



## Executive Advisory Body

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<b>Subject</b>	Payment and Accounting Platform Briefing
<b>Paper No.</b>	6.1
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<b>Purpose</b>	Discuss
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### 1. Background

- 1.1. The Department of Work and Pensions: Central Payments System (CPS) has been a critical component for Social Security Scotland since December 2018, making payments in excess of £5bn annually to circa 1.7m clients.
- 1.2. The CPS service we have consumed is being significantly re-architected [redacted]. A future replacement solution is required to allow Social Security Scotland to be fully off CPS by October 2027.
- 1.3. A slide deck of the journey for payment has been prepared for members to review what has taken place in response to need to re-platform the Social Security Scotland's payment and accounting service.

### 2. Key Points

- 2.1. The presentation is intended for information purposes, aiming to inform EAB members about the progress of the payments platform from the inception of the agency to the present day, as well as the challenges encountered. Additionally, it will highlight that we are moving forward with a specific option.
- 2.2. While the primary aim is to provide information to members; we will also address questions to raise awareness on the topic and seek input and guidance on the best way to advance this initiative.
- 2.3. We welcome feedback in order to help shape drafting the management and rest of the document.

### 3. Conclusion

- 3.1. The Executive Advisory Body are invited to note the content of the attached information and provide any feedback.

- 3.2. Next Steps - It is proposed that any feedback suggested by the Executive Advisory Body will be reviewed and incorporated into the delivery plans, risk assessments/ management and governance in connection to the delivery of the future Payment and Accounting solution.