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More than 900 companies are members of techUK. Collectively they employ more than 800,000 people, about half of all tech sector jobs in the UK.

These companies range from leading FTSE 100 companies to new innovative start-ups.

Building the Smarter State

- The last decade has seen an increased understanding within Government of the importance of driving digital transformation to protect and improve our public services amid rising public sector debt and demands on usage

- As outlined in techUK's Manifesto: Inventing the Future, the only way to protect front-end service delivery is by re-inventing our public services through radically improving efficiency and outcomes

- Government must fully embrace the transformational power of digital technology to place tech at the heart public service delivery

Procuring the Smarter State: Key Steps to Promote Innovation and Growth in the Public Sector

- Use Procurement as a Tool to Deliver the Vision of Government Transformation
- Take Advantage of the Opportunities Offered by the UK GovTech Market
- Take a Strategic and Innovative Approach to Market Engagement

Unlocking the next Wave of Digital Transformation

- Use common platforms across government and the wider public sector - highlighting a single, common and safe verification method to all parts of Government as key to the delivery of better public services.

- Government Transformation Strategy committed to make better use of GOV.UK Verify by working towards 25 million users by 2020 and exploring options for delivery of identity services for businesses and intermediaries

- This commitment echoes techUK's call to roll out Verify in our own manifesto and we are very supportive of this ambition. A single, trusted log in platform across all Government services is critical for delivering a Government which is 'digital by default' and is a key piece of the digital transformation jigsaw.

Adopt a Digital First Mind-set to Digital Devolution

- The Government must prioritise refreshing Verify, with a clearly defined strategy for its roll-out across Central and Local Government, and outline how it will interact with Government Gateway.
- The introduction of a "Digital Devolution Dividend", a £350 million fund to match any Metro Mayor investment in a Chief Digital Officer and city-region digital strategies.
- Expand the use of the Digital Marketplace across the wider public sector