



The project delivery partner for Defra

Methods is Defra's only dedicated Project Delivery Partner, providing services where our experienced change delivery professionals collaborate with your teams to achieve your outcomes and build your capability.

We are a public sector consultancy with over 30 years of experience providing quality PPM services. Methods' people are a diverse set of individuals bound by a shared commitment to ethical consultancy and adding value. Most of the change delivery team have been public or civil servants; they understand your challenges and you will find them to be respectful, empathetic, and pragmatic.

We offer a range of capabilities that help increase the capacity to deliver change successfully while undertaking knowledge transfer to your people to avoid creating a dependency.

Methods' project delivery managed services enable you to define your outcomes, access a wealth of skills and experience to achieve them, and flex our support to meet changing needs.

As a dedicated partner, you benefit from working with Methods' teams who have recent practical experience of the Defra environment. Our partners ADAS and Anthesis also bring specialist environmental expertise. We invest in the development of the Defra project delivery profession and can help share innovation across and between programmes, directorates, and ALBs.

Our Defra framework capabilities



Success stories

93
Work packages
to date

Framework feedback

(between Sep 2021 and Feb 2023):

- Strategy**

 - Helped Climate Change Adaptation establish a cross-departmental risk framework
 - Leading work to support strategic thinking, cultural change, and improved employee experience in an ALB
 - Facilitated multiple VMOST (Vision, Mission, Objective, Strategy, and Tactics) workshops across Defra group

- Design**

 - Helped design the Defra Portfolio Directorate Centre of Expertise
 - Provided high quality User Research for EA, JNCC, and core Defra
 - Helping the Joint Nature Conservation Committee establish a programme framework

- Delivery**

 - Helped Natural Capital Ecosystem Assessment (terrestrial) gain programme control, establish robust governance, and gain new business case funding
 - Developed a configurable data model to support Biosecurity, Borders, and Trade plan contingencies
 - Aiding significant maturity steps in Natural England governance and effective use of data
 - Deployed a PMO structure with a comprehensive operating model handbook into Collection and Packaging Reform

- Transition**

 - Supported Natural Capital Ecosystem Assessment (marine) engage with ALBs and gain buy-in
 - Provided coaching and tailored interventions for benefits management on multiple programmes
 - Refreshed and handed over governance and controls for the Livestock Information Programme

- Review & assurance**

 - Leading innovation in applying lessons learnt across EA major programmes
 - Delivered a detailed programme review for DDTS
 - Built a gated assurance toolkit for use across Defra Programmes, based on IPA best practice

Methods and the team in Defra built some fantastic relationships, providing the right environment to challenge both ways

Good team, listened and stayed to the brief, flexible in approach and managed change effectively

The team was able to react to unexpected changes in brief very quickly and with good grace

Upskilling others with good knowledge transfer skills

Quickly integrated into 'one team' and had the ability to flex to changing strategic direction

They worked in a very collaborative fashion; they worked alongside us

Consultants pushed/helped us to be "best in class" and take forward key skills

Engagement was excellent, supplier was very responsive

A comprehensive piece of work that produced tangible outputs and benefits

Lean, focused, and experienced team

Feedback topic	Average scores out of 5
Ease of completing the DPEL	4.14
Framework recommendation	4.29
Ease of working with the supplier	4.57
Supplier performance	4.79

We have increased Defra's capability – all our customers so far have signed off successful knowledge transfer



More information is available via the project portal pages on Defra sharepoint



More information about Defra's dedicated Project Delivery Partner

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