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Dear Richard,

Digital Strategy for Scotland

I am writing to you in your role as convenor of the Public Audit Committee to inform you that today I have published the joint Scottish Government and Local Government Digital Strategy for Scotland. This partnership work is demonstrative of the Verity House Agreement put into action.

The Digital Strategy is presented as separate documents – a Strategic Vision which sets out the long-term ambitions for Digital in Scotland, supported by a series of subject specific, short to medium term delivery plans. The first of these plans – Sustainable Digital Public Services Delivery Plan 2025-2028 – has been launched alongside the Vision today. This structure enables Government to be transparent in showing how we will support the delivery of our long-term ambitions, while enabling us to also be responsive to an ever evolving digital world.

Both documents are available here:

Digital Strategy for Scotland
<https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806433698>

Sustainable Digital Public Services - Delivery Plan 2025-2028
<https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806433704>

The Digital Strategy for Scotland is not a rethink of our 2021 Strategy, but rather a renewal, necessitated by a changed delivery context, which has significantly altered post-Covid pandemic.

The ambitions of the refreshed Strategy are therefore consistent with those that were articulated in 2021. Namely, to utilise digital to: connect people to opportunities; drive

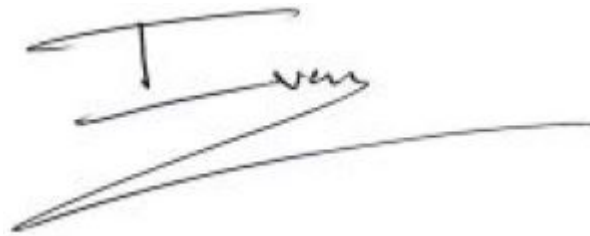
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economic growth; and deliver improved public services. The Strategy's Vision has therefore been organised around the themes of "Inclusive Access to Digital", "A Thriving Digital Economy", "Digital Skills in Education" and "Sustainable Digital Public Services".

Both the Strategy's Vision and the supporting Digital Public Services Delivery Plan that have been published today have been framed to align with the Public Service Reform Strategy published earlier this year and will be key to delivering our aspiration to transform Scotland's public services.

I would be happy to speak to the Committee about the refreshed Digital Strategy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ivan McKee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ivan McKee

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