

Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS)

Key Statistics

- **total estate running cost** (annual, gross, 2016-17) = approx £9.05 million¹
- **holdings** (number) = 5
- **floorspace** (offices) = 5,775 sq.m; (other) = 1808.9 sq.m
- **land** = 0.07 hectares
- **staff number** (FTE) = 1,016²
- **locations** = London + 8 other (UK)

Our Business

DCMS helps to drive growth, enrich lives and promote Britain abroad.

We protect and promote our cultural and artistic heritage and help businesses and communities to grow by investing in innovation and highlighting Britain as a fantastic place to visit. We help to give the UK a unique advantage on the global stage, striving for economic success.

We are the department of the future. We are responsible for fast growing, forward-looking, strategically important parts of the economy, sectors which make up 14% of GDP, 17% of trade and 25% of UK businesses. We are caretakers of many things GDP cannot measure that are nonetheless of enormous social value.

We support 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.”

Our Strategic Objectives are:

1. Global: Drive international trade, attract investment and promote shared values around the world – promoting the UK as a great place to live, work and visit
2. Growth: Grow an economy that is creative, innovative and works for everyone
3. Digital Connectivity: Continually drive the UK's connectivity, telecommunications and digital sectors
4. Participation: Maximise social action, and participation in culture, sport and physical activity
5. Society: Make our society safe, fair and informed, online and offline

Underpinned by a Corporate Objective

6. Agile & Efficient: Ensure DCMS is fit for the future with the right skills, culture and connections³

¹ total Core DCMS estates costs at YE (2016/17)

² June 2018 Operational staff excluding vacancies, maternity leave, secondment/loan out, special leave

³ Further information available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/department-for-digital-culture-media-and-sport-single-departmental-plan/department-for-digital-culture-media-and-sport-single-departmental-plan-2018>

Our Estate

Significant DCMS holdings include offices in Whitehall (occupied under agreements with HMG departments), a commercial lease in central London for managing the Government Art Collection, and responsibility for Somerset House and Blythe House.

DCMS is changing through a combination of an expanded digital brief and EU Exit. These factors have significantly increased the size of the department. However, through working collaboratively with GPA and other government departments we are able to explore practical but flexible property solutions. This, combined with the implementation of Smarter Working, will enable us to transform the way we work and minimise the estate impact of such change.

Future requirements include finalising agreements on remaining office space in Whitehall to accommodate the residual accommodation demand, as well as completion of fit-out works for the new operational base for the Government Art Collection within the core government estate. In line with the Government Estate Strategy we are assessing the feasibility of establishing a strong presence in the North of England.

Departmental property transformation programmes include the relocation of Government Art Collection; relocation of museum collections from (and disposal of) Blythe House; and a feasibility engagement on the relocation of public bodies located in London and the surrounding area

DCMS is working collaboratively across government with Cabinet Office, HM Treasury and other government departments to deliver transformational change in key areas, including: creating efficiencies through Smarter Working to further reduce space requirement per FTE; looking to develop Government Hubs with other departments; releasing land for housing where possible; participating in the development of the new commercial property model.

DCMS works with 43 agencies and public bodies, including for example the Arts Council, major national museums, BBC and Ofcom. Many of these have considerable autonomy over the management of their estates.

Our Capability

Internal capability in the property profession will be monitored to ensure access to adequate resource to deliver on current and future requirements.

Departmental resources continue to be supported in the property profession through maintaining collaborative working relationships between OGP, GPA and MoJ who provide access to the Future FM contracts which enable access to Facilities Management resource for managing the sole commercial lease on the operational estate.