

## Department for International Development (DfID)

### **Key Statistics**

- **total estate running cost** (annual, gross, 2016-17) = approx £6.6 million
- **holdings** (number) = 5 (UK);
- **floorspace** (offices) = 118,158 sq.m (22 Whitehall (WH) and Abercrombie House (AH) only)
- **staff number** (headcount) = 2063 (AH & WH only)
- **locations** = 4 in London; 1 Scotland (UK)<sup>1</sup>

### **Our Business**

The Department for International Development (DFID) leads the UK's work to end extreme poverty, deliver the Sustainable Development Goals, and tackle global challenges in line with the government's UK Aid Strategy. The department's work is firmly in Britain's national interest and will play a crucial part in Britain becoming more outward looking and engaged on the world stage as it exits the European Union.

The Bilateral Development Review and the Multilateral Development Review, published in December 2016, set out how the UK will champion an open, modern and innovative approach to development.

### **Our Estate**

DFID Estates supports DFID's vision by managing DFID's two headquarter buildings; 22 Whitehall in London and Abercrombie House in East Kilbride, as well as negotiating the use of office space in King Charles Street for Stabilisation Unit, Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) in the Welsh Office, and our Trade team in 3 Whitehall Place. DFID's estate function also acts as the intelligent client representing DFID, and working with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), to support DFID operations overseas under the One-HMG agreement.

DFID's intention is to retain this approach of having two UK headquarter locations, further embracing smarter working and new technologies to maximise the use of both buildings. DFID Estates will continue to work with the Government Property Agency (GPA) on the new property model and HUBS programme in relation to transforming the overall Government Estate Strategy and as an active member of the affiliated cluster.

The DFID Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) sets out how DFID, working with GPA, will ensure these assets are maintained, including carrying out essential maintenance at both buildings. During 18/19 and 19/20 we fully expect to implement projects that will see DFID maximise space in both locations. We will monitor success via occupancy sensors in Whitehall where we have immediate space challenges. Abercrombie House will also undergo physical security improvements to align with Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) recommendations. It is important that DFID Estates supports collaboration between teams in the UK buildings and overseas locations and this asset management approach supports DFID's technology strategy.

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<sup>1</sup> none now overseas – all on One-HMG asset register (FCO)

## ***Our Capability***

DFID is dedicated to achieving the government's Greening Commitments and has a strong record of improving our environmental performance through a combination of investment in new technologies and equipment and behavioral changes. Our procurement practices are consistent with key legislation and international principles on labour, social and environmental matters. DFID is committed to the government's efforts to eradicate consumer single use plastics from the government estate by 2020.

To support the departmental SAMP deliverables, DFID Estates have qualified professionals in operational security, health and safety and facilities management. DFID are working closely with Government Property Profession and have 8 members of the team studying for the Cabinet Office backed BIFM qualifications (the professional body for facilities management) ranging from level 4 to 6. Further staff members are studying for their NEBOSH Diploma as well as recently qualified staff obtaining IEMA Certificate in Environmental Management. In addition to training DFID Estates staff, DFID Estates senior management team is also in discussions with the GPA to discuss further professional opportunities for the team.