# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE CITY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

DIGITAL SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

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#### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Oracle Property Management Module (OPN) since March 2015; contains circa 820 properties, 1235 buildings and is essentially used to manage leases and rent income.
- Benefits:
  - Cheaper than other Property Management Systems on the market
  - Integrated with Oracle Financial
- Challenges:
  - Services charges can't be efficiently managed via this system
  - Limited Property Management Functionalities, no valuation, limited to a small number of customised reports
- Plans for the future:
  - Electronic Invoicing
  - Management Dashboards for Asset managers.
  - The next version of Oracle from 2023 will be a major change with a cloud version which will not include the property management module.

## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (1)

- MICAD was implemented in 2017 for manging repairs and maintenance and includes Asbestos and Legionella compliance modules.
- 803 buildings recorded on MiCAD, representing 1722 floors; 924 floor plans have been uploaded so far (54%).
- 26,783 jobs reported for the last 12 months; phone calls to Property Service Desk have dropped by 5000 since launch of the Customer Portal.
- Benefits:
  - Integrated customer portal.
  - Management information extracted has benefited the Facilities management team to discover hotspots of faults.
  - Compliance documents housed in central point.
  - Jobs are assigned to engineers by the system on mobile devices.

# FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (2)

- Challenges:
  - Data accuracy
  - Having up to date floors' plans is expensive and time consuming
  - Keeping accurate asset and compliance data is also resource intensive
  - Slowness of the system
- Plans for the future:
  - The end of contract with MiCAD will require to run a tender
  - Ideally, a link to the corporate financial system to better understand our costs and reduce these.

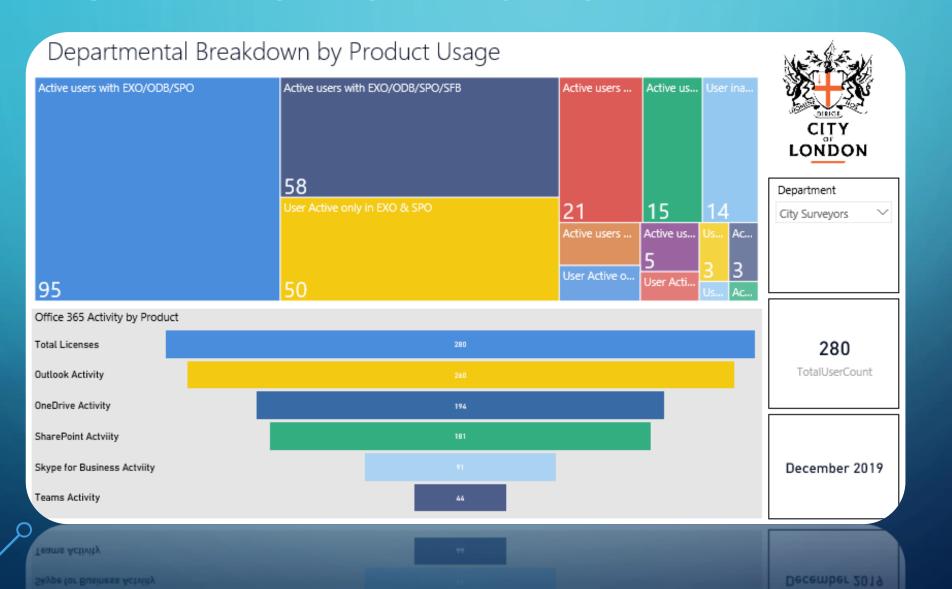


## SMART WORKING

- Implementation of Hot desking for FM staff and extended for the move of all CSD office staff on 4<sup>th</sup> floor. (Condeco)
- Use of Tablet-laptops (Mix) for Project Managers in PPG
- Skype Screen in City Surveyor's meeting room



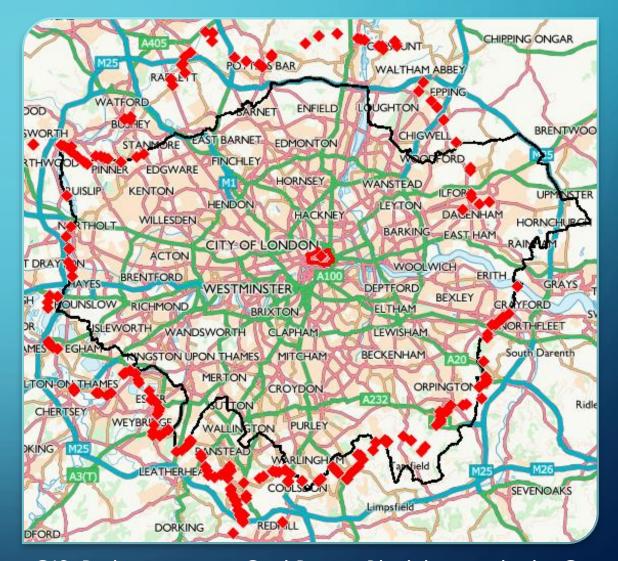
#### DIGITAL ADOPTION DASHBOARD



#### OTHER EXAMPLES

- GIS: Coal Post
- AutoCAD (Computer Aided Design) soft for architecture and mechanical design
- Historic Buildings have used technology extensively to understand the condition of the buildings it cares for. Use of a drone to check Guildhall roof conditions

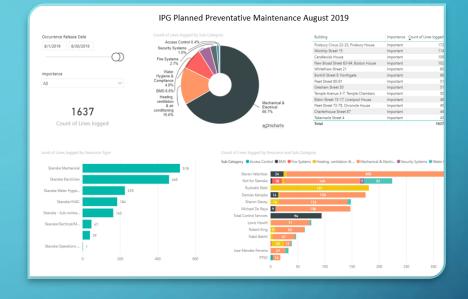
There are many more examples



GIS: Red squares are Coal Posts – Black line marks the Greater London boundary (https://www.mapping.cityoflondon.gov.uk)

#### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

 Use of PowerBi with MiCAD and for Risk Management



Commercial Tenant portal with FIRMSTEP

 Radar survey at the London Wall Car Park (non-invasive method) to know more about the strength of the concrete slab

#### **CHALLENGES**

- Procurement and implementation of new property management system
- Data accuracy get it right 1st time
- Make best use of our data (stored in various systems) to inform/speed up business decisions
- Automate simple/routine/time intensive tasks to free staff to focus on more added value/complex work.
- Digital education/ staff upskilling

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



Smart working



Digital by default



Automation



Business intelligence



Continuous improvement



Up-skilling



New, best of breed, property management system



Use technology to inspect historic buildings

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