



# Accounting Officer Assessment Memorandum

## End User Compute Services Future State Outline Business Case (OBC)

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### 1. Background and Context

The End User Compute Services (EUCS) Future State programme has been established to meet two objectives:

- to develop a new way of operating these services in the future, moving towards a single technology ecosystem across the Ministry of Justice and its major delivery bodies; and
- to maintain current end user compute services (this includes the computers, and underpinning infrastructure used by staff to support the delivery of justice) until that transformation is complete.

## Assessment against the accounting officer standards

### 2. Regularity

This project is assessed as regular. The Supply and Appropriations Act provides authority for the provision of end user compute services.

### 3. Propriety

A policy meets this test if high standards of public conduct have been made, if robust governance has been put in place and relevant parliamentary expectations, including transparency, have been maintained. This project is assessed as proper. A board is established to support the Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) deliver the programme and its benefit. The board and SRO are supported by the department's key functions and the OBC has been scrutinised by the department's Investment Committee.

### 4. Value for Money (VfM)

A full option appraisal underpins the OBC, with six long-listed options, short listed to three. The preferred option represents the best value for money for taxpayers. That options adopts a hybrid



delivery approach with mixed delivery between in-house and external expertise, it also secures full technical alignment across the Ministry and its major delivery bodies.

## 5. Feasibility

The programme is considered feasible, the latest IPA assessed the programme as having an Amber delivery confidence assessment. Actions are being taken to address the risks outlined through the IPA review.

## 6. Conclusion of the Accounting Officer

As the accounting officer for the Ministry of Justice, and based on the assurance provided to me by the programme SRO, the department's Investment Committee and through the IPA, I have agreed that the programme meets the standards set out in Managing Public Money.

I have prepared this summary based on the programme's Outline Business Case. If key facts change materially during the lifetime of this project, I undertake to prepare a revised summary, setting out my assessment of them.

This summary will be published on the government's website (GOV.UK). Copies will be deposited in the Library of the House of Commons and sent to the Comptroller and Auditor General and Treasury Officer of Accounts. This project will deliver continuity of service for MoJ and its agencies.

### Clearance

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## SRO Agreement and sign-off

The role of the Senior Responsible Owner is to ensure the delivery of a Programme or Project within an agreed budget and timeframe and as such should have authority to direct those involved in delivering the work. The SRO is responsible for delivery of benefits and is accountable. They must agree and verify the information and options put forward in this document.

SRO Signature	<i>Mark Robinson</i>
Date Agreed	27/06/2022