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Worksheet 2

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**Task 1**

**1** Read the information about Terra 2 below.

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**Terra 2**

**Scenario:** You have travelled to colonise an uninhabited Earth-style planet called Terra 2, in a nearby solar system. There is infrastructure already on the planet. There is no plan for any of you to return to Earth any time soon as you were specially selected for this mission. There are 200 adults and 40 children on board. Half of the people on board are public sector workers, nurses, doctors, and so on. The other half are entrepreneurs who ran highly successful businesses on Earth. Exciting times lie ahead as **you** get to decide the format of society being created.</box>

**2** You must now form a government. The government will be responsible for making the final decisions on Terra 2. The form that this government takes is up to you, but the success of the civilisation on Terra 2 will depend upon it.

**Task 2**

You must now plan your society on Terra 2. In five years, there will be over 2,000 inhabitants on the planet. Although the plans you make now are only short-term ones, you need to think about how society on Terra 2 will develop over the longer term.

You must:

**a** Identify the essential services that are required on Terra 2.

**b** Decide which of these essential services will be provided by government and which ones should be provided by private enterprise.

**c** Make notes and prepare a proposal justifying the decisions you make about how to operate the key organisations and institutions on Terra 2. The proposal will be presented later in the lesson.

To achieve this, you must consider the following points.

* Essential services might include: healthcare, water supply, food, leisure, energy supply, police, education, and as the society expands, public transport.
* Your society will also need to provide itself with the goods and services required to allow a good quality of life and to attract citizens to stay and new citizens to migrate from Earth.
* Private enterprises should include a range of different ‘for-profit’ organisations as well as social enterprises.
* You should consider the impact on these services and their society if they are government owned, if they are privately owned (for-profit) or if they are supplied by social enterprises.
* Ensure that you establish an inclusive society where the views of all citizens are valued and their participation is encouraged.

**Remember that your success will be judged on how well you justify the choices you make about how each type of business will be owned and operated.**