITY
	6.1	In the event of any conflict between the Specification, the Contract and any document referred to in those clauses, the conflict shall be resolved in the following order of precedence:
		<ul><li>i. the Specification (Appendix A)</li><li>ii. the Contract Terms; and</li></ul>

	iii. any other document referred to in the clauses of the Contract.
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### PART TWO: GENERAL CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS

7		CONTRACTOR'S STATUS
	7.1	At all times during the Term the Contractor shall be an independent Contractor and nothing in the
		Contract shall create a contract of employment, a relationship of agency or partnership or a joint
		venture between the Parties and, accordingly, neither Party shall be authorised to act on behalf
		of, or otherwise bind the other Party save as expressly permitted by the terms of the Contract.

8		COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS
	8.1	Save as otherwise expressly provided, the obligations of the Council under the Contract are
		obligations of the Council in its capacity as a contracting counterparty and nothing in the Contract
		shall operate as an obligation upon, or in any other way fetter or constrain the Council in any other
		capacity or lead to any liability under the Contract (howsoever arising) on the part of the Council
		to the Contractor. The Council shall pay any undisputed sums incurred which are due prior to any
		termination.

9		NOTICES
	9.1	Any Notice to be given under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered or sent
		by first class mail to the address of the Contractor and the Council at the head of this Contract or
		such other address as that Party may from time to time notify to the other Party in accordance with
		this clause.
	9.2	Provided the Notice sent as above is not returned as undelivered it shall be deemed to have been received:
	9.2.1	if delivered by hand before 4pm on a Working Day, at the time of delivery, otherwise receipt will
		be deemed to occur at 9am on the next following Working Day; or
	9.2.2	if delivered by first class inland mail, two Working Days after the day of posting.
	9.3	In proving the giving of a Notice, it shall be sufficient to prove that the Notice was left or that the
		envelope containing the Notice was properly addressed and posted.
	9.4	For the purposes of this clause "writing" shall not include email and Notices will not be sent by
		email.

10		CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
	10.1	The Contractor shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that neither the Contractor nor any of
		its Employees, servants, agents, suppliers or sub-contractors is placed in a position where there
		is or may be an actual conflict or potential conflict between the pecuniary interests of the
		Contractor or such persons and the duties owed to the Council under the provisions of the
		Contract. The Contract shall disclose to the Council full particulars of any such conflict of interest
		which may arise.
	10.2	This clause shall apply during the Term and for a period of two (2) years after expiry of the Term.

11		PREVENTION OF BRIBERY
	11.1	The Contractor:
	11.1.1	shall not, and shall procure that any agent, consultant, contractor, Employee and sub-contractor
		of the Contractor shall not, in connection with this Contract commit a Prohibited Act;
	11.1.2	warrants, represents and undertakes that it is not aware of any financial or other advantage being
		given to any person working for or engaged by the Council, or that an agreement has been
		reached to that effect, in connection with the execution of this Contract, excluding any
		arrangement of which full details have been disclosed in writing to the Council before execution
		of this Contract.
	11.2	The Contractor shall:
	11.2.1	if requested, provide the Council with any reasonable assistance, at the Council's reasonable
		cost, to enable the Council to perform any activity required by any relevant government or agency
		in any relevant jurisdiction for the purpose of compliance with the Bribery Act 2010;
	11.2.2	within 14 Working Days of the date at the head of this Contract, and annually thereafter, certify
		to the Council in writing (such certification to be signed by an officer of the Contractor) compliance
		with this clause 11 by the Contractor and all persons associated with it or other persons who are
		supplying Goods or Services in connection with this Contract. The Contractor shall provide such
		supporting evidence of compliance as the Council may reasonably request.
	11.3	The Contractor shall have an anti-bribery policy (which shall be disclosed to the Council) to
		prevent any agent, consultant, contractor, Employee and sub-contractor of the Contractor from
		committing a Prohibited Act and shall enforce it where appropriate.
	11.4	If any breach of clause 11.1 is suspected or known, the Contractor must notify the Council
		immediately.
	11.5	If the Contractor notifies the Council that it suspects or knows that there may be a breach of
		clause 11.1, the Contractor must respond promptly to the Council's enquiries, co-operate with
		any investigation, and allow the Council to audit books, records and any other relevant
		documentation.
	11.6	The Council may terminate this Contract by written notice with immediate effect if the Contractor,
		its agents, consultants, contractors, employees or sub-contractors, (in all cases whether or not
		acting with the Contractor's knowledge) breaches clause 11.1.
	11.7	Any notice of termination under 11.6 must specify:
		a) the nature of the Prohibited Act;
		b) the identity of the party whom the Council believes has committed the Prohibited Act; and
		c) the date on which this Contract will terminate.
	11.8	Despite clause 48, any dispute relating to:
		a) the interpretation of clause 11 or
		b) the amount or value of any gift, consideration or commission;
		shall be determined by the Council and its decision shall be final and conclusive.
	11.9	Any termination under clause 11.6 will be without prejudice to any right or remedy which has
		already accrued or subsequently accrues to the Council.

12		WARRANTIES
	12.1	The Contractor warrants and represents to the Council that:

12.1.1	it has the full capacity and authority and all necessary consents, licences and permits to enter
	into and perform this Contract and that the Contract is executed by a duly authorised
	representative of the Contractor;
12.1.2	as at the date of this Contract it is not in default in the payment of any due and payable taxes or
	in the filing, registration or recording of any document or under any legal or statutory obligation or
	requirement which default might have a material adverse effect on its business, assets or financial
	condition or its ability to observe or perform its obligations under this Contract
12.1.3	as at the Commencement Date, all information, statements and representations contained in the
	Contract are true, accurate and not misleading save as may have been specifically disclosed in
	writing to the Council prior to the execution of this Contract and it will promptly advise the Council
	of any fact, matter or circumstance of which it may become aware which would render any such
	information, statement or representation to be false or misleading;
12.1.4	no claim is being asserted and no litigation, arbitration or administrative proceeding is presently
	in progress or, to the best of its knowledge and belief, pending or threatened against it or any of
	its assets which will or might affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Contract;
12.1.5	no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of its
	knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Contractor or for its dissolution or for the
	appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar
	officer in relation to any of the Contractor's assets or revenue;
12.1.6	it will supply the Goods or Services using reasonable care, skill and diligence using suitably
	qualified Employees and in accordance with generally accepted industry standards and practice;
	and
12.1.7	in entering into the Contract, it has not committed any fraud.

12	Not Used	
13	Not Used	

14		WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY
	14.1	The Contractor is expected to act in accordance with the Council's whistleblowing policy, a copy
		of which is available on the Council's website.

#### PART THREE: GOODS AND SERVICES

15		CONTRACT PRICE AND PAYMENT
	15.1	Contract Price
	15.1.1	In consideration of the Contractor's satisfactory performance of its obligations under the Contract, the Council shall pay the Contract Price in accordance with clause 15.3.
	15.1.2	The Council shall, in addition to the Contract Price and following evidence of a valid VAT invoice, pay the Contractor a sum equal to the VAT chargeable on the value of the Goods or Services supplied in accordance with the Contract.
	15.1.3	Payment shall, unless otherwise stated, be deemed to be inclusive of all costs, expenses and overheads of any kind incurred by the Contractor including delivery costs.
	15.1.4	The prices quoted in the Pricing Schedule (Appendix E) detailing the rates for the supply of the Goods or Services shall not be revised except with the agreement of both Parties.

15.1.5	The Council will not discuss any price increase proposal submitted by the Contractor without
	the Contractor also submitting supporting evidence on reasons for said price proposal and
	transparent calculations demonstrating how the proposed revised price has been reached.
15.1.6	No revision of price shall be implemented by the Contractor without the agreement of the
	Council.
15.1.7	The Council, in the event of a price change proving unacceptable, reserves the right to
	terminate the Contract and purchase elsewhere.
 15.3	Payment and VAT
15.3.1	In consideration of the Contractor performing its obligations under the Contract, the Council
	shall pay all sums due to the Contractor in cleared funds within thirty (30) days of receipt of a
	valid invoice.
15.3.2	Invoices must legibly state:
	i) the full name and address of the Council and the official order number;
	ii) the address of the Premises where the Goods or Services were delivered;
	iii) a full and proper description of the Goods or Services delivered at the price set out in
	the Pricing Schedule; and
	iv) any such other requirements as set out in the Specification.
15.3.3	All payments will be made in sterling unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.
15.3.4	If the Council intends to withhold all or any part of a payment it must not later than 5 Working
	Days before the final date for payment give Notice to the Contractor to that effect which Notice
	must specify the amount proposed to be withheld and the ground for doing so.
15.3.5	Where the Contractor enters into a sub-contract for the Services, the Contractor shall include
	in that sub-contract provision for any sum due under a correct invoice to be paid within thirty
	days of receipt of that invoice.

16		RECOVERY OF SUMS DUE
	16.1	Wherever under the Contract any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor
		(including any sum which the Contractor is liable to pay to the Council in respect of any breach
		of the Contract), the Council may unilaterally deduct that sum from any sum then due, or which
		at any later time may become due to the Contractor under the Contract or under any other
		agreement or contract with the Council.
	16.2	Any overpayment by either Party, whether of the Contract Price or of VAT or otherwise, shall be
		a sum of money recoverable by the Party who made the overpayment from the Party in receipt of
		the overpayment.
	16.3	The Contractor shall make any payments due to the Council without any deduction whether by
		way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise unless the Contractor has a valid
		court order requiring an amount equal to such deduction to be paid by the Council to the
		Contractor.

# 17 SUPPLY OF GOODS OR SERVICES

17.1	The Contractor shall supply the Goods or Services in accordance with the Council's requirements
	in the Contract, the Specification, any obligations implied by Section 12 or 14 of the Sale of Goods
	Act 1979 or Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 and all relevant national
	specifications applicable to such including those of the British Standards Institution or European
	equivalent (or if there be no such specification, to the highest standard).
17.2	The Contractor acknowledges that the Council relies on the skill and judgment of the Contractor
	in the supply of the Goods or Services and the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

29		CONTRACT PERFORMANCE
	29.1	The Contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract:
	29.1.1	with appropriately experienced, qualified and trained Employees and with all due skill, care and
		diligence;
	29.1.2	in a timely manner; and
	29.1.3	in compliance with all applicable legislation, including but not limited to, any obligations implied
		by Section 12 and 14 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 and Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and
		Services Act 1982.
	29.2	The Contractor shall ensure that the Goods or Services conform in all respects with the
		Specification and are fit and sufficient for all the purposes for which such Services are ordinarily
		used and for any particular purpose made known to the Contractor by the Council.
	29.3	Monitoring of Contract Performance: The Contractor in working with the Council will develop
		and implement agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to demonstrate acceptable
		performance of the Contract. These KPIs will be addressed at regular contract review meetings
		and failure to meet the KPIs will be actioned in accordance with the remedies available to the
		Council under the Contract Terms and Conditions.
	29.3.1	The KPIs and Management Information to be covered at contract review meetings are detailed in
		Appendix A but may be subject to change over the period of the Contract.
	29.3.2	The Contractor will have effective management information systems in place to provide such
		information at the request of the Council.
	29.3.3	Contract review meetings will be held at the Council's offices and any costs incurred by the
		Contractor in attending these meetings will be at the Contractor's expense. If necessary, the
		Council will attend meetings at the Contractor's premises to view specific data or for other
	00.0.4	reasons.
	29.3.4	Contract review meetings will be chaired by the Contracting Officer and held from the
		Commencement Date at the discretion of the Council. Additional management information may
	29.3.5	be required by the Council as agreed at contract review meetings. The Council may inspect the supply of the Goods or Services at any reasonable time.
	29.3.5	Sub-Contractors: The Contractor shall not enter into a Sub-Contract for the purpose of
	29.4	
	29.4.1	performing its obligation under the Contract, without prior agreement with the Council.
	29.4.1	Should the Contractor, with prior agreement with the Council, enter into a Sub-Contract it shall
		ensure that a provision is included in such a Sub-Contract which requires payment to be made of all sums due by the Contractor to the Sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding 30
		business days from the receipt of a valid claim.

### PART FOUR: STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS AND REGULATIONS

30		STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
	30.1	The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all licences, authorisations, consents or permits
		required in relation to the performance of this Contract.
31		DISCRIMINATION
	31.1	The Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate in the provision of the Services either directly or
		indirectly on such grounds as race, colour, ethnic or national origin, culture and linguistic
		background, disability, gender or sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, gender
		reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, religion or belief or age and, without prejudice to
		the generality of the foregoing, shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of
		the Equality Act 2010 or other relevant legislation.
	31.2	The Contractor shall at all times operate a policy of equal opportunity in both staffing and service
		delivery which accords with that of the Council. The Contractor shall forward a copy of this policy
		to the Council when required and demonstrate its operation in the performance of the Contract.
	31.3	The Contract shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of this clause by all
		Employees employed in the performance of the Contract.
	31.4	In the event of a finding of discrimination being made by any court or employment tribunal against
		the Contractor or any sub-contractor appointed by the Contractor during the performance of this
		Contract, or of an adverse finding in any formal investigations by the Equality and Human Rights
		Commission during the performance of this Contract, the Contractor shall inform the Council of
		this finding and shall take appropriate steps to prevent repetition of the unlawful discrimination.
	31.5	The Contractor shall indemnify the Council in respect of any claims against the Council which
		arise by reason of the Contractor's breach of the legislation referred to in clause 31.1 where such
		breach arises in the performance of its obligations under this Contract.
	31.6	The Contractor may be required to answer questions raised by the Council on matters referred to
		in this clause.
32		THE CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999
	32.1	Save for those Parties stated in clause 1.3 on whose behalf the Council is contracting, a person
		who is not a Party to the Contract has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act
		1999 to enforce any of its provisions which, expressly or by implication, confer a benefit on him.

### PART FIVE: PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

33		NOT USED
34		CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
	34.1	Except to the extent set out in this clause or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Contract, each Party shall:
	34.1.1	treat the other Party's Confidential Information as confidential and safeguard it accordingly; and;
	34.1.2	not disclose the other Party's Confidential Information to any other person without the owner's prior written consent.

34.2	Clause 34.1 shall not apply to the extent that:
 34.2.1	such disclosure is a requirement of Law placed upon the Party making the disclosure, including
	any requirements for disclosure under the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations
	pursuant to clause 35 (Freedom of Information);
34.2.2	such Information was in the possession of the Party making the disclosure without obligation of
	confidentiality prior to its disclosure by the Information owner;
34.2.3	such Information was obtained from a third party without obligation of confidentiality;
34.2.4	such Information was already in the public domain at the time of disclosure otherwise than by a
	breach of this Contract; or
34.2.5	it is independently developed without access to the other party's Confidential Information.
34.3	The Contractor may only disclose the Council's Confidential Information to its Employees who
	are directly involved in the provision of the Services and who need to know the Information and
	shall ensure that such Employees are aware of and shall comply with these obligations as to
	confidentiality.
34.4	The Contractor shall not, and shall procure that its Employees do not, use any of the Council's
	Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of this Contract.
34.5	Nothing in this Contract shall prevent the Council from disclosing the Contractor's Confidential
	Information:
34.5.1	to any Crown Body or any other contracting authority. All Crown Bodies or contracting authorities
	receiving such Confidential Information shall be entitled to further disclose the Confidential
	Information to other Crown Bodies or other contracting authorities on the basis that the
	information is confidential and is not to be disclosed to a third Party which is not part of any Crown
 	Body or any Contracting authority;
34.5.2	to any consultant, contractor or other person engaged by the Council or any person conducting
	an Office of Government Commerce gateway review;
 34.5.3	for the purpose of the examination and certification of the Council's accounts;
34.5.4	for any examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy,
 	efficiency and effectiveness with which the Council has used its resources.
34.6	The Council shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any government department,
	contracting authority, Employee, third party or sub-contractor to whom the Contractor's
	Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to clause 34 is made aware of the Council's
 	obligations of confidentiality.
34.7	Nothing in this clause 34 shall prevent either party from using any techniques, ideas or know-
	how gained during the performance of the Contract in the course of its normal business to the
	extent that this use does not result in a disclosure of the other party's Confidential Information or
	an infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.

35		FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
	35.1	The Contractor acknowledges that the Council is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the
		Environmental Information Regulations and shall assist and cooperate with the Council to enable
		the Council to comply with its Information disclosure obligations.
	35.2	The Contractor shall procure that its sub-contractors shall:

		a) transfer to the Council all requests for Information that it receives as soon as practicable
		and in any event within two Working Days of receiving a request for Information;
		b) provide the Council with a copy of all Information in its possession, or power in the form
		that the Council requires within five Working Days (or such other period as the Council
		may specify) of the Contractor's request; and
		c) provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by the Council to enable the
		Council to respond to the request for Information within the time for compliance set out
		in section 10 of the FOIA or regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations.
	35.3	The Council shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding
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		any other provision in this Contract or any other contract whether the Commercially Sensitive
		Information and/or any other Information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the
		provisions of the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations.
	35.4	In no event shall the Contractor respond directly to a request for Information regarding this
		Contract unless expressly authorised to do so by the Council.
	35.6	The Contractor acknowledges that (notwithstanding the provisions of clause 34.2) the Council
		may, acting in accordance with the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Code of Practice
		on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information
		Act 2000 ("the Code"), be obliged under the FOIA, or the Environmental Information Regulations
		to disclose Information concerning the Contractor or the Services:
		a) in certain circumstances without consulting the Contractor where required to disclose
		the Information by Law or pursuant to a lawful authority; or
		b) following consultation with the Contractor and having taken their views into account;
		c) provided always that where 35.3 applies the Council shall, in accordance with any
		recommendations of the Code, take reasonable steps, where appropriate, to give the
		Contractor advanced notice, or failing that, to draw the disclosure to the Contractor's
		attention after any such disclosure.
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	35.7	The Contractor shall ensure that all Information is retained for disclosure and shall permit the
		Council to inspect such records as requested from time to time.
36		RECORDS AND AUDIT ACCESS
	36.1	The Contractor shall keep and maintain until six (6) years after the date of termination or expiry
		(whichever is the earlier) of the Contract, full and accurate records and accounts of the operation
		of the Contract including the Services provided and/or Goods supplied under it.
	36.2	The Contractor shall keep the records and accounts referred to in clause 36.1 above in
		accordance with good accountancy practice.
	36.3	The Contractor shall on request afford the Council, the Council's representatives and/or the
		Council's auditor such access to such records and accounts as may be required by the Council
		from time to time.
	36.4	The Contractor shall provide such records and accounts (together with copies of the Contractor's
		published accounts) during the Term and for a period of six (6) years after the expiry of the Term
		to the Council and the auditor.
	36.5	The Council shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the conduct of each audit does not
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		unreasonably disrupt the Contractor or delay the provision of the Services or supply of Goods

		save insofar as the Contractor accepts and acknowledges that control over the conduct of audits
		carried out by the auditor is outside of the control of the Council.
	36.6	Subject to the Council's rights of Confidential Information, the Contractor shall on demand provide
		the auditors with all reasonable co-operation and assistance in relation to each audit, including: -
	36.6.1	all information requested by the Council within the scope of the audit;
	36.6.2	reasonable access to sites controlled by the Contractor and to Equipment used in the provision
		of the Services; and
	36.6.3	reasonable access to Employees.
	36.7	The Parties agree that they shall bear their own respective costs and expenses incurred in respect
		of compliance with their obligations under this clause 36, unless the audit reveals a material
		Default by the Contractor in which case the Contractor shall reimburse the Council for the
		Council's reasonable costs incurred in relation to the audit.
37		CONTROL OF CONTRACT
	37.1	The Contractor shall not assign, novate, sub-contract or in any other way dispose of the Contract
		or any part of it without the Council's prior approval.
	37.2	The Contractor shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its sub-contractors as though
		they are its own.
	37.3	The Council may assign or novate any interest in the Contract to any statutory successor to its
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## PART SIX: INADEQUATE PERFORMANCE AND DISRUPTION

38		REMEDIES IN THE EVENT OF INADEQUATE PERFORMANCE
	38.1	In the event that the Council is of the reasonable opinion that there has been a material breach
		of the Contract by the Contractor, then the Council may, without prejudice to its rights under
		clause 41, do any of the following:
	38.1.1	without terminating the Contract, itself supply or procure the supply of all or part of the Goods or
		Services until such time as the Contractor shall have demonstrated to the reasonable satisfaction
		of the Council that the Contractor will once more be able to supply all or such part of the Goods
		or Services in accordance with the Contract;
	38.1.2	without terminating the whole of the Contract, terminate the Contract in respect of part of the
		Goods or Services only (whereupon a corresponding reduction in the Contract Price shall be
		made) and thereafter itself supply or procure a third party to supply such part of the Goods or
		Services;
	38.1.3	terminate, in accordance with clause 41 the whole of the Contract; and/or
	38.1.4	charge the Contractor for, and the Contractor shall pay any costs reasonably incurred by, the
		Council (including any reasonable administration costs) in respect of the supply of any part of the

	Goods or Services by the Council or a third party provided that the Council uses its reasonable
	endeavours to mitigate any additional expenditure in obtaining replacement Goods or Services.
38.2	If the Contractor fails to supply any of the Goods or Services in accordance with the provisions of
	the Contract and such failure is capable of remedy, then the Council shall instruct the Contractor
	to remedy the failure and the Contractor shall at its own cost and expense remedy such failure
	(and any damage resulting from such failure) within 10 (ten) Working Days of the Council's
	instructions or such other period of time as the Council may direct.
 38.3	In the event that the Contractor:
	(a) fails to comply with clause 38.2 above and the failure is materially adverse to the interests of
	the Council or prevents the Council from discharging a statutory duty; or
	(b) persistently fails to comply with clause 38.2 above;
	then the Council may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by giving the Contractor
	Notice.
38.4	Without prejudice to any other right or remedy which the Council may have, if any Goods or
	Services are not supplied in accordance with, or the Contractor fails to comply with any of the
	terms of the Contract the Council shall be entitled to avail itself of any one or more of the following
	remedies at its discretion whether or not any part of the Goods or Services have been accepted
	by the Council: -
	(a) to rescind the Contract;
	(b) to reject the Goods or Services (in whole or in part) and return them to the Contractor at
	the risk and cost of the Contractor on the basis that a full refund for the Goods or Services
	so returned shall be paid forthwith by the Contractor;
	(c) at the Council's option to give the Contractor the opportunity at the Contractor's expense
	to either remedy any defect in the Goods or Services or to supply replacement Goods or
	Services;
	(d) to refuse to accept any further deliveries of the Goods or Services but without any liability
	to the Council; and
	(e) to claim such damages as may have been sustained in consequence of the Contractor's
	breach or breaches of the Contract.

39		DISRUPTION
	39.1	The Contractor shall immediately inform the Council of any actual or potential industrial action,
		whether such action be by its own Employees or others, which affects or might affect its ability at
		any time to perform its obligations under the Contract.
	39.2	In the event of industrial action by the Employees, the Contractor shall seek the Council's
		approval to its proposals for the continuance of the supply of the Goods or Services in accordance
		with its obligations under the Contract.
	39.3	If the Contractor's proposals referred to in clause 39.2 are considered insufficient or unacceptable
		by the Council acting reasonably then the Contract may be terminated with immediate effect by
		the Council by Notice in writing.

	39.4	If the Contractor is temporarily unable to fulfil the requirements of the Contract owing to disruption
		of normal business by direction of the Council, an appropriate allowance by way of extension of
		time will be approved by the Council. In addition, the Council will reimburse any additional
		expense reasonably incurred by the Contractor as a direct result of such disruption.
40		FORCE MAJEURE
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	40.1	Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for any delay in performing, or failure to perform,
		its obligations under the Contract (other than a payment of money) to the extent that such delay
		or failure is a result of Force Majeure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Party shall use all
		reasonable endeavours to continue to perform its obligations under the Contract for the duration
		of such Force Majeure. However, if such Force Majeure prevents either Party from performing its
		material obligations under the Contract for a period in excess of six Months, either Party may
		terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.
	40.2	Any failure or delay by the Contractor in performing its obligations under the Contract which
		results from any failure or delay by an agent, sub-contractor or contractor shall be regarded as
		due to Force Majeure only if that agent, sub-contractor or contractor is itself impeded by Force
		Majeure from complying with an obligation to the Contractor.
	40.3	If either Party becomes aware of a Force Majeure event or occurrence which gives rise to or
		which is likely to give rise to any such failure or delay on its part as described in clause 40.1 it
		shall immediately notify the other by the most expeditious method then available and shall inform
		the other of the period during which it is estimated that such failure or delay shall continue.

# PART SEVEN: CONTRACT TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

41		TERMINATION
	41.1	This Contract shall terminate:
	41.1.1	On the expiry of the Term;
	41.1.2	Immediately if either party commits a fundamental Default, with the offended party serving Notice
		to the party in breach, giving details of the way in which it is considered they are in breach;
	41.2	The Council may by Notice in writing to the Contractor terminate this Contract as from the date of service of such Notice if:
	41.2.1	the Contractor passes a resolution or a court makes an order that the Contractor be wound up otherwise than for the purpose of a bona fide solvent reconstruction or amalgamation; or
	41.2.2	circumstances exist which entitle a court or a creditor to appoint a receiver, manager or administrator or which entitle a court otherwise than for the purpose of a bona fide solvent reconstruction or amalgamation to make a winding-up order regarding the Contractor; or
	41.2.3	the Contractor undergoes a change of control, within the meaning of section 416 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, which impacts adversely and materially on the performance of this Contract; or
	41.2.4	the Contractor becomes the subject of a voluntary arrangement under s1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

	41.2.5	the Contractor has a receiver, manager, administrator, or administrative receiver appointed over
		all or any part of its undertakings, assets or income, or has passed a resolution for its winding up;
		or
	41.2.6	the Contractor has a petition presented to any court for its winding up or for an administration
		order; or
	41.2.7	the Contractor is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act
		1986; or
	41.2.8	the Contractor suffers any distraint, execution or other process to be levied or enforced on any of
		its property by any third party and is not paid out, withdrawn or discharged within 7 days.
	41.3	The Council may only exercise its right under clause 41.2.3 within six Months after a change of
		control occurs and shall not be permitted to do so where it has agreed in advance to the particular
		change of control that occurs. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer immediately any
		change of control occurs.
	41.4	The Council shall be entitled to terminate this Contract immediately and recover from the
		Contractor the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation if, in relation to any agreement
		with the Council, the Contractor or any person employed by him or acting on his behalf shall have
		committed an offence under the Bribery Act 2010, or shall have given any fee or reward, the
		receipt of which is an offence under sub-section (2) of Section 117 of the Local Government Act
		1972.
	41.5	The Council may at any time by notice in writing to the Contractor terminate this Contract as from
		the date of service of such notice whenever any of the following events occurs:
	41.5.1	the Contractor commits a material breach of any of its obligations under or in relation to this
		Contract which is not capable of remedy or, if capable of remedy, is not remedied within 30 days
		after receipt of written Notice from the non-breaching party of its intention to terminate; or
	41.5.2	the Contractor is continually in breach or commits a series of repeated breaches of this Contract,
		which cannot be remedied within 30 days of written Notice from the Council of its intention to
		terminate.
	41.6	The Council shall have the right to terminate this Contract or to terminate the provision of any part
		of the Contract at any time by giving three month's written Notice to the Contractor.
	41.7	When requested to do so by the Council, the Contractor shall upon the termination of the Contract,
		immediately deliver up to the Council all correspondence, documents, specification papers and
		property belonging to the Council which may be in its possession or under its control.
42		CONSEQUENCES OF EXPIRY OR TERMINATION
	42.1	Where the Council terminates the Contract under clause 41.5 and then makes other
		arrangements for the supply of the Goods or Services, the Council may recover from the
		Contractor the cost reasonably incurred of making those other arrangements and any additional
		expenditure incurred by the Council throughout the remainder of the Term. The Council shall take
		all reasonable steps to mitigate such additional expenditure. Where the Contract is terminated
		due to the Contractor's Default, no further payments shall be payable by the Council until the
		Council has established the final cost of making those other arrangements.
	42.2	Not Used
	42.3	(a) Not Used

	42.4	Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, termination or expiry of the Contract shall
		be without prejudice to any rights, remedies or obligations accrued under the Contract prior to
		termination or expiration and nothing in the Contract shall prejudice the right of either Party to
		recover any amount outstanding at such termination or expiry
43		RECOVERY UPON TERMINATION
	43.1	On the termination of the Contract for any reason, the Contractor shall:
	43.1.1	Immediately deliver to the Council all property that may have been provided to the Contractor by the Council;
	43.1.2	Assist and co-operate with the Council to ensure an orderly transition of the provision of the Goods or Services to the replacement Contractor and /or the completion of any work in progress.

#### PART EIGHT: LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

44		LIABILITIES AND INDEMNITIES		
	44.1	Nothing in this clause attempts to limit or exclude either Party's liability for:		
	44.1.1	Death or personal injury cause by its negligence;		
	44.1.2	Praud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its Employees;		
	44.1.3	Breach of any obligations as to title implied by Section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or Section		
		2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982		
	44.2	Subject to clause 44.1, both Parties agree that each Party's total aggregate liability in connection		
		with this Contract whether those liabilities are expressed as an indemnity or otherwise in each		
		twelve (12) Month period during the Term (whether in contract, tort including negligence breach		
		of statutory duty or howsoever arising) shall in no event exceed one hundred and fifty per cent		
		(150%) of the Contract Price for the Contract.		
	44.3	Subject to clause 44.1 and 44.2 the Contractor shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Council		
		on demand in full from and against all legally enforceable claims, proceedings, actions, damages,		
		legal costs, expenses and any other liabilities whatsoever arising out of, in respect of or in		
		connection with any death or personal injury or loss of or damage to property, financial loss arising		
		from any advice given or omitted to be given by the Contractor, or any other loss which is caused		
		by an act or omission of the Contractor.		
	44.4	Clause 44.3 shall not apply to the extent that the Contractor is able to demonstrate that such loss		
		detailed in that clause was not caused or contributed to by its negligence or Default, or the		
		negligence or Default of the Contractor's Employees.		
	44.5	In no event shall either Party be liable to the other for:		
		(a) Loss of profits;		
		(b) Loss of business;		
		(c) Loss of revenue;		
		(d) Loss of or damage to goodwill;		
		(e) Loss of savings (whether anticipated or otherwise); and/or		
		(f) Subject to clause 44.6, any indirect, special or consequential loss or damage		
	44.6	In accordance with clause 44.3, the Contractor shall be liable for the following types of loss,		
		damage, cost or expense flowing from an act or Default of the Contractor which shall (without in		

	any way limiting other categories of loss, damage, cost or expense which may be reco		
		the Council) be recoverable by the Council:	
		<ul> <li>(a) any additional operational and/or administrative costs and expenses arising from any Contractor Default;</li> </ul>	
		(b) the cost of procuring, implementing and operating any alternative or replacement services	
		to the Services;	
		(c) any wasted expenditure or charges rendered unnecessary and/or incurred by the Council	
		arising from the Contractor's Default (to include wasted staffing costs in the event of	
		delayed delivery); and	
		(d) Any regulatory losses, fines, expenses or other losses arising from a breach by the	
		Contractor of any Law.	
45		INSURANCE	
	45.1	The Contractor shall effect and maintain the following insurances at its own expense for the	
		duration of the Contract in relation to the performance of the Contract:	
	45.1.1	a valid policy or policies of public liability insurance with a minimum level of indemnity of £5 million	
		for any one claim.	
	45.1.2	a valid policy or policies or employer's liability insurance with a minimum level of indemnity of £5	
		million for any one claim in respect of all sums the Contractor is found legally liable to pay for	
		injury, illness or disease suffered by an employee of the Contractor acting in the course of his	
		duties.	
	45.1.3	Not Used	
	45.1.4	Not Used	
	45.2	Details of the above policies together with evidence that the policies are currently in force m	
		be produced to the Council on demand.	
	45.3	The terms of any insurance or the amount of cover shall not relieve the Contractor of any liabilities	
		arising under the Contract.	
	45.4	If, for whatever reason, the Contractor fails to give effect to and maintain the insurances required	
		by the Contract then the Council may make alternative arrangements to protect its interests and	
		recover the costs of such arrangements from the Contractor.	
PART EI	<u>GHT: 01</u>	THER PROVISIONS	
46		VARIATIONS TO THE CONTRACT	
	46.1	The Council may propose a variation to the Contract by serving the Contractor with written notice	
		of the proposal to vary the Contract.	
	46.2	The notice of variation will contain sufficient detail to allow the Contractor to consider whether any	
		changes to the Pricing Schedule are necessary.	
	46.3	On receipt of the notice, the Contractor has 7 days to respond in writing with any objections to	
		the variation. Where the Council does not receive any written objections within the timescales	
		detailed, the Council may serve the Contractor with a written agreement detailing the variation to	
		be signed and returned by the Contractor within 7 days of receipt.	
	46.4	Where the Contractor can demonstrate that a variation would result in a change to the Contract	
		Price set out in the Pricing Schedule, the Council may require further evidence from the	
		Contractor that any additional costs to the Contractor will be kept to a minimum.	

	46.5	The Council may require the Contractor to meet and discuss any proposed changes to the Pricing Schedule that would result from a variation.
	46.6	Where a change to the Pricing Schedule is agreed by the Council the Council shall notify its
	40.0	acceptance of the change to the Contractor in writing.
	46.7	In the event that the Council and the Contractor cannot agree to the changes to the prices set out
		in the Pricing Schedule, the Council may withdraw the variation or propose an amendment to it.
	46.8	In the event of any dispute relating to a variation under this clause, the matter shall be dealt with
		under clause 48.
47		WAIVER
	47.1	Failure by the Council or the Contractor to insist on strict performance of this Contract or to
		exercise any right or remedy upon breach of any provision of this Contract shall not constitute a
		waiver of the contract conditions or a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in the
		performance of the Contract. The rights and remedies provided in this Contract are cumulative
		and not exclusive of any rights and remedies provided by Law.
48		DISPUTE RESOLUTION
_	48.1	It is the intention of the Parties to settle amicably by negotiation all disagreements and differences
		on matters relating to this Contract.
	48.2	In the event that any disagreement or difference of opinion arises out of this Contractor the matter
		shall be dealt with as follows:
	48.2.1	the Contracting Officer and the Contractor's representative shall meet to seek a resolution. In the
		event that they do not meet within ten Working Days of the date on which either Party convenes
		a meeting to resolve the matter or should they not be able to resolve the matter within ten Working
		Days of the first meeting, the matter shall be promptly referred by either Party to the next level of
		management within the respective organisations for immediate resolution.
	48.2.2	if within fourteen Working Days of the matter having been referred to the next level of
		management no agreement has been reached as to the matter in dispute, the Parties shall
		thereafter seek to determine the matter in dispute by adopting the procedure set out below:
		(a) An independent expert shall be appointed by agreement between the Parties. The
		Parties shall promptly furnish to such expert all information relating to the dispute to
		enable him to give a decision as to what course of action in his reasonable opinion
		ought to be followed to give an outcome equitable to the Parties taking into account the
		respective rights and obligations of the Parties.
		(b) The decision of the expert shall be final and binding on the Parties.
		(c) The Parties shall share equally the fees and expenses of the expert unless the expert
		directs otherwise.
	48.2.3	Alternatively, either Party may refer the matter for decision to arbitration whereupon the Parties
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	40.2.3	shall comply with the following provisions:
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49		SEVERANCE
	49.1	If any apart of this Contract becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the Parties shall negotiate
		in good faith in order to agree the terms of a mutually satisfactory provision to be substituted
		which gives effect to their original intentions.
50		LAW AND JURISDICTION
	50.1	This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and each Party
		agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.
51		ENTIRE AGREEMENT
	51.1	This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter
		of the Contract. This Contract supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and undertakings
		whether written or oral, except that this clause shall not exclude liability in respect of any
		fraudulent misrepresentation
	51.2	Each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that in entering into the Contract it does not rely
		on, and shall have no remedy in respect of, any statement, representation, warranty or
		undertaking (whether negligently or innocently made) other than as expressly set out in the
		Contract. The only remedy available to either Party for any such statements, representation,
		warranty or understanding shall be for breach of contract under the terms of the Contract.
	51.3	Nothing in clauses 51.1 and 51.2 shall operate to exclude Fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** this Contract has been executed as a Deed by the following parties and delivered on the date stated above

**EXECUTED as a DEED** by affixing The COMMON SEAL of **DORSET COUNCIL** in the presence of:

Authorised Signatory

**EXECUTED as a DEED** by [ ] acting by a Director or two Directors or a Director and its Company Secretary:

#### Director

#### **Company Secretary/Director**

Witness:	
Witness Signature	
Print Name	
Address	
Occupation	

This document must be executed as a Deed. You should check your company Articles to ensure you comply with the requirements for your company. Most commonly a document can be signed by a Director and a Company Secretary or two Directors. If you wish to have just one Director sign this document you will need someone independent to witness their signature and complete the 'Witness' details.