

Local Digital update

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In 2010, in her role as UK Digital Champion, Martha Lane Fox called for “**revolution, not evolution**” in the approach for modern, online delivery of public services.

This moment saw the **creation of the Government Digital Service**. It resulted in GOV.UK and the transformation of many central government services, with the publication of the playbook for reform of digital services.

However, this mission didn't immediately address local government services. With over 300 local authorities in England alone, each serving as their own sovereign entity, a different approach to implementing the benefits of digital was needed.

This is where [Local Digital](#) comes in...



Formed in 2018, **Local Digital** was set up within the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to “curate some of the best work out there, facilitate collaboration and to push central government departments better serve local digital teams.”

Local Digital has two key ambitions:

- to improve the cyber resilience of the local government sector
- to use digital transformation to help councils deliver better services and increase their productivity

Finding solutions to common problems

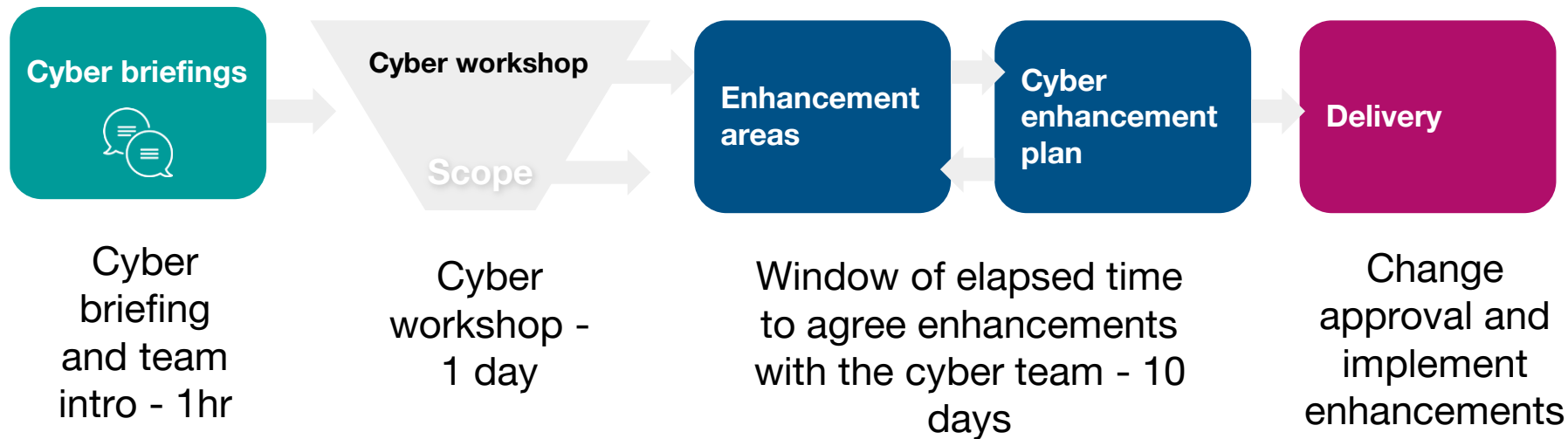


Local Digital Declaration: 300+ signatories

Developing common building blocks



Cyber support for the sector



Taking a whole council approach

- Future Councils took a ‘whole council’ approach, bringing together digital services and cyber security
- The aim was to understand the recurring barriers to innovation
- We gained valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities for digital transformation in local government
- Following this, we’ve developed a [playbook of tools](#) to help councils understand complex problems and their impact



What we're doing now

As a team we are committed to continuously improve what we do.

The local government landscape has changed significantly since we launched, and the cyber threat to the sector is continuing to evolve.

Five years down the line, we are **adapting our approach** to ensure we best meet the needs of the sector.



Taking a stewardship approach

Local Digital will take a **broader, more strategic role as steward** of the sector.

This stance will help Local Digital to better meet its two key ambitions:

- **to improve the cyber resilience of the local government sector**
- **to use digital transformation to help councils deliver better services and increase their productivity**

Our aims

We'll work more closely with key partners to:

- draw together expertise
- redefine our engagement with suppliers
- support the development of data standards and the scaling of digital solutions



The Local Digital Declaration

We're continuing our shared ambition for the sector.

The principles of the **Local Digital Declaration** will continue to be a key part of our current and future offer.

We're currently making improvements and key updates to the Declaration.



Boosting cyber resilience

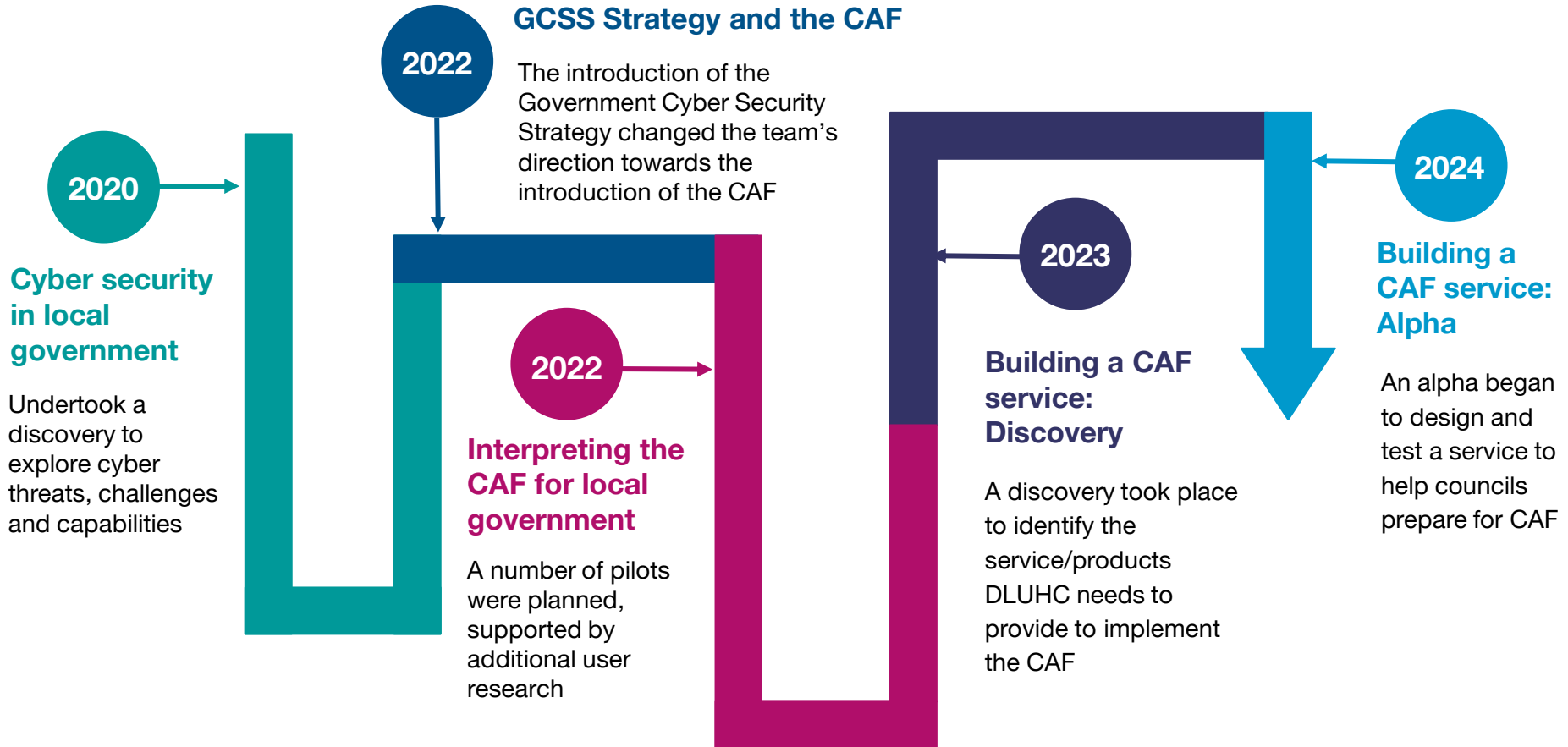
Cyber and digital are two sides of the same coin.

Securely designed user-centred services, that are not reliant on legacy technology, will ensure citizens can **easily access services**, with the confidence that their **data is safe**.

Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF)

- DLUHC will be introducing the Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) for Local Government from 2024 to provide a clear cyber security standard for the sector
- We've undertaken a great deal of testing and piloting to ensure that we can introduce the CAF in an appropriate way, with helpful guidance that will support councils through the process

The journey



Defend as One

We are excited to share that we are accelerating plans to support the sector to **'Defend as One'**- harnessing the value of sharing cyber security data, expertise and capabilities across the sector.



Ben Cheetham discussing Local Digital's cyber work

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