

A Digital Future for Planning Recommendation Headlines

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Recognising the Vital Role of Spatial Planning as an Important Applied Science Discipline where Its Digital Transformation has the Potential to Tackle the Grand Challenges

To maximise the potentials of digital transformation by establishing the key links between the grand challenges, the planning profession as an applied science discipline, and the continued development of new technologies and data.

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Developing a National Cross-Departmental Strategy for Digital Planning

To develop a national strategy to implement the digital transformation in planning enabled by a cross-departmental culture change. This should involve training in digital skills to support processes of levelling up and joining up across different planning agencies.

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Investing in Digital Planning and Forging an Ecosystem between Planning Research, Practice, Education, and Lifelong Learning

To integrate and invest in new forms of digital training and education in spatial planning through research, professional education, practice and lifelong learning, engendering a culture change in planning profession.

2

Establishing a Chief Spatial Planning Officer Role in the Cabinet Office

To recognise the national significance of spatial planning for joined-up governance and to reinforce leadership in addressing the challenge of moving towards a more sustainable world.

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Implementing an Integrated Digitally Enabled Spatial Planning Methodology

To create a digitally enabled cyclic system in planning through connecting the decision-making loop and the evidence analytics loop.

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Establishing a Central Resource and Delivery Body to Empower Cross-Sector Innovation, and to Develop and Implement Digital Planning

To form a central resource and delivery body to lead the implementation of digital planning methodology as part of the levelling up agenda. The organisation will be responsible for coordinating the development of core digital capacities by setting up a national network of 'regional data observatories', promoting digital tools and technologies being mobilised in planning.

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Creating a Comprehensive Mapping System, a Common Spatial Data Environment, and a Basic Set of Analytic Functions Tailored to Plan-Making

To establish an open data platform which integrates national data sources, development data, comprehensive mapping and associated analytic tools: focused on 1) Identifying Baseline Data; 2) Defining Consistent Spatial Data Standards; 3) Data Licensing, Security, and Confidentiality; 4) Establishing Common Datasets and Improved Monitoring; and 5) Developing Analytics for Better Local and Strategic Planning.

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Establishing a Chief Spatial Planning Officer Role in Every Local Authority

To build and restore stronger leadership in spatial planning at the local level and to develop integration between local authority services using a whole systems approach.

