

# Department for International Trade (DIT)

## Strategic Asset Management Plan - Executive Summary

### Key Statistics

	2018/19
<b>Total estate running cost (annual, gross)</b>	£18 million (UK)
<b>Holdings (number of buildings)</b>	2 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Floorspace (offices)</b>	16,498 sq.m (London), plus other flexible shared space in government offices (UK)
<b>Total Workforce</b>	3616 as of March 2019
<b>Locations (towns &amp; cities)</b>	17 (UK); 108 (international)

### Our Business

The Department for International Trade (DIT) helps businesses export, drives inward and outward investment, negotiates market access and trade deals, and champions free trade.

Our work supports productivity and our economy, providing our businesses with access to new markets, and in turn new processes, technologies and better supplies. This improves people's living standards as they benefit from greater choice at lower prices. Equally, by driving global prosperity, trade and international investment contribute to global stability and security, as well as increasing the UK's influence globally.

We will deliver our 5 core objectives

1. Support UK businesses to grow internationally in a sustainable way
2. Ensure the UK remains a leading destination for international investment and maintains its number one position for international investment stock in Europe
3. Open markets, building a trade framework with new and existing partners which is free and fair
4. Use trade and investment to underpin the government's agenda for a Global Britain and its ambitions for prosperity, stability and security worldwide
5. Build DIT as an effective international economic department where our people are expert, enterprising, engaged and inclusive

### Our Estate

DIT operates out of London and across the UK, as well as internationally in 108 countries from 177 locations around the world, utilising the One-HMG platform hosted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

As a relatively newly formed and still growing department DIT has had quickly to accommodate rapidly increasing workforce. Consequently, the department's London estate is currently widely dispersed throughout the Whitehall campus where we hold accommodation at 3 Whitehall Place and 55 Whitehall as the sole occupier, and share

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<sup>1</sup> present in 5 in London (UK), 177 (international on 1HMG Platform)

government accommodation in King Charles Street, 1 Horse Guards, and Windsor House. In addition to London, the department operates from a dispersed portfolio in 16 locations across the UK, utilising existing government accommodation where available.

The newly established Trade Remedies Investigation Directorate (TRID) is based in Reading, in line with our commitment for Places for Growth.

We are working with Government Property Agency (GPA) and other delivery partners to deliver our Strategic Asset Management Plan over the next 2-5 years. We continue to look at consolidating our London footprint and maximise the use of our wider UK estate in line with DIT and government ambitions. We are also looking to optimise use of the public estate for our operation, where possible, through the Government Hub and One Public Estate initiatives. DIT are in the process of onboarding our estate assets to the GPA. This is currently targeted for the summer of 2019.

Smart Working remains an important part of our estates strategy enabling us to transform our culture, and reconfiguring working practices and physical environments to achieve our ambition as 'One-DIT'; a department that embodies an expert, enterprising, engaged and inclusive workforce, offers a great place to work, and sustains a brilliant civil service. We will continue to support our people in working collaboratively across our portfolio, with modern working environments, technology, and ways of working, while delivering more efficient use of space, and better value for money. We will continue to work with GPA as our requirements develop and we optimise asset performance, enabled by smarter working and modern space management.

The department continues to achieve or exceed the government's space efficiency target of 8 m<sup>2</sup> per Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and will continue to optimise where the opportunity arises. The department currently operates at approximately 6 m<sup>2</sup> per FTE in London.

Where available the department considers the use of emerging Government Hubs for delivery of its property asset requirements.

DIT is supporting the Government's Estate Strategy to deliver a significant estate transformation/reform programme by optimising ways of working, our space, and negotiating flexible arrangements with our government landlords to meet the changing demands of the department.

## **Our Capability**

We maintain a lean internal client function of qualified and experienced estates, health and safety, and security professionals, to deliver high performing capability in support of our business aims. We work with Estates Shared Services providers and external partners to deliver operations and facilities management, where appropriate and cost effective and are considering the transfer of operational assets and facilities management to the GPA to support the department's ambitions.