



# DIGITAL TOOLS, HUMAN TOUCH

## Digital Strategy 2026-2029

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# Executive Summary

WSHA is entering a period of significant digital opportunity. To meet rising tenant expectations, strengthen service quality and maintain regulatory compliance, we will modernise how we communicate, collaborate, manage information and deliver services. This strategy sets out how we will bring our digital tools, people, data and processes together to deliver faster, safer, more accessible and value-for-money services for tenants and communities.

Digital transformation is central to delivering the six Strategic Priorities in our Business Plan (2025–2030). Building on recent investments in Microsoft 365, HomeMaster, upgraded devices and early use of AI, this strategy provides a clear, future-ready foundation for a more connected, secure and human-centred WSHA.

**Purpose:** To use secure, inclusive and value-for-money digital tools, data and modern ways of working to improve services for tenants, empower colleagues and strengthen WSHA's resilience.

## What will change:

- ✓ Tenants can access services 24/7 via Housing Online (repairs, payments, updates).
- ✓ Colleagues use Microsoft 365, HomeMaster and AI to reduce admin workload and improve first-point resolution.
- ✓ WSHA Executive and Leadership teams have real-time dashboards for performance, risk, compliance and asset management.
- ✓ Cybersecurity and data protection are embedded by design across devices, systems and processes.

## Key outcomes by 2029:

- ≥30% increase in digital self-service adoption by tenants (baseline to be confirmed in 2025).
- ≥20% reduction in administrative effort through process automation and AI.
- All core services aligned to clear SOPs, with reduced duplication and improved data quality.
- Zero Trust-aligned cybersecurity posture, with annual penetration testing and incident response readiness.

WSHA's Digital Strategy sets clear direction for how we will use digital tools, data and modern ways of working to deliver excellent services, empower colleagues and strengthen the wellbeing of tenants and communities.

It provides a secure, inclusive and value-for-money foundation for a more connected, human-centered WSHA— an organisation where technology enables our **Purpose**, **strengthens our Way** and **amplifies our Impact**.

# Digital Vision - Digital tools, human touch

**Technology will enable our Purpose, strengthen our Way and amplify our Impact.**

We will provide quality, safe and affordable homes; deliver services that reflect our tenants' aspirations, challenges and needs; and help create thriving, connected communities where people feel included, respected and supported.

Technology will not replace the human relationships at the heart of our work—it will enhance them, freeing colleagues to spend more time with tenants and enabling better, faster and more joined-up services.

Our digital future will be secure, accessible, inclusive and aligned with our **CORE values: Customer First, One Team, Respect and Excellence.**



## Our CORE Values:

### Customer First

Our customers come first, and we will always aim to achieve high quality outcomes for customers.

### One Team

We work as one team and build excellent working relationships to achieve our goals.

### Respect

We value high standards of fairness, treating everyone with consideration and dignity. We show this through our everyday words and actions.

### Excellence

We value excellence and quality and aim to achieve high standards in all we do. We always strive to be the best that we can be. We are accountable for our actions, and we take responsibility and ownership for outcomes.

# Strategic Context

WSHA has strengthened its digital foundation in recent years. Key progress is grouped under four areas:

## Infrastructure

- Upgraded workspaces enabling hybrid collaboration and improved engagement.
- Modern Windows 11 devices and tablets with data SIMs to support flexible and mobile working.
- Regular penetration testing and strengthened cybersecurity measures.

## Core Systems

- Migration from servers to cloud-based solutions including SharePoint for data storage and knowledge management.
- HomeMaster deployed as the cloud-native housing and finance operational platform.
- Decision Time implemented for governance, performance management and risk oversight.
- Brixx implemented for long-term financial forecasting, scenario modelling and business planning.

## Skills & Culture

- Targeted Microsoft 365 training to improve digital collaboration (Outlook, Teams, SharePoint, OneDrive, Planner, etc.).
- Support to build digital confidence across teams, including plans for Superuser/Champion networks.
- Ongoing partnerships to keep pace with technological developments.

## Community & Inclusion

- Initial plans for a digital Tenant Portal connecting customers to HomeMaster for self-service, updates and streamlined communication.
- Early adoption of AI to automate call notes and administrative.
- Digital skills training and access through the Whiteinch Centre's digital library.

These investments position WSHA to accelerate digital transformation, improve service delivery and support colleagues to work more efficiently. This strategy provides the direction, principles and priorities to guide the next phase.



# Digital Principles

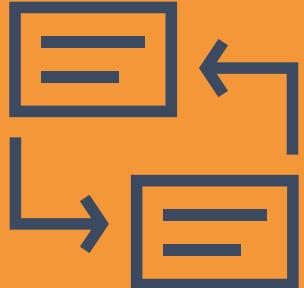
## **Customer First**

Design intuitive, inclusive services around tenant needs, with support and training available.



## **Simplicity & Clarity**

Reduce duplication and ensure consistent workflows and SOPs.



## **One Team**

Share knowledge using collaboration and cloud tools to strengthen internal and external communication.



## **Value for Money**

Prioritise investments with measurable impact and total cost of ownership in mind.



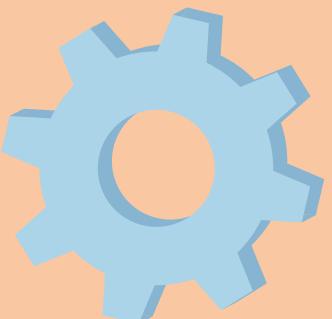
## **Secure by Design**

Embed cybersecurity and data protection from day one.



## **Data as a Strategic Asset**

Improve data quality and consistency to support insight and decisions.



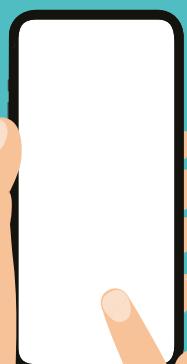
## **Inclusion & Accessibility**

Support equity, participation and rights, removing barriers to digital use.



## **Human + Technology Partnership –**

Provide the right devices, software and training so people can thrive.



# Strategic Digital Priorities

## Investing in Our Assets

- Improve inspections, repairs and compliance using HomeMaster, mobile devices and standardised digital forms.
- Strengthen asset data to support long-term planning and Brixx financial modelling.
- Deploy digital sensors and technologies for damp, mould and safety monitoring.
- Introduce real-time dashboards for asset performance oversight.

### Measures by 2027:

- 90% of inspections logged via mobile workflows.
- 100% installation of damp/mould sensor across WSHA properties.
- Monthly asset dashboard published.

## Customers First

- Deliver Housing Online for 24/7 access to repairs, payments and updates.
- Expand communication channels (web, email, SMS, chatbot) to increase choice and convenience.
- Use Wyser AI to improve call notes quality and generate customer insight.
- Strengthen self-service and first-point resolution through data analysis and AI agents.

### Measures by 2027:

- $\geq 30\%$  tenant adoption of online tenant portal via Homemaster.
- $\geq 15\%$  increase in first point resolution.
- $\geq 85\%$  customer satisfaction with digital channels.

## Great People

- Ensure leadership capacity and capability to oversee digital transformation, with clear role responsibilities.
- Build digital confidence via targeted Microsoft 365 and HomeMaster development.
- Establish a Superuser/Champion Network with a defined programme of support.
- Embed digital skills in learning conversations and professional development plans.
- Create a digital capability framework for workforce planning.
- Improve knowledge management via SharePoint and consistent digital SOPs.

### Measures by 2027:

- $\geq 80\%$  staff complete role-based digital training.
- Superuser network active in all teams.
- $\geq 90\%$  of SOPs are accessible and up to date.

# Governance & Financial Resilience

- Integrate HomeMaster, Decision Time, Power BI, Brixx and AI agents for unified reporting.
- Deploy dashboards for risk, performance and compliance.
- Ensure all digital initiatives align with governance and regulatory expectations.
- Embed cybersecurity as a core organisational priority.

## Measures by 2026:

- Board dashboard live.
- Biannual digital performance reporting embedded.
- Risk and compliance KPIs tracked monthly.

# Efficient & Value for Money

- Automate repetitive processes via HomeMaster, Wyser AI and Microsoft Copilot.
- Streamline workflows to reduce duplication and administrative burden.
- Maximise value from existing Microsoft 365 licences.
- Use Brixx to model and evidence financial impact of digital investment.

## Measures by 2028:

- $\geq 20\%$  reduction in admin effort.
- $\geq 10\%$  reduction in duplicated data entry.
- Annual digital ROI assessment completed.

# Thriving Communities

- Support digital inclusion through community learning and skills development.
- Enhance tenant engagement using digital channels and insight tools.
- Align digital inclusion with Community Investment priorities.

## Measures by 2027:

- $\geq 200$  residents supported through digital skills programmes.
- Quarterly engagement insights published.
- Improved accessibility across web and portal.



# Our Digital Framework: POPIT

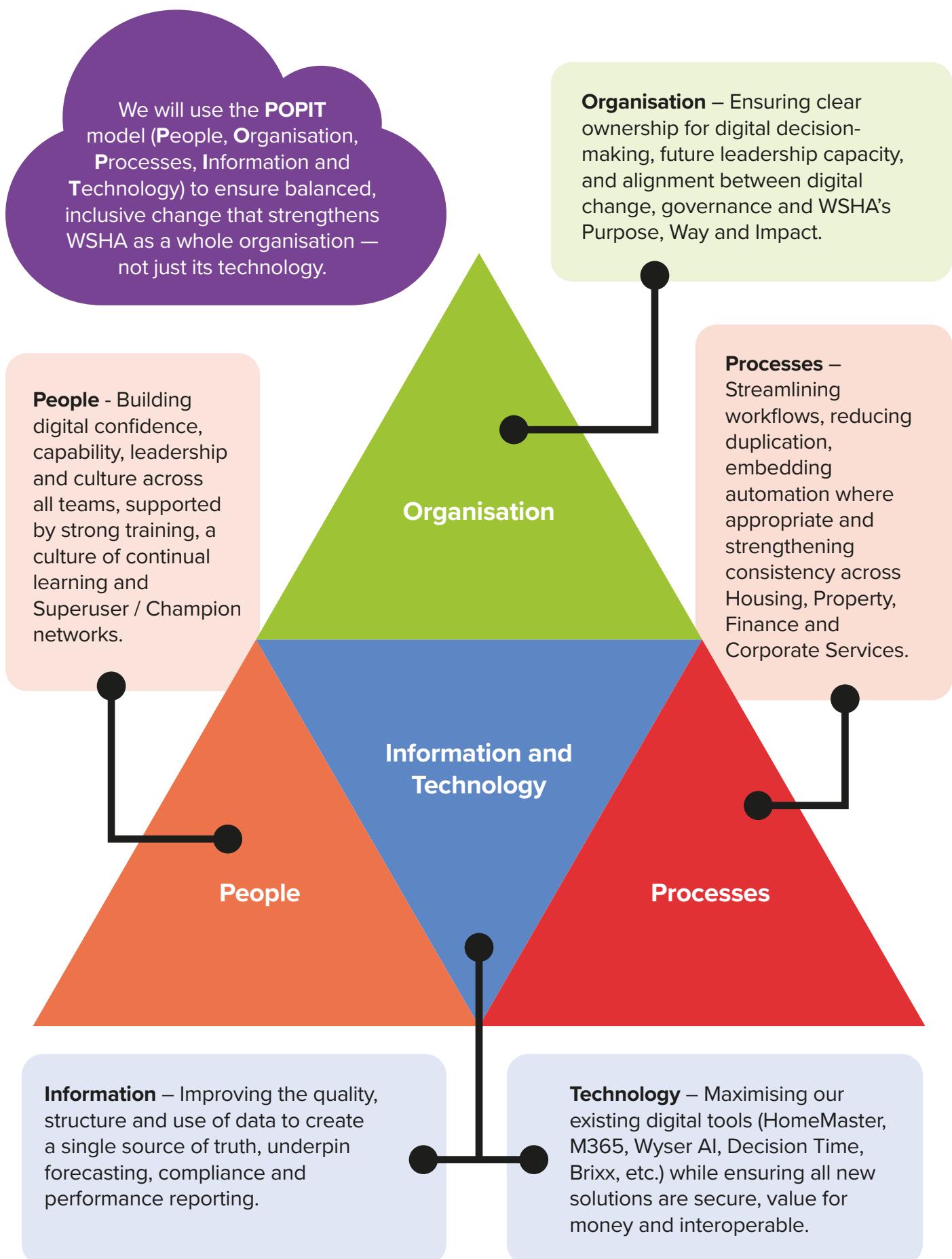


Figure1: **POPIT** model i.e. **P**eople, **O**rganisation, **P**rocesses, **I**nformation and **T**echnology.

A successful digital strategy must address every aspect of the organisation - our people, our processes, our information, our systems and the way we work together. Taking this whole-organisation approach enables a consistent, coordinated and sustainable digital transformation.

As WSHA moves from our **current 'as-is'** position to our desired **'to-be' future**, we recognise that digital transformation will inevitably generate change that cannot yet be fully anticipated. These changes will not be viewed negatively but an opportunity to innovate, accelerate improvements and unlock new opportunities to enhance services for our people, our tenants and communities.

WSHA must ensure that all digital initiatives contribute to our shared vision and that progress is aligned, transparent and well governed. The importance of this unified vision cannot be overstated. Our Digital Strategy provides a unified way forward with clarity, purpose and organisational alignment within all service areas.

The crucial  
factor is  
**coordination.**



Dimension	As-is (2025)	To-be (2028)	Key Actions
<b>People</b>	Varying digital confidence; ad hoc training	Confident users supported by Superusers	Role-based training; capability framework; champion network
<b>Organisation</b>	Limited central coordination of digital change	Clear ownership and leadership capacity	Define governance; assign owners; embed reporting
<b>Processes</b>	Duplication and inconsistent SOPs	Streamlined, automated, consistent workflows	Process mapping; automation; SOP library in SharePoint
<b>Information</b>	Data quality mixed; multiple sources of truth	High-quality, structured data; single source of truth	Standards; data stewardship; integration; Power BI
<b>Technology</b>	Core tools in place, limited integration	Secure, interoperable ecosystem	Maximise M365/ HomeMaster; integrate systems; evaluate new tools

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# Supporting Change Across WSHA: The ADKAR Model

Digital transformation is ultimately about people, not technology. As WSHA moves towards our desired future state, we will adopt the **ADKAR change model** to ensure everyone has the clarity, skills and support needed to embrace new ways of working and reduce digital stress.

# A

## Awareness

Explain why digital change matters and how it supports our Purpose, Way and Impact.



# D

## Desire

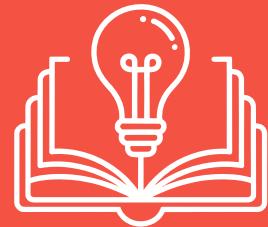
Involve colleagues early, address concerns and demonstrate benefits that reduce workload.



# K

## Knowledge

Provide role-specific training on Microsoft 365, HomeMaster and all other digital platforms used to support the business needs.



# A

## Ability

Build confidence via hands-on practice, coaching and supportive team environments.



# R

## Reinforcement

Embed behaviours with feedback loops, recognised champions and continuous improvement.



Leaders and managers will be equipped to support individuals through change and address resistance constructively.



# Cybersecurity & Information Security

- 🛡️ Annual penetration testing and continuous vulnerability scanning.
- 🛡️ Multi-factor authentication across all systems.
- 🛡️ Modern device management using Windows 11 security capabilities.
- 🛡️ Incident response planning and cyber awareness training for all colleagues.
- 🛡️ Enhanced monitoring and threat detection using Microsoft 365 security tools.
- 🛡️ Secure-by-design development of Housing Online and new systems.
- 🛡️ Progress towards a Zero Trust–aligned posture.

## Measures by 2026:

- Phishing simulations every 6 months.
- MFA coverage 100%.
- Incident response exercise annually.
- Critical vulnerabilities remediated within defined SLAs.



# Roadmap

2026 -  
2027

## Key Actions

Launch new website and tenant portal; migrate to OneDrive/SharePoint/Teams; scale AI across service areas; deliver skills and Superuser Network; improve asset data; review cyber framework; server infrastructure review.

HIGH  
PRIORITY

**Owner**  
Executive Team (with Service Managers)

## Expected Outcomes

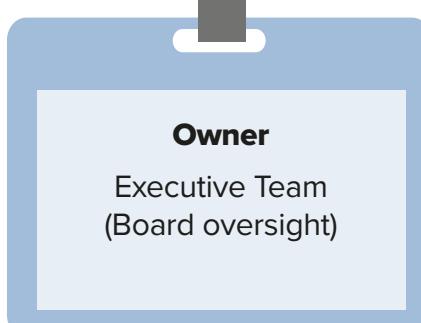
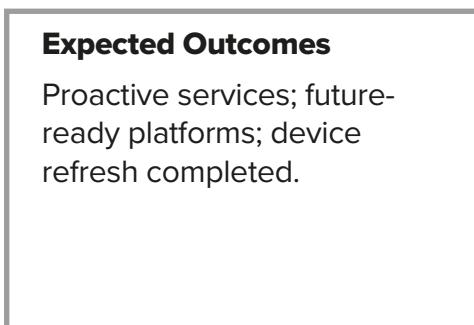
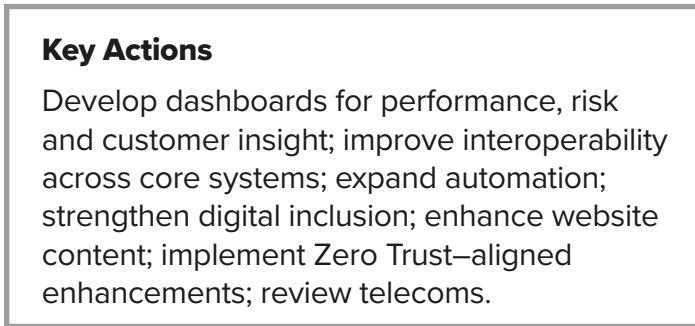
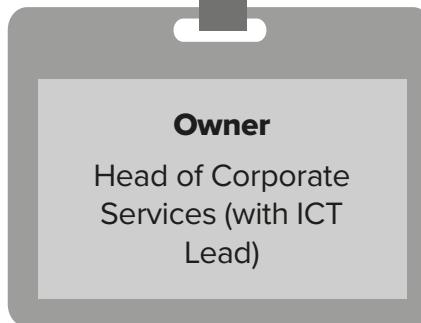
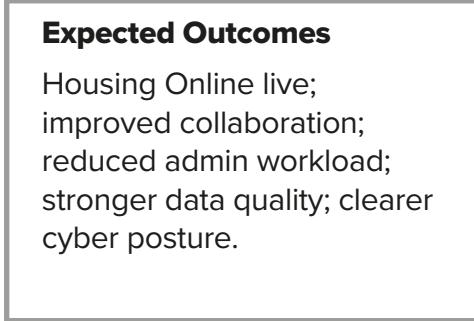
Unified reporting; faster decisions; more inclusive services; secure architecture.

2028 -  
2029

## Key Actions

Advance predictive analytics for repairs, arrears and demand; refresh systems architecture; review hardware devices; prepare WSHA for next phase of innovation.

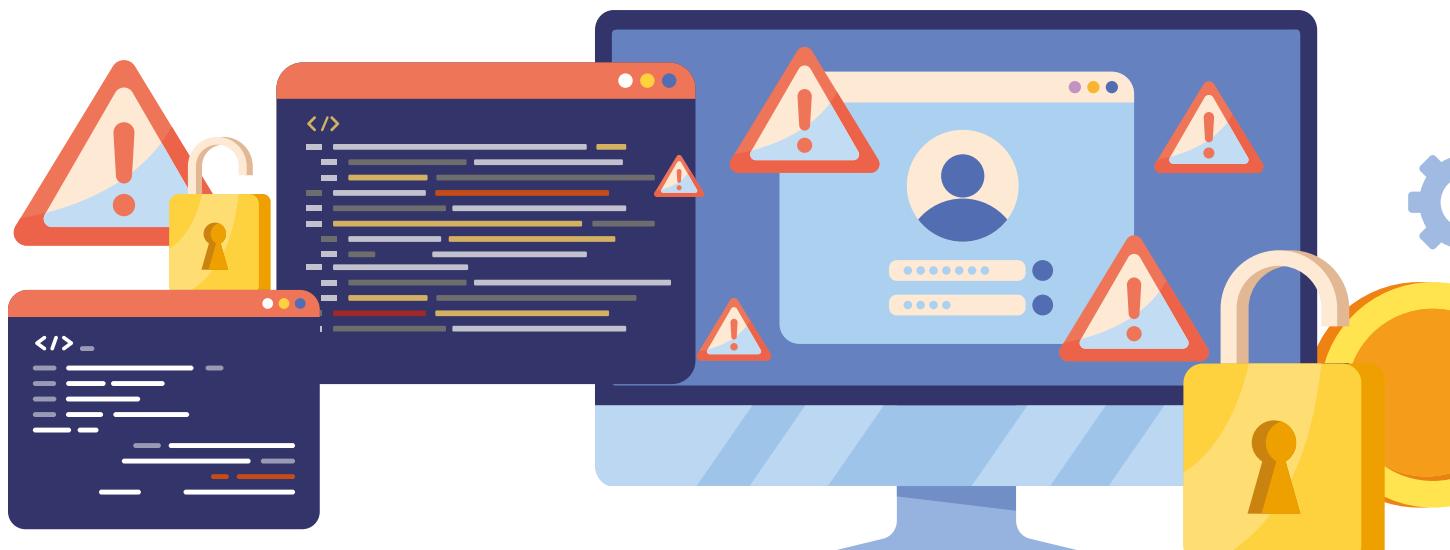
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# Digital Risks & Mitigations

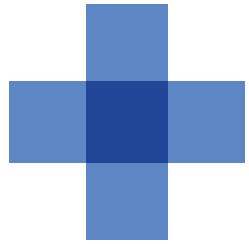


Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Strategy	Owner
<b>Falling behind sector expectations</b>	Medium	High	Benchmark annually; adjust roadmap; invest in priority gaps	Executive Team
<b>Fragmented/duplicated systems</b>	Medium	High	Architecture review; integration standards; change control	ICT Lead
<b>Increasing cyber threats</b>	High	High	Zero Trust roadmap; testing; awareness training; incident exercises	Head of Corporate Services
<b>Varying digital confidence</b>	High	Medium	Role-based training; Superuser network; coaching and support	Service Managers
<b>Inconsistent data quality</b>	Medium	High	Data standards; stewardship; Power BI; single source of truth	Data Steward (to be designated)



# Benefits Realisation

We will track tangible outcomes to ensure digital change improves tenant experience, supports staff, strengthens resilience and delivers social value.



Benefit	Indicator/KPI	Baseline (2025)	Target	Review Cadence
<b>Quicker tenant response times</b>	Average time-to-resolution (days)	To be confirmed	≥15% improvement by 2027	Quarterly
<b>Reduced administrative workload</b>	Estimated hours released	4,620 (Wyser AI)	≥20% overall reduction by 2028	Quarterly
<b>Improved compliance reporting</b>	On-time submissions; audit findings	To be confirmed	100% on-time; reduced findings	Biannual
<b>Joined-up service delivery</b>	First-point resolution rate	To be confirmed	≥15% increase by 2026	Quarterly
<b>Value for money</b>	Digital ROI (cost vs. benefit)	N/A	Annual ROI report	Annual



# Monitoring, Measurement & Reporting



## Quarterly reporting

Executive Team receives updates on roadmap progress, achievements, issues and resource implications.



## Biannual Board reporting

Detailed digital performance report including delivery confidence, budget spend, benefits achieved and adjustments required.



## Annual public summary

Accessible overview in WSHA's Annual Report and on the website, showing how digital improvements support services and community outcomes.

## Accountabilities:

- Director of Finance & IT oversees delivery of the Digital Strategy.
- Operational and technical support is coordinated by the Finance and IT team.
- Training is informed by the Finance and IT Team and co-ordinated with support from Corporate Services.
- Executive and Leadership teams will lead on process changes with support from Finance & IT.
- Data Steward ensures data quality.
- WSHA Management Committee and Executive Team provide strategic oversight.
- Dashboards: Executive dashboard (risk, performance, compliance), Asset dashboard, Customer insight dashboard, Cybersecurity dashboard.
- Breach and enforcing least privilege, strong identity, and continuous verification.



# Glossary

**ADKAR** – Change model: Awareness, Desire, Knowledge, Ability, Reinforcement.

**Brixx** – Software for long-term financial forecasting and scenario modelling.

**Decision Time** – Governance, performance and risk oversight software.

**HomeMaster** – Cloud-native housing and finance operational platform.

**Housing Online** – WSHA's tenant self-service portal (repairs, payments, updates).

**Microsoft 365** – Suite including Outlook, Teams, SharePoint, OneDrive, Planner, Power BI, security tools.

**POPI** – Digital change framework: People, Organisation, Processes, Information, Technology.

**SOP** – Standard Operating Procedure.

**Wyser AI** – AI tool used to automate call notes and administrative tasks.

**Zero Trust** – Security model assuming

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