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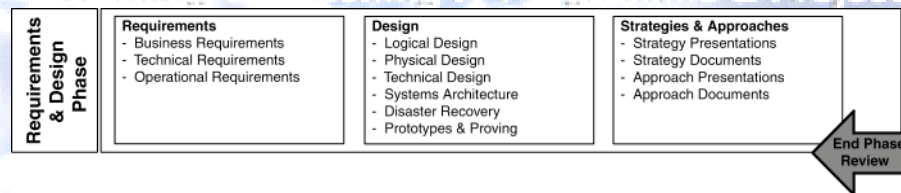
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Figure 17 – Requirements, Design, Strategy and Approach



6.3 Introduction

This section covers the design phase of the programme or project. The design is driven from the requirements phase; if there is any aspect of the requirements phase that remains unclear it must be addressed before the design phase starts.

Any error in the requirements gathering will only be compounded in the design phase, so do not progress your project to the design phase until the requirements phase is complete and signed off.

The design phase is the time when the requirements, previously signed off, get interpreted into a logical and physical design. This phase is key to forging the final delivery and must be managed closely to ensure that requirements are being met. Each requirement, using its unique reference, should be fully traceable in the design documentation.

This section covers the following sub-sections;

- Logical Design
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- Hardware Requirements
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- Prototyping & Proof of Concept
- Disaster Recovery
- Sign-Off

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