

DCMS Strategic Asset Management Plan 2017/18

Executive Summary

Vision¹

- Driving growth; enriching lives and promoting Britain to the world.
- DCMS helps make Britain the world's most creative, digital and engaged nation; an exciting place to live, visit and do business. We support strong and resilient communities providing opportunities for everyone. Wherever you live and whatever your background, we want your life to be enriched by what we (and the sectors we support) do.

Our strategic objectives are:

- **Global:** promote global Britain, demonstrating that the UK is a great place to live, work, visit and invest
- **Growth:** grow an economy that is creative, innovative and works for everyone
- **Digital:** make the UK the best digital economy in the world and drive its digital transformation
- **Participation:** maximise cultural and sporting participation and social action
- **Society:** support our media, a free press and a shared society

The DCMS Vision supports the Civil Service vision to be “A brilliant Civil Service that helps to keep the United Kingdom prosperous and secure, supporting the governments we serve in implementing their commitments and delivering high-quality services for the public.”

Change

- DCMS is changing through a combination of an expanded Digital brief and EU Exit. These factors will significantly increase the size of DCMS and, together with cross government initiatives, practical but innovative property and flexible working solutions are being explored to minimise the impact of such change.

Holdings and future requirements

- Significant DCMS holdings include offices in Whitehall and Sheffield (under agreements with HMG departments), a commercial lease in central London

¹ DCMS Single Departmental Plan 2017/18

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for managing the Government Art Collection and responsibility for Somerset House and Blythe House.

- Future requirements include
 - Additional office space in Whitehall to accommodate the increasing departmental headcount
 - A fit for purpose base for Government Art Collection within core government estate
 - Northern Hub - Exploring the possibility of a departmental base in the North of England

Cross government initiatives²

- DCMS is working collaboratively across government with Cabinet Office, HM Treasury and other government departments to deliver transformational change in key areas, including rationalising our estate in a joined-up way, looking to develop 'government hubs' with other government departments, releasing land for housing where possible and participating in the development of the new commercial property model

Other property programmes and professional capability

- Departmental property transformation programmes include;
 - Relocation of Government Art Collection
 - Relocation of museum collections from, and disposal of, Blythe House
 - Feasibility engagement in the relocation of public bodies located in London and the surrounding area
- Departmental resources continue to be supported where required in the property profession through maintaining collaborative working relationships with GPU, GPA and PAMU. Internal capability in the property profession will be monitored to ensure access to adequate resource to deliver on current and future requirements

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dcms-single-departmental-plan-2015-to-2020/single-departmental-plan-2015-to-2020>