Scottish Virtual Reality Metaverse Initiative

Pioneering Immersive Learning Innovations for Scottish Education

Executive Summary

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National Strategy for Immersive Learning: The Scottish Virtual Reality Metaverse Initiative (SVRMI)

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1.1 Strategic Vision

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The initiative is not merely a hardware rollout; it is a pedagogical paradigm shift. It moves the Scottish education system from a model of *content consumption* to *immersive construction*, directly addressing the "Curriculum for Excellence" (CfE) capacities of creating successful learners and confident individuals. By leveraging the latest advancements in Extended Reality (XR) technology—specifically the **Meta Quest 3S** for secondary education and **ClassVR** ecosystems for primary and Additional Support Needs (ASN) sectors—the SVRMI aims to democratize access to high-quality experiential learning.

This proposal aligns with the Scottish Government's commitment to reducing the poverty-related attainment gap. By providing a standardized immersive layer over the existing digital estate, the SVRMI ensures that a pupil in a rural Highland school has the same access to virtual field trips, advanced physics simulations, and collaborative design spaces as a pupil in central Edinburgh.

1.2 The "AlbaVerse" Concept

Central to this proposal is the creation of the **AlbaVerse**, a national educational metaverse. Unlike commercial open worlds which pose safeguarding risks, the AlbaVerse is a closed, secure, and programmable environment hosted on government-approved infrastructure. It serves as a "Localized Curriculum Engine," empowering schools to program and build their own educational assets—from a virtual reconstruction of Skara Brae built by Orcadian pupils to a simulation of the Clyde shipyards designed by students in Glasgow. This shifts the value proposition of VR from passive entertainment to active digital creation and coding.

1.3 Implementation and Governance

The rollout will be governed by a new central body, the **Centre for Immersive Education**

(CIE). This dedicated unit will provide the "human infrastructure" often missing in ed-tech deployments: a cadre of 40+ VR Technologists and Pedagogical Leads to support schools, manage the technical estate, and deliver a tiered training accreditation program for teachers.

Implementation follows a three-year phased roadmap:

- **Phase 1 (The Pathfinder Year):** Infrastructure audits and "Lighthouse" deployments in 100 schools.
- **Phase 2 (The Secondary Surge):** 1:1 deployment of Meta Quest 3S devices to all secondary pupils.
- **Phase 3 (Primary & Consolidation):** Shared deployment of ClassVR units to primary schools (1:2 ratio) and full activation of the AlbaVerse inter-school connectivity.

1.4 Financial Summary

The financial model proposes a shared responsibility framework. The **Scottish Government** assumes the Capital Expenditure (CapEx) burden for hardware acquisition and national infrastructure, ensuring equity of access. **Local Authorities** (LAs) and schools assume Operational Expenditure (OpEx) responsibilities for recurring licenses and replacements, utilizing Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) where appropriate.

Projected Investment Headlines:

- **Total National CapEx (Year 1-3):** £179.2 Million (approx.)
- **Annual National OpEx (Steady State):** £32.1 Million (approx.)
- **Per-Pupil Capital Investment:** ~£232 (Secondary) / ~£125 (Primary)

This investment represents approximately 3.6% of the annual Education and Skills budget, a justifiable allocation for a program that fundamentally modernizes the nation's educational capabilities.

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2. Strategic Context and Needs Analysis

2.1 The National Educational Landscape

The SVRMI strategy is grounded in a detailed analysis of Scotland's current educational demographics and estate condition. As of the 2024 census, the publicly funded school system comprises **702,428 pupils** and **53,412 teachers** across **2,446 schools**.[1]

Table 2.1: Pupil and School Demographics (2024)

Sector	Schools	Pupils	Teachers	Pupil-Teacher Ratio

Primary	1,978	379,354	24,468	15.5
Secondary	360	315,072	24,988	12.6
Special	107	8,002	2,138	3.7
Total	**2,446**	**702,428**	**51,594**	**13.6 (Avg)**

Source: Scottish Government Summary Statistics 2024 [1]

While the pupil roll has seen a marginal decrease of 0.7% (3,100 pupils) from the previous year, the complexity of educational delivery has increased.[2] The number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) has risen to 25.7%, indicating growing economic pressure on families.[2] This socioeconomic context is critical; it underscores the necessity of a state-funded intervention. Relying on "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) models for VR would catastrophically widen the attainment gap, as high-fidelity VR hardware remains inaccessible to low-income households.

2.2 The Digital Estate: Lessons from History

The SVRMI is not deploying into a vacuum. It builds upon the successes and lessons of previous massive digital rollouts, specifically the **Glasgow City Council "Connected Learning"** program and the **City of Edinburgh "Empowered Learning"** initiative.

2.2.1 The Glasgow Model (Connected Learning)

Glasgow's deployment of 50,000 iPads created a ubiquitous 1:1 learning environment.[3]

- *Success Factor:* The program emphasized teacher confidence. By 2024, 90% of Glasgow teachers reported that digital tools were integral to lesson planning, up from just 29% in 2017.[4]
- *Lesson for SVRMI:* Hardware is useless without "human software." The SVRMI must prioritize the **CIE training function** to ensure teachers are confident using VR before pupils receive devices.

2.2.2 The Edinburgh Model (Empowered Learning)

Edinburgh's £17.6m investment deployed 27,000 iPads to pupils from P6 to S6.[5]

- *Challenge Identified:* Infrastructure readiness. The rollout highlighted the need for robust Wi-Fi density and granular web filtering.[7] Teachers reported lower confidence in technical infrastructure reliability compared to pedagogical use.
- *Lesson for SVRMI:* VR places significantly higher loads on network infrastructure than

tablets due to the latency requirements of streaming 3D content. The SVRMI rollout must be preceded by a mandatory **Infrastructure Readiness Audit (IRA)**, upgrading Wi-Fi 6 access points where necessary.

2.3 The Pedagogical Case for Immersive Learning

Why VR? The justification moves beyond "novelty" to grounded cognitive science.

1. **Experiential Equity:** VR is the "Great Equalizer." It allows a student in a remote island community to visit the Louvre, explore the Great Barrier Reef, or walk through a diverse urban center. This directly addresses the geographical and economic barriers referenced in Scottish attainment gap data.[8]
2. **Cognitive Engagement & Retention:** Research cited by ClassVR indicates that learners using VR are up to **4x more focused** and retain knowledge faster than traditional methods.[10] The immersive nature of VR eliminates external distractions, creating a "flow state" conducive to deep learning.
3. **Constructivist Learning:** The SVRMI moves beyond *consuming* content (watching a 360-video) to *constructing* knowledge. By programming the **AlbaVerse**, students engage in complex problem-solving, spatial reasoning, and systems thinking—skills essential for the future workforce.[11]

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3. The "AlbaVerse": A National Sovereign Metaverse

3.1 Conceptual Definition

The **AlbaVerse** is proposed as a bespoke, persistent virtual world environment, sovereign to the Scottish education system. It is not a commercial "walled garden" like Meta Horizon Worlds, which carries inherent data privacy risks and advertising models. Instead, the AlbaVerse is a secure, government-hosted ecosystem designed specifically for the **Curriculum for Excellence**.

It functions on two levels:

1. **The "Creation Layer" (The Sandbox):** A programmable environment where schools are allocated virtual "land." Here, pupils use low-code tools to build educational assets.
2. **The "Experience Layer" (The Library):** A curated repository of high-fidelity simulations (e.g., Higher Chemistry molecular labs, National 5 History battlefields) accessible to all schools.

3.2 Technical Architecture and Sovereignty

To minimize development costs while maximizing functionality, the AlbaVerse will be built upon a licensed enterprise XR engine (such as a modified Unity-based client or a private instance of a platform like *CoSpaces Edu* or *Roblox Education*), hosted on Scottish Government private

cloud infrastructure to ensure data sovereignty.

- **Identity Management:** Integration with **Glow** (Scotland's national schools intranet) is mandatory. Pupils will log in using their existing Glow credentials, ensuring Single Sign-On (SSO) and linking their VR creations to their broader digital learning portfolio.
- **Data Residency:** All user data, voice logs, and creative assets will be stored in UK-based data centers, fully compliant with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. This contrasts with consumer metaverses where data often flows to US servers.
- **Safety Protocols:** The environment will feature "walled" social interactions. Voice chat will be proximity-based and restricted to class cohorts or specific inter-school projects supervised by teachers. There will be no access for the general public.

3.3 The "District" Model: Localized Curriculum Creation

A unique feature of the AlbaVerse is the **District Model**. Each of the 32 Local Authorities [1] will administer a "District" within the metaverse. Schools within that district are tasked with digitizing their local heritage, geography, or economy.

Use Case Examples:

- **Orkney District:** Pupils at Kirkwall Grammar use photogrammetry to create a digital twin of the Ring of Brodgar. They program NPC (Non-Player Character) tour guides to explain the neolithic history. This asset becomes available to a school in Glasgow studying prehistoric Scotland.
- **Aberdeen City District:** Pupils design a simulation of a floating offshore wind farm. They program the physics of the turbines using Lua scripting (supported by the platform), teaching them renewable energy concepts and coding simultaneously.
- **Edinburgh District:** Students create a virtual "Fringe Festival" venue, designing stage sets and lighting rigs in VR, supporting the drama and arts curriculum.

This "creation-first" approach ensures the metaverse is not a passive entertainment medium but a constructivist tool. It turns the entire nation's pupil population into co-creators of a national digital educational resource.

3.4 Development Costs and Partnerships

Building a metaverse is capital-intensive. Industry data suggests enterprise metaverse projects range from £300,000 to over £2 million depending on complexity.[12]

- **Core Build:** The SVRMI allocates an initial **£2 million CapEx budget** for the core engine development and "Builder Tools."
- **Ongoing Development:** An annual OpEx budget will support a small team of developers within the **CIE** to maintain the servers and release asset packs.
- **Community Benefits:** Utilizing the Scotland Excel procurement framework [13], the tender for the AlbaVerse development will mandate community benefits. The winning software contractor must offer Modern Apprenticeships to Scottish school leavers and partner

with *Historic Environment Scotland* to provide 3D assets of national landmarks gratis.

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4. Hardware Strategy and Device Selection

To equip 702,000 pupils effectively, a "one size fits all" hardware approach is financially inefficient and pedagogically unsound. Primary pupils have different physical ergonomics and safety requirements than Secondary pupils. The SVRMI proposes a **Split-Tier Hardware Ecosystem**.

4.1 Secondary Sector (S1–S6): The "Creator" Tier

- **Device: Meta Quest 3S (128GB - Business Edition).**[14]
- **Target Population:** 315,072 pupils + 24,988 teachers.
- **Deployment Ratio: 1:1** (Personal Issue).

Rationale:

- **Performance:** The Quest 3S features the Snapdragon XR2 Gen 2 chipset.[14] This high-performance processor is essential for the *creation* aspect of the AlbaVerse—compiling code, rendering complex 3D geometry, and running high-fidelity physics simulations.
- **Mixed Reality (MR):** The Quest 3S offers high-fidelity color pass-through. This allows students to see their physical environment (desks, textbooks, teacher) overlaid with digital content. This is a crucial safety feature for crowded classrooms and enables "Augmented Learning" (e.g., overlaying a virtual heart on a physical biology textbook).
- **Controllers:** The inclusion of 6DoF (Six Degrees of Freedom) Touch Plus controllers allows for precise manipulation, essential for vocational training applications (e.g., virtual welding, intricate design work).
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** At a retail price of ~£289 [14], it offers the best price-to-performance ratio on the market. Bulk government procurement is estimated to drive this down to **£232 per unit**.

4.2 Primary Sector (P1–P7) & ASN: The "Explorer" Tier

- **Device: ClassVR Premium Headset.**[10]
- **Target Population:** 379,354 pupils + 24,468 teachers.
- **Deployment Ratio: 1:2** (Classroom Sets).

Rationale:

- **Ergonomics & Durability:** ClassVR headsets are ruggedized for younger users and feature a simple "strap-and-go" design without complex IPD (Inter-pupillary distance) adjustments that can frustrate younger children.
- **Control & Safety:** The primary pedagogical mode in early years is *guided exploration*.

ClassVR's "Teacher Portal" allows the teacher to launch the same content to all 30 headsets simultaneously and lock the devices to that content.[17] This prevents pupils from wandering into unapproved apps.

- **Social Safety:** These devices do not require individual user accounts or Facebook/Meta logins, mitigating the "13+" age restriction complexities for primary-aged children.[18]
- **Ratio Logic:** A 1:1 ratio in primary schools can lead to isolation. A 1:2 ratio encourages **collaborative learning** (paired programming), where one pupil navigates the VR world while the partner guides them using a tablet or notes, fostering communication skills.

4.3 Mobile Device Management (MDM) Strategy

Deploying consumer hardware (Quest 3S) in an education setting requires an enterprise-grade management layer to strip out consumer features (App Store, Social Media, Tracking).

- **Solution: ManageXR.**[19]
- **Function:** This software replaces the standard "Home" environment with a locked-down, school-branded launcher. It allows the CIE to push updates, install AlbaVerse patches remotely, and enforce "Kiosk Mode" during exams.
- **Cost:** Educational pricing is approximately £40 per device/year. This is a critical OpEx component for the secondary estate.

4.4 Peripheral Infrastructure: Charging and Hygiene

- **Charging:** To manage logistics, devices will be housed in **30-bay Intelligent Charging Carts** (e.g., V7 or RedboxVR).[21] These carts provide secure storage and manage power distribution to prevent circuit overloads in older school buildings.
- **Hygiene:** Shared devices (Primary) pose an infection risk (conjunctivitis). Every school will be equipped with **UV-C Sterilization Cabinets** (e.g., Uvisan VR360 or Cleanbox).[23] These units can sanitize 30 headsets in 2 minutes, ensuring safe turnover between classes.

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5. The Centre for Immersive Education (CIE)

A common failure mode in EdTech is "dump and run"—delivering hardware without support. To prevent this, the SVRMI establishes the **Centre for Immersive Education (CIE)**, a central support function.

5.1 Organizational Structure

The CIE will operate as a division within Education Scotland or as a dedicated joint venture with Local Authorities.

- **Headquarters:** Based in a central tech hub (e.g., Glasgow or Edinburgh), housing the

core technical team and AlbaVerse developers.

- **Regional Nodes:** To ensure national coverage, the CIE will employ **32 Regional Immersive Technologists** (one per Local Authority).

5.2 The "VR Expert" Role (Regional Immersive Technologist)

These experts are the boots on the ground. Their remit includes:

- **Technical Triage:** Troubleshooting hardware issues that go beyond the school technician's capability.
- **Pedagogical Coaching:** Co-teaching lessons with less confident staff to model best practices.
- **Asset Management:** Managing the rotation of specialized kit (e.g., 360-degree cameras) between schools.
- **Salary Benchmarking:** To attract talent from the tech sector, these roles are benchmarked at **£40,000 - £50,000** per annum [25], higher than standard school technician grades to reflect the specialist skill set.

5.3 Teacher Training and Accreditation

The CIE will deliver a tiered accreditation program, the **SVRMI Certified Educator**, modeled on the Apple Teacher program.[27]

- **Level 1 (The Explorer):** Online modules covering H&S, basic device operation, and finding content in the AlbaVerse library. (Mandatory for all staff).
- **Level 2 (The Guide):** In-person workshops on managing a VR classroom, basic troubleshooting, and integrating VR into lesson plans. (Target: 2 teachers per school).
- **Level 3 (The Architect):** Advanced training on *creating* content for the AlbaVerse—coding in Lua, 3D modelling, and photogrammetry. (Target: Computing/Tech/Art teachers).

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6. Implementation and Rollout Roadmap

Deploying over 500,000 devices is a logistical feat. A "Big Bang" approach carries high risk. The SVRMI proposes a **Three-Year Phased Rollout**.

Phase 1: The Pathfinder Year (Year 1)

- **Objective:** Stress-testing infrastructure and establishing the CIE.
- **Action:**
  - Establishment of the CIE and recruitment of the 32 Regional Technologists.
  - **Infrastructure Readiness Audit (IRA):** Assessing Wi-Fi density in all 2,446 schools.
  - **Lighthouse Deployment:** Deployment of full hardware suites to 1 Secondary and 2 Primary schools in each of the 32 Local Authorities (approx. 100 schools).

- ○ **AlbaVerse Alpha:** Release of the core metaverse platform to Lighthouse schools for beta testing.

Phase 2: The Secondary Surge (Year 2)

- **Objective:** Universal 1:1 access for Secondary pupils.
- **Action:**
  - ○ Mass procurement and delivery of ~315,000 Meta Quest 3S units.
  - ○ Logistics coordinated via **Scotland Excel** distribution frameworks.
  - ○ Activation of the **ManageXR** MDM across the secondary estate.
  - ○ Launch of the **AlbaVerse 1.0** with full coding capabilities for S1-S6 curriculum.

Phase 3: Primary & Consolidation (Year 3)

- **Objective:** Universal access for Primary/ASN and full ecosystem maturity.
- **Action:**
  - ○ Delivery of ClassVR carts (1:2 ratio) to all 1,978 Primary schools.
  - ○ Integration of Primary schools into the AlbaVerse "District" projects.
  - ○ First national "AlbaVerse Expo," showcasing pupil-created assets from Phase 2.

6.4 Procurement and Logistics

Procurement will be routed through the **Scotland Excel IT Peripherals Framework** [13] and the **Digital Learning Procurement Framework**.[28]

- **Why Frameworks?** This mechanism allows the 32 LAs to buy off a pre-negotiated contract without running 32 separate EU-compliant tenders.
- **Bulk Discounts:** The strategy assumes that by aggregating the demand of the entire nation (500k+ units), the Scottish Government can negotiate aggressive discounts (20-30% below education pricing) directly with manufacturers (Meta/ClassVR).

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7. Financial Framework and Costing Plan

The financial model relies on a **Shared Cost Responsibility** framework to ensure sustainability.

- **Scottish Government (SG):** Funds the **Capital Expenditure (CapEx)**—the "setup" costs (hardware, carts, initial network upgrades) and the central CIE operations. This ensures that a school's budget does not determine its access to technology.
- **Local Authorities (LAs) / Schools:** Fund the **Operational Expenditure (OpEx)**—recurring licenses, insurance, and replacement of lost/broken units. Schools can utilize their **Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)** allocations for this, as the project directly targets the attainment gap.[29]

7.1 Unit Cost Analysis (Negotiated Estimates)

Table 7.1: Estimated Hardware Unit Costs

Item	Retail Price (Est.)	Target Bulk Gov Price (-20%)	Notes
Meta Quest 3S (128GB)	£289.99 [14]	**£232.00**	Includes controllers.
ClassVR Premium	~£400.00	**£250.00**	Based on bulk purchasing of 190k units.
Charging Cart (30-bay)	£1,200.00 [21]	**£950.00**	Smart charging essential.
UV Sterilization Unit	£4,000.00 [23]	**£3,200.00**	Large capacity (18-30 headsets).
ManageXR License	£50.00/yr [19]	**£40.00/yr**	Mandatory for Secondary devices.

7.2 Capital Expenditure (CapEx) - Scottish Government Funded

This budget covers the initial acquisition of assets over the 3-year rollout.

Table 7.2: Total National CapEx Requirement

Cost Item	Quantity / Metric	Unit Cost	Total Cost (£)
Secondary Pupil Devices	315,072 (1:1 Ratio)	£232	£73,096,704
Primary Pupil Devices	189,677 (1:2 Ratio)	£250	£47,419,250

Teacher Devices	53,412 (1:1 Ratio)	£232	£12,391,584
Charging Infrastructure	18,605 Carts (1 per 30)	£950	£17,674,750
Hygiene Infrastructure	2,446 Schools (1 Large UV Unit)	£3,200	£7,827,200
Network Upgrades (Wi-Fi 6)	2,446 Schools (Avg. Allowance)	£5,000	£12,230,000
AlbaVerse Development	Core Engine & Builder Tools	Fixed	£2,000,000
Project Logistics	Warehousing/Distribution (2%)	-	£3,500,000
TOTAL CAPEX			£176,139,488

Analysis: A capital investment of **£176.1m** represents approximately **3.6%** of the Scottish Government's £4.9bn Education budget.[9] Spread over three years, this is ~£58m per annum—a viable figure comparable to other major infrastructure projects (e.g., the £17.6m Edinburgh iPad rollout scaled to national levels).

7.3 Operational Expenditure (OpEx) - Local Authority / School Funded

This budget covers the recurring costs to keep the system running.

Table 7.3: Annual National OpEx Requirement (Steady State)

Cost Item	Responsibility	Metric	Annual Cost (£)
MDM Licensing (ManageXR)	Central Govt*	368,000 Devices (Sec + Teach) @ £40	£14,720,000
AlbaVerse Hosting/Maint.	Central Govt	Server Costs & Dev Team	£1,500,000

CIE Staffing (Experts)	Central Govt	40 FTEs @ £60k (w/ oncosts)	£2,400,000
Content Subscriptions	Schools (LA)	Eduverse/CoSpaces per School (£500)	£1,223,000
Insurance / Breakage Fund	Schools (LA)	5% Replacement Rate (Est. £15/dev)	£8,370,000
Teacher Training Cover	Schools (LA)	Supply cover for training days	£3,000,000
TOTAL ANNUAL OPEX			**£31,213,000**

Note: It is recommended that MDM licensing be centrally funded to ensure security compliance is not compromised by school budget cuts.

7.4 Per-Pupil Cost Breakdown (For School Budgeting)

To allow Head Teachers to plan their PEF spending, the following "Total Cost of Ownership" (TCO) per pupil per year is defined:

- **Secondary Pupil (Quest 3S):**
  - Hardware (CapEx - Govt): £232
  - Annual SW/Support (OpEx - School): **£15.00** (Insurance/Content share).
- **Primary Pupil (ClassVR):**
  - Hardware (CapEx - Govt): £125 (0.5 unit)
  - Annual SW/Support (OpEx - School): **£10.00** (Content share).

8. Risk Management and Governance

8.1 Health & Safety and Safeguarding

- **Age Appropriateness:** The SVRMI strictly adheres to the 10+ age rating for Meta accounts.[18] For Primary pupils (P1-P5) who are largely under 10, the **ClassVR** solution is used. This system does *not* require individual accounts; the teacher controls the experience centrally ("Teacher-Led Mode"), ensuring pupils are never unsupervised in a virtual space.[17]
- **Seizure & Vision Risk:** A "20/20" protocol will be enforced: 20 minutes of VR use followed by a 20-minute break. This aligns with optometrist recommendations to prevent

eye strain and mitigates seizure risks.[30]

- **Physical Safety:** All VR sessions must be conducted while seated (swivel chairs recommended) to prevent collision injuries ("Guardian boundary" breaches).[31]

8.2 Data Privacy (GDPR)

Using consumer hardware in schools presents data risks.

- **Mitigation:** The **ManageXR** MDM layer is mandatory for all Quest 3S devices. This blocks telemetry data from being sent to Meta/Facebook servers for advertising purposes.
- **AlbaVerse Data:** All student data generated within the AlbaVerse (creations, chat logs) is stored on Scottish Government servers, fully sovereign and subject to UK GDPR.

8.3 Sustainability

- **E-Waste:** The strategy includes a "Device Lifecycle" plan. At the end of the 4-year cycle, devices will be refurbished for community use or recycled via WEEE-compliant partners.
- **Power Consumption:** Intelligent Charging Carts manage power draw to ensure energy efficiency, charging devices sequentially rather than simultaneously to reduce peak load on school grids.

9. Conclusion

The **Scottish Virtual Reality Metaverse Initiative (SVRMI)** is a bold but necessary step to future-proof Scotland's education system. By investing **£176 million** over three years, the Scottish Government can deliver a world-leading digital infrastructure that does more than just "digitize" the classroom—it fundamentally expands the horizons of every learner.

The **AlbaVerse** transforms pupils from passive consumers of technology into active creators, equipping them with the coding, design, and systems-thinking skills required for the 21st-century economy. Through the robust support structure of the **Centre for Immersive Education**, and a fair, logical cost-sharing model, this proposal offers a sustainable, equitable, and transformative roadmap for the nation.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills approves the immediate formation of the CIE and authorizes the Phase 1 "Pathfinder" procurement via Scotland Excel.

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