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Strategic Engagement of IT & Business: Roadmaps & Managing Demand

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- 3 Governing the demand from business units
- 4 IT roadmaps for business-driven demand
- 5 Technology use cases for innovation demand
- 6 Business cases for shaping individual demand
- 7 Shaping & reporting demand as a portfolio



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Alan's experiences in strategic engagement



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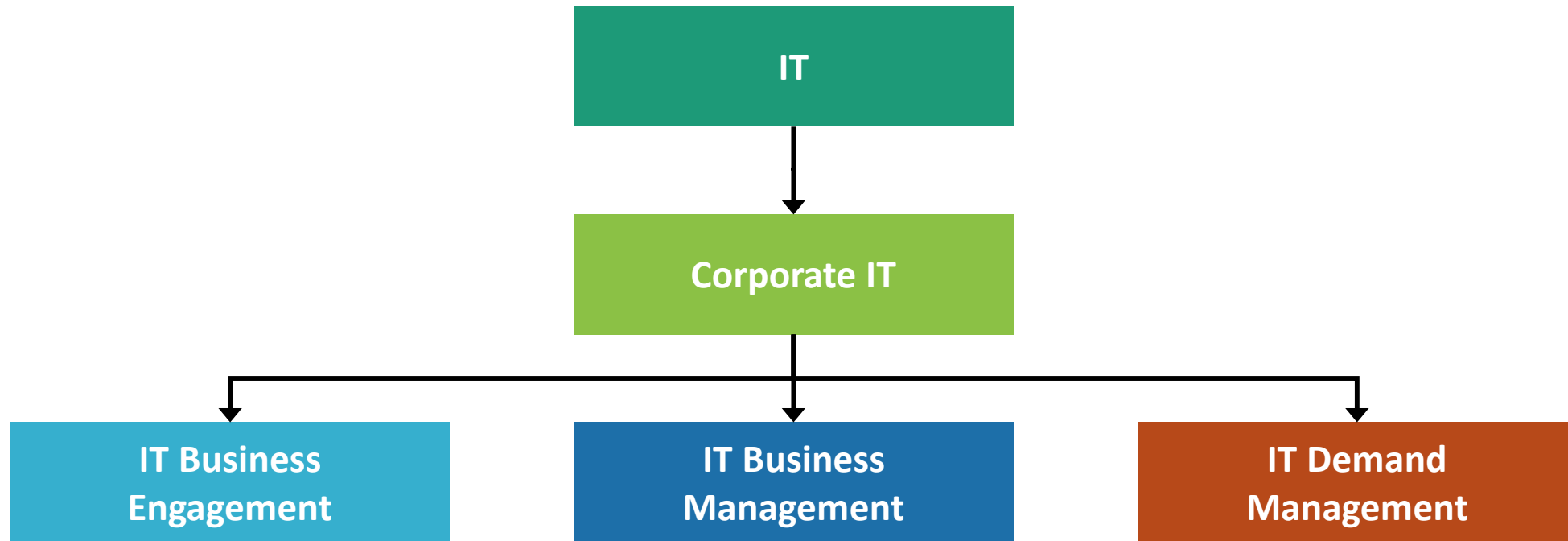


KPMG UK Digital & IT Divisions

IT Business Relationship Manager



Positioning the topic



Level: Post-experience

Body of Knowledge: Emergent

CPD Aim: Stimulate Opportunities

Relevant to roles: CIO, IT SMT, IT BRM, IT BA, IT PMO, IT Consultants plus CxOs & Transformation Professionals

Issues in organisations: Large, complex with internal IT providers; public and private sectors, high & low tech.

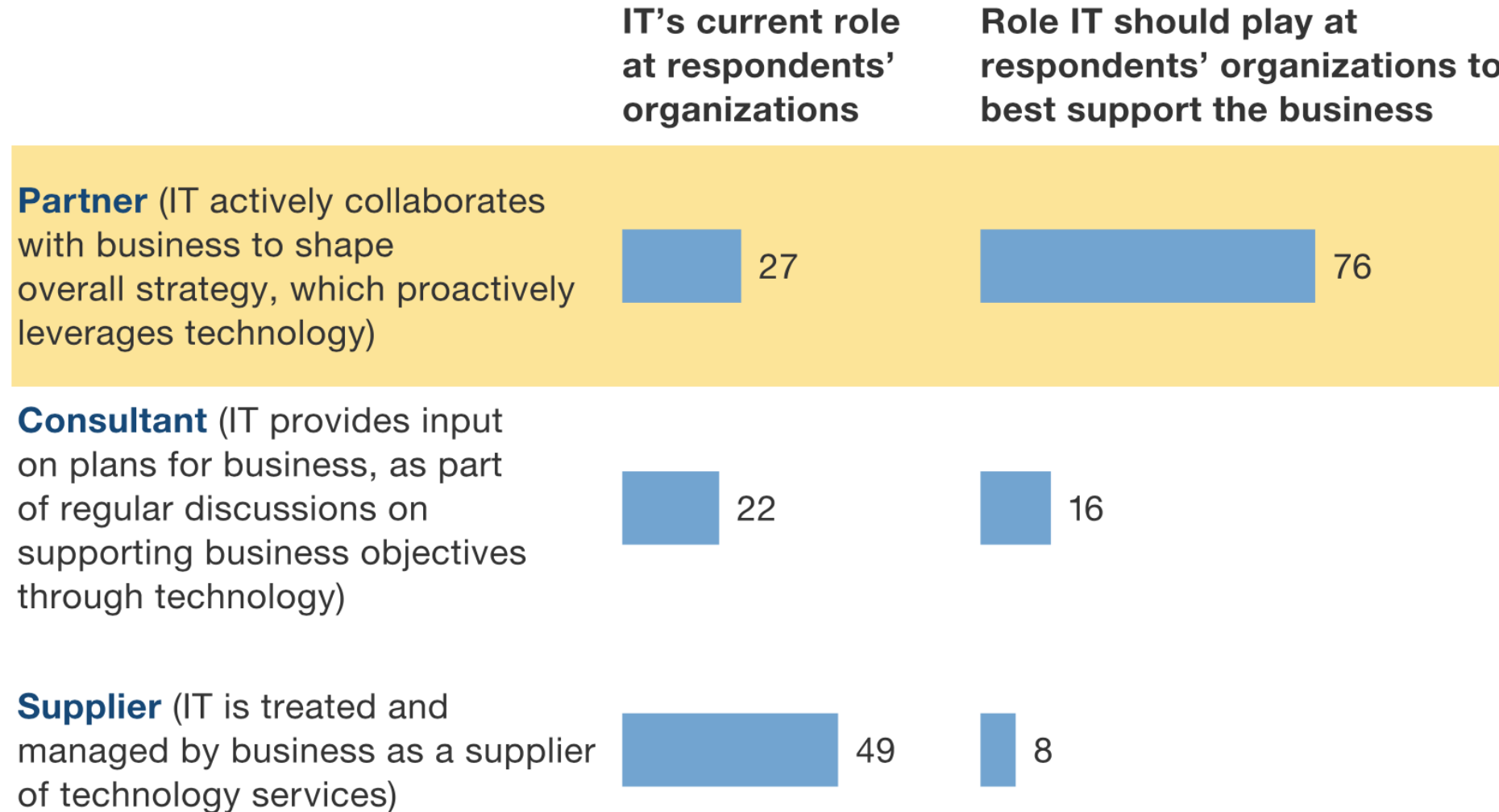
Overview strategic engagement of IT & business

Strategic engagement at the dawn of IT





Yet the IT v Business Gap Remains Massive



¹Respondents who answered “don’t know” are not shown, so figures may not sum to 100%.

With Considerable Lost Value (1)

Areas where IT organizations are completely or very effective ¹	Likelihood of effectiveness at companies where IT is a partner, vs all others
Implementing bottom-up innovation ideas	3.43x
Creating a healthy and effective IT culture	3.27x
Measuring IT's performance on multiple dimensions	2.64x
Bringing ideas for new IT solutions to business	2.6x
Partnering with business to develop new capabilities supported by technology	2.5x
Proactively engaging with business leaders on new ideas or enhancements to existing systems	2.5x

With Considerable Lost Value (2)

Areas where IT organizations are completely or very effective ¹	Likelihood of effectiveness at companies where IT is a partner, vs all others
Introducing new technologies faster and/or more effectively than competitors	2.29x
Working with business leaders to improve existing systems when asked	2.15x
Delivering new projects or enhancements on time and within budget	2.13x
Digitizing business processes	2.06x

Strategic Engagement is Key to Convergence



Professor Joe Peppard, Principal Scientist,
MIT Centre for IS Research (CISR), Boston, USA.

“When companies feel they have a problem with IT, the route they typically follow is to restructure IT, replace the CIO with someone with new ideas, maybe appoint digital tsars, or perhaps even look to a third party to run IT for them,”

“But that’s a bit like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.”

“The challenge is not to design a more digitally-savvy IT unit; the question is how to organize the entire firm for success with technology. That’s fundamentally different.”

Growth & challenges of IT business partnering

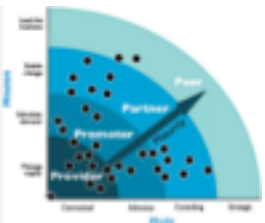
Strategic Engagement Maturity Models



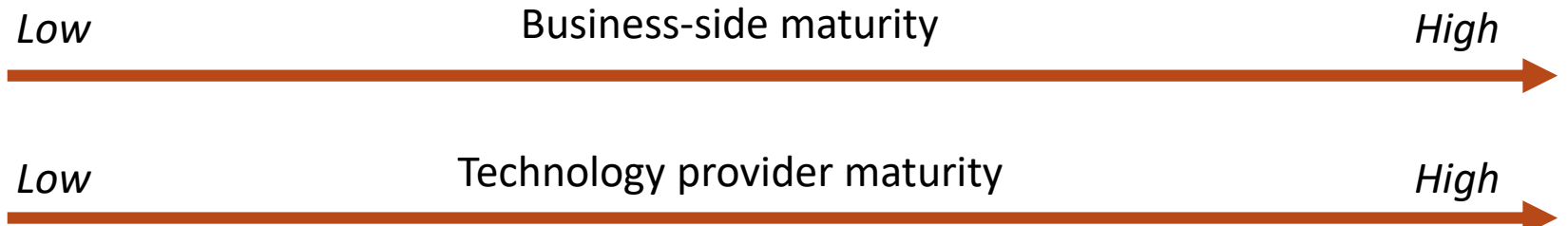
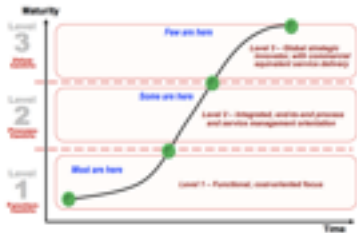
BRMI's BRM Maturity Model



CSC LEF's BRM Maturity Model



Vaughan Merlyn's Model



Specialist Engagement Roles

Partner

Ensuring that IT is an effective enabler by **connecting the business to the relevant area in IT.**

Ambassador

Promoting IT to the business and educating IT on the needs and drivers of the business.

Strategist

Works with the business to help understand **how their business direction will be underpinned by technology** provided by IT and the impact that IT has on the organisation & industry.

Translator

Promoting the use of simple, every-day terminology to ensure that the business gets the IT solutions and services that it needs

Analyst

Understanding business direction and helping **shape IT solutions** to match this direction

Marketer

Ensuring the technology deployed is being used fully across the business

Innovator

Making suggestions, introducing innovation and being **an advocate for what technology can provide. Challenging the business and IT** to find the most relevant, most appropriate technology, based on innate knowledge of the line of business and requirements

Common Engagement Activities (3)

Common Engagement Activities (2)

Common Engagement Activities (1)



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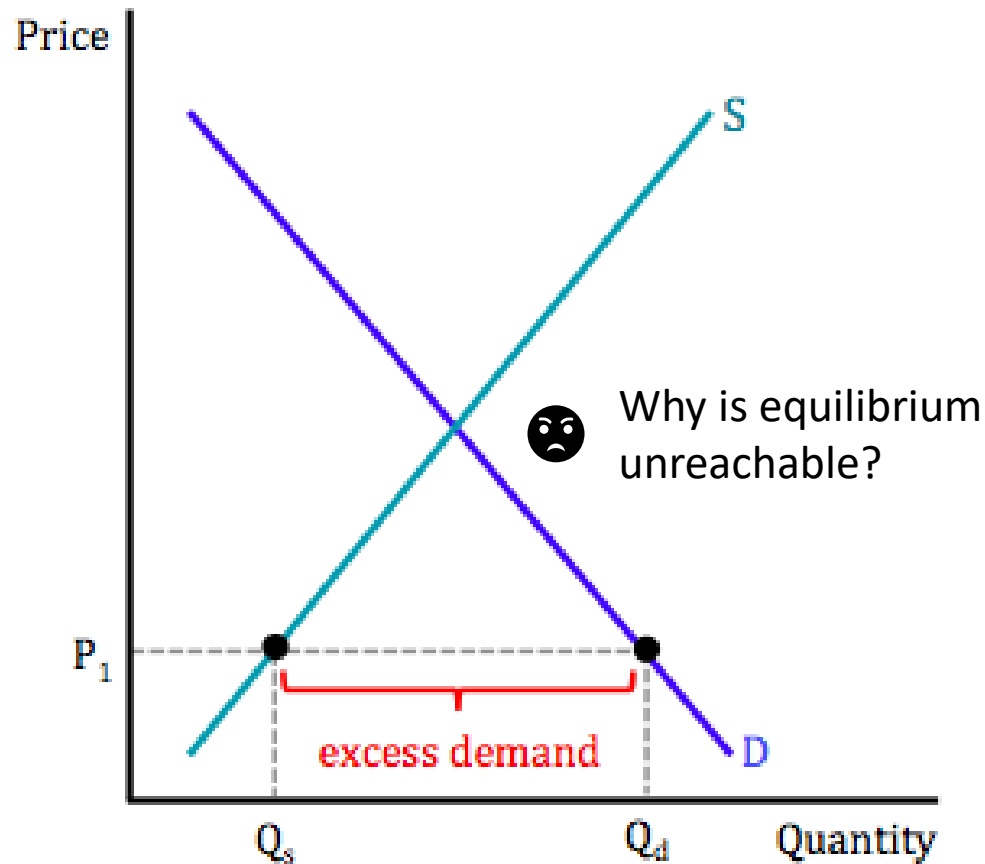
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Governing the demand from business units

Why Does Demand Exceed Supply in 80% of IT Departments?



Funding deficiencies: Deferring investment & spend is easier for IT than many other business model components.



Free good: Hard to charge for IT costs, so IT budgets are top-sliced and IT becomes free at the point of consumption.



Cost optimism: Business cases rarely include the full cost of an IT service or IT product or IT project.



Benefits optimism: Benefits are often hard to predict and are frequently “cash realisable” only or intangible.

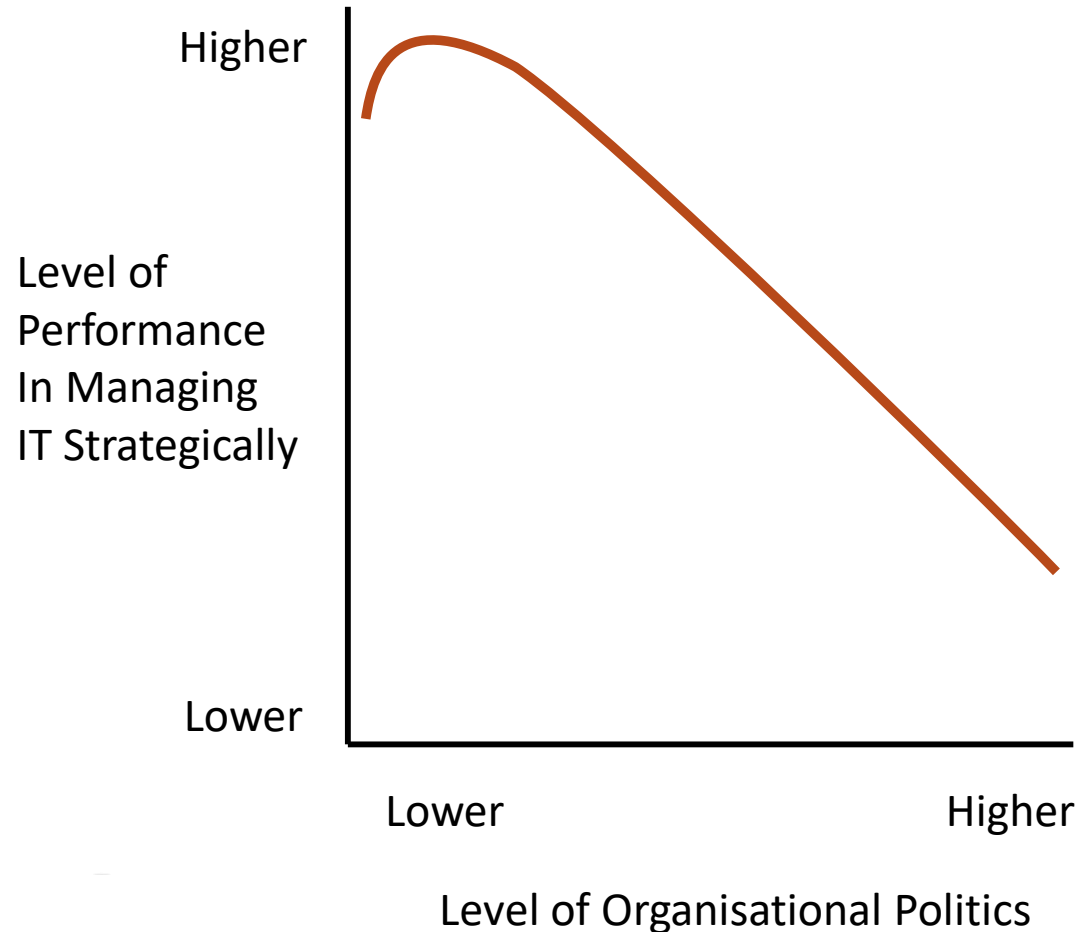


Unacknowledged risk: Industry marketing too often plays down risks to build new markets for new technologies.



Capability deficiencies: Short-termism often means the IT department cannot develop the capabilities ahead.

And Managerial Power & Politicking Adds to the Challenges



Engineering Culture: IT professionals don't value organisational politics as it compromises good engineering.



Diminishing Power of IT Monopoly: ExCo tasks CIO with control of IT, but users have shadow IT & cloud options.



Power Can't Overcome Ignorance: Optimism biases are not addressed by applying power, they come about anyway.



Politicking Leaves Toxicity: The use of power by IT or the business units impacts engagement and partnering.

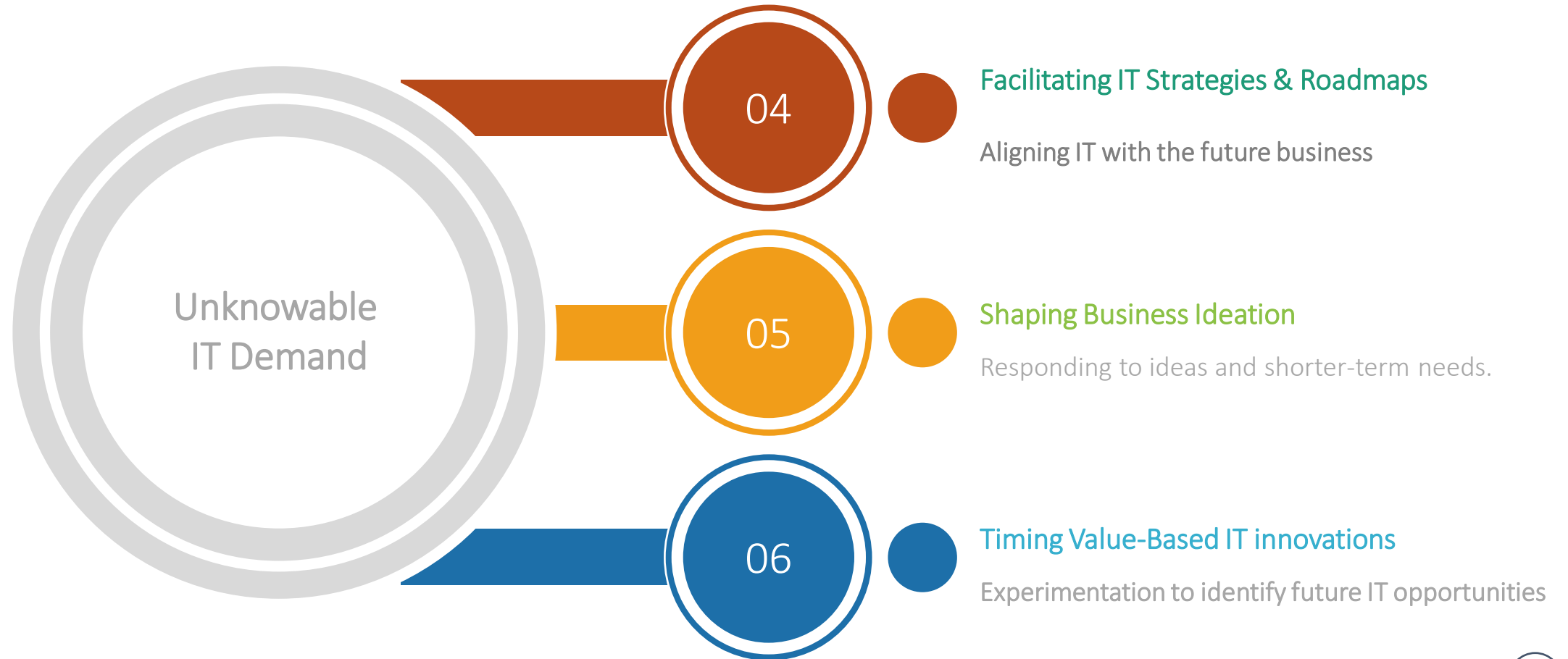
Dispositioning BAU IT demand

Engaging the right part of the IT services ecosystem onto forecastable demand



Demand Shaping Unknowable IT demand

Uncovering high level requirements and shaping for engagement with the IT supply ecosystem



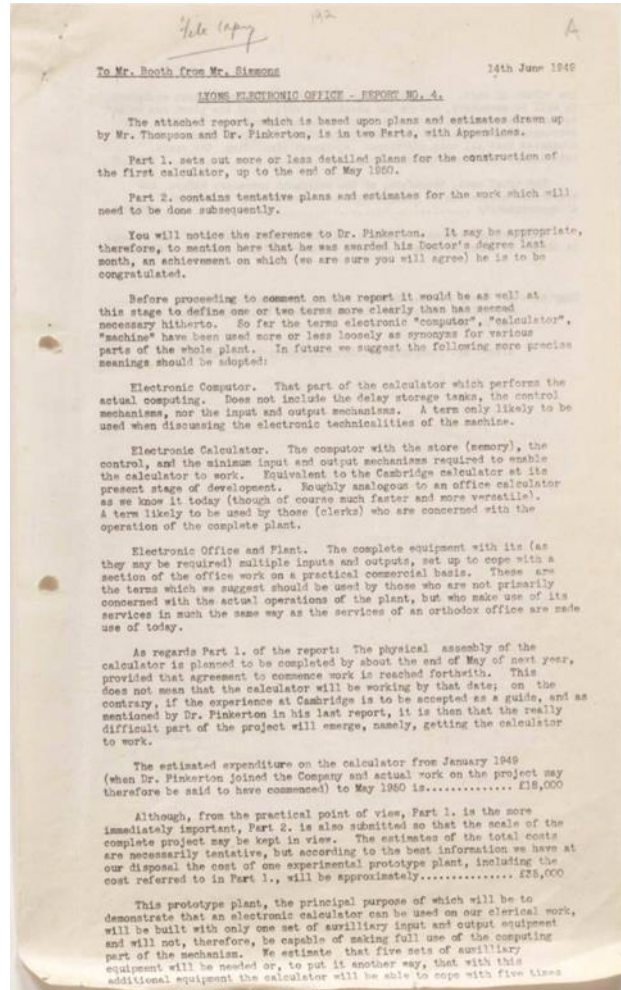
A Complex Governance Regime for IT is Now Common

Responding to the excess of demand & historic project challenges

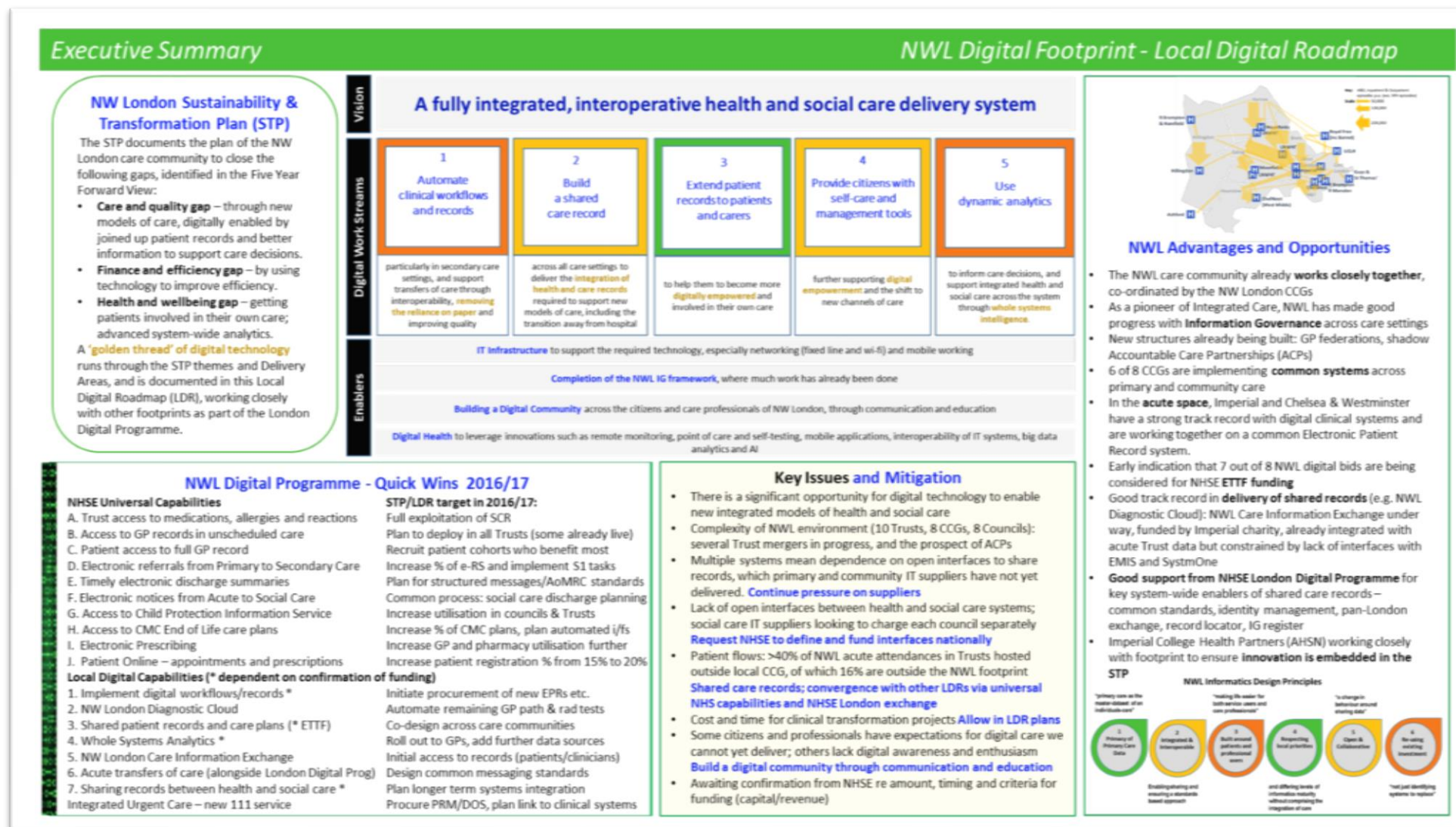


IT roadmaps for business-driven demand

LEO was the first business computer & started the information age – approved through a costed 5+ year roadmap.



NHS North West London Digital Roadmap 2017-2020



Roadmap Contents

But can typically address about 70% or less of IT demand in best cases

Programme Delivery & Governance

High level business cases, implementation, benefits & cost profiles and how delivery will be governed.

Vision

Where the business needs to go with IT and what is driving the needs to invest & change..

IT Organisation, Architectures, Standards & Policies

How the IT organisation needs to change to align with business needs.

IT Applications

How the business strategy translates into new and changed applications..

IT Services

How business operations will draw upon existing and new IT services..

IT Infrastructure

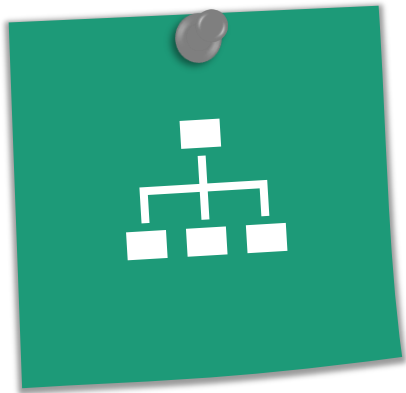
Changes needed to IT infrastructure to align with the business needs and organisation.





Five Sources of Insights for IT Roadmaps

Which should be combined for the best evidence and knowledge base for the IT roadmap



IT Management-Led

IT managers and IT specialist propose the IT roadmap.



Consultant-Led

Consultants deploy methods and tools to develop the IT roadmap



Business-Led

Business leaders determine the IT roadmap from business needs.



Technology-Led

Technology firms advise the best IT roadmap to pursue.



Organisation-Led

Teams across the organisation develop a thematic IT roadmap.

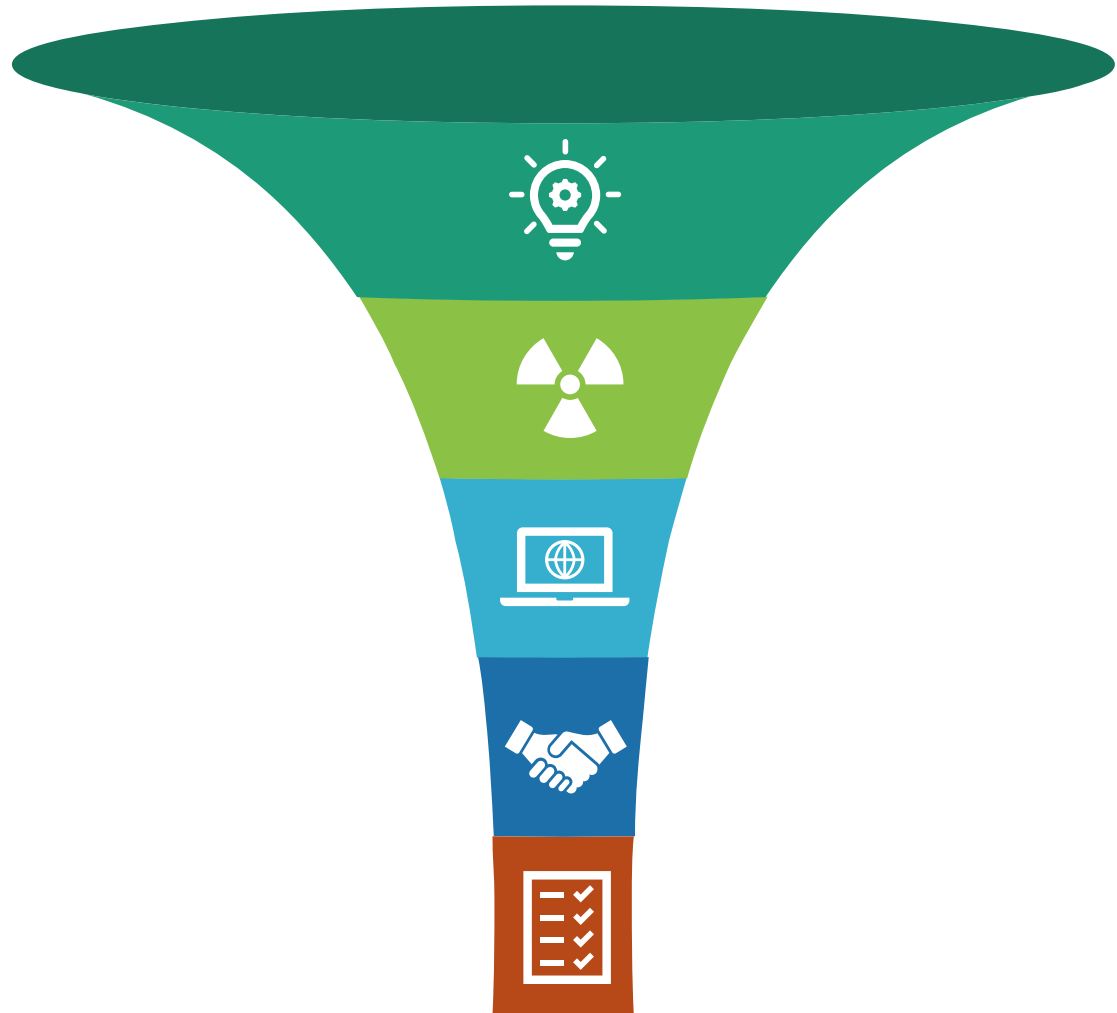
Contrasting Approaches: Three Case Studies

Organisation Type	Source of Leadership	Approach Taken	Outcomes
County Police Force	Internal Team sponsored by senior officer and IT Director. Police and IT staff who receive training ahead.	Workshops across the Force facilitated by the internal team. They consolidate needs and work into costed programme.	IT investment levels more than double. Award winning IT strategy/roadmap impacts crime levels within 2 years.
Financial Services Firm	IT SMT Member and Corporate Finance. Business Units and Business Functions provide information based on a uniform template.	Annual budget cycle approach requires business functions & ITD to identify IT investments needed for forthcoming year.	Budgets levels constrain investment. Prioritization scoring determines what will be done and becomes the roadmap for IT Dept.
Chain of Childcare Nurseries	CEO and IT Consultant. Involvement of managers and internal IT staff.	Management workshops review current and future IT needs. High level requirements & business cases reveal a costed IT programme.	Transformational roadmap that replaced the core information system in a drive to reduce costs and return chain to profits and growth.

Shaping IT ideation

Demand Shaping: Ideation to Project initiation

We love our ideas!



1

IDEATION

Document early thoughts about the potential of the new project and senior level sponsorship.

2

PROTECTING FUNCTIONS

Guide the idea through a review by the firm's protecting functions to identify "show-stoppers" and address issues.

3

TECHNOLOGY CONSIDERATIONS

Surface with the IT Professionals the right technologies to be used within current architectures and risks and constraints.

4

BUSINESS CASE APPROVAL

Develop the business case covering idea, benefits, costs, risks & implementation and gain funding and sponsor approvals.

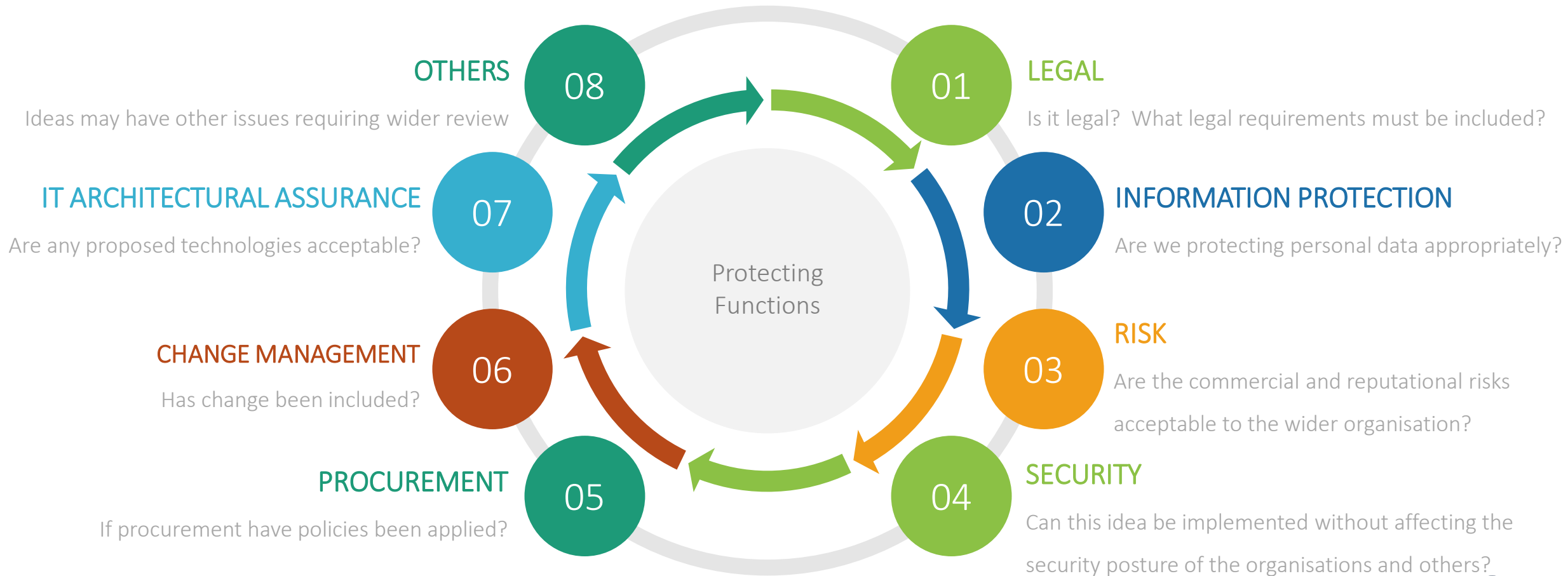
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PROJECT START UP or DISCOVERY SPRINT

PMO can now establish the project with governance and add it to project and portfolio management.

Protecting Functions are Easily Overlooked

Essential to ensure that an idea is not detrimental to the wider company but have a key role in demand.

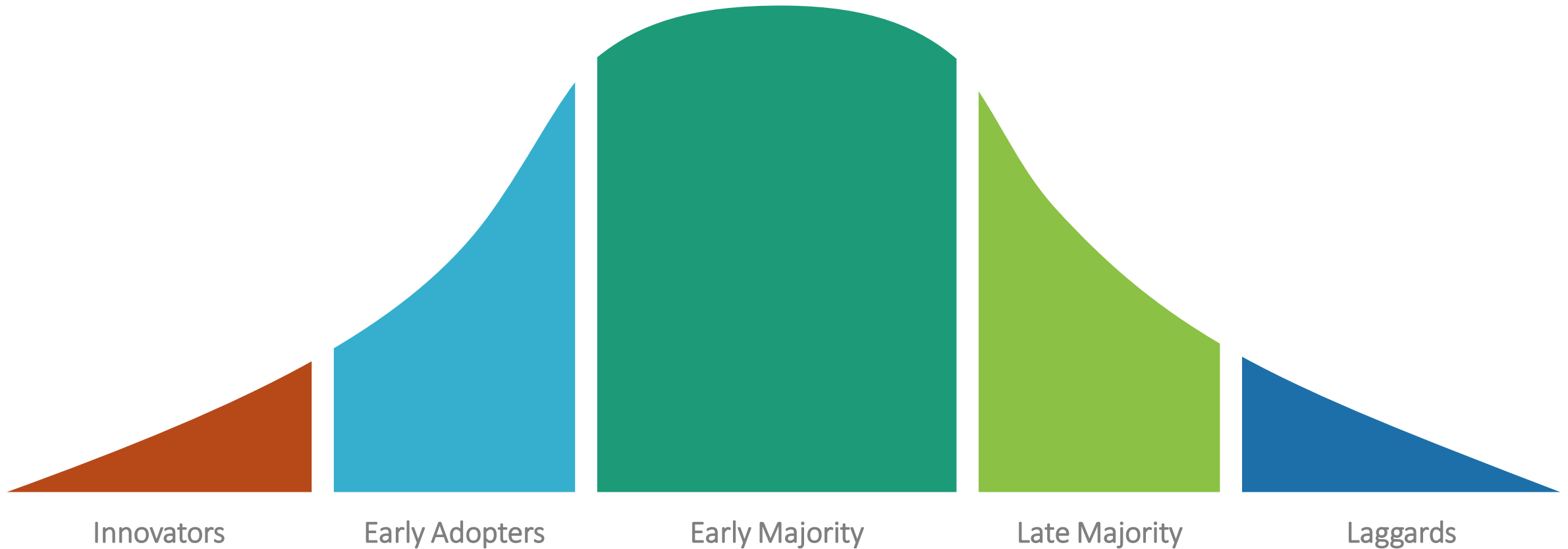


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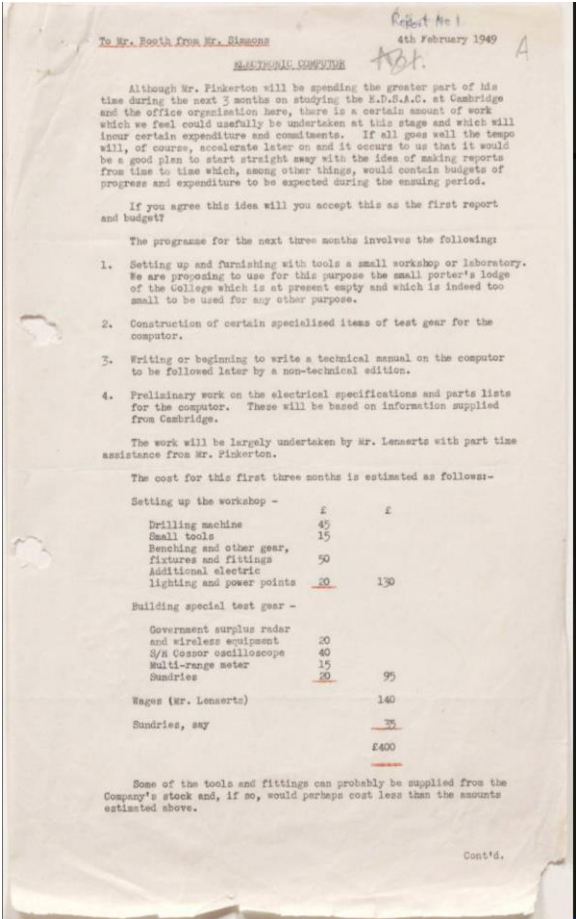
Organisation Type	Approach	Pros	Cons
NHS Region	Ideation Support Team of nurses and doctors seconded and trained to support digital health opportunities across region.	Business-side professionals trained up with an agreed process for bringing through ideas. Centrally funded for fixed period.	Regional CEOs agreed on need and supportive but took quite a while for both specialists and local organisations to get going.
Insurance	Dragons Den. CEO & CIO introduce consultancy support for IT-enabled innovations. Ideas supported to investment cases.	Engages businesses with the prospect of glory, but the risks of appearing unprepared for individuals is double edged.	Very senior level involvement often in small but useful innovation. Justified here by need to build an innovation culture.
Financial Services	BRMs introduced to take ideas or immediate needs for IT and work up case for IT SMT approval.	Clean and simple approach that gives business units one place to take IT ideation. BRMs develop methods. IT SMT can disposition to the BRMs.	BRMs get “ caught in the middle ” between often vague ideas and risk averse IT department and struggle to satisfy both sides.

Stimulating innovation demand

Perfectly timing the demand for small early experiments
can avoid costly mistakes and catch-ups



The idea at Lyons for an “Electronic Computer” was started with a small 3-month experiment on a minimum budget



Although Mr Pinkerton will be spending the greater part of his time over the next 3 months on studying the EDSAC at Cambridge and the office organisation here, there is a certain amount of work we feel could be usefully undertaken at this stage and will incur certain expenditure and commitments. If all goes well, the tempo will, of course, accelerate later on....



SMALL BUDGET

£550 including labour (around £15k in 2020 pounds).



LOWEST COST EQUIPMENT

Military surplus and second-hand test equipment.



LAB SET UP IN EMPTY BUILDING

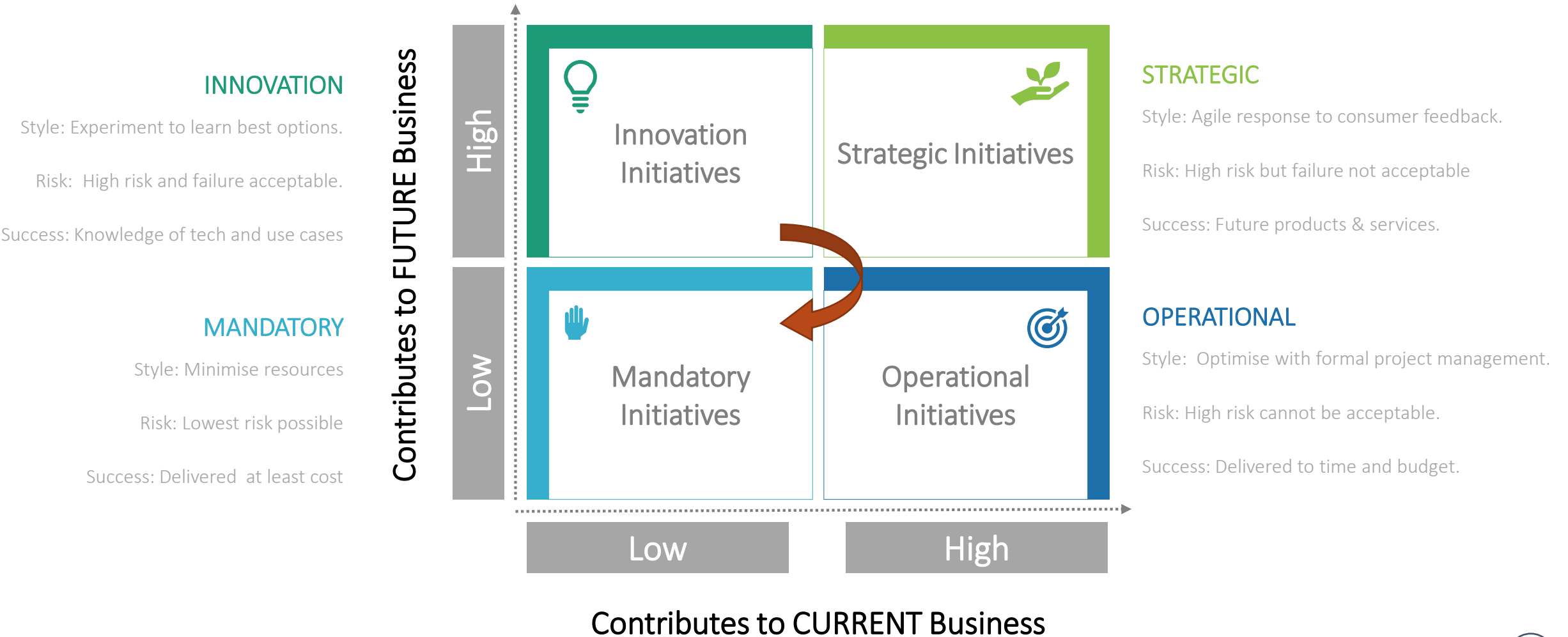
Empty Porter's lodge temporarily used.



LEARNING ON TECH & BUSINESS USE CASE

Research focused and testing the idea with the use case case.

Managing Demand Through the Innovation Life Cycle



Example: AR Use Cases Gaining Traction

Maintenance



ABB

Branding



Pepsi

Direction Finding



Google Maps

Visualisation



Apple Campus

Gaming



Pokemon Go

Education



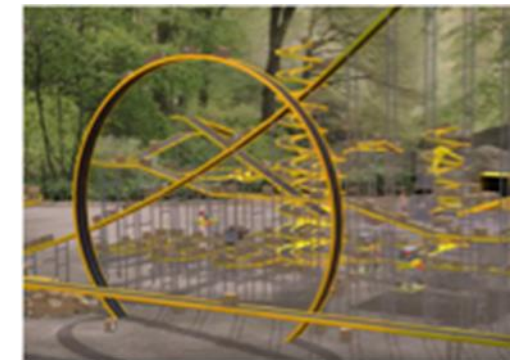
BBC & Natural History Museum

Information Overlay



Ikea

Art



Apple

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County Council	CIO invests in a technology showcase facility. Stimulates many business ideas & the confidence to work on them.	“Pull” approach allowing realistic presentation of new technologies without the sale agendas of conferences & marketing.	Unfocused. Several ideas were truly pioneering and transformed the sector, but linkage to CC strategy random.
City Economic Development Unit	Innovation Workshop run sponsored by unit Director and seeded at start with heavily researched use cases on tech economic growth.	Once stimulated the workshop could stretch their thinking , evaluate, prioritise and gain commitment to progress.	Two weeks of research and materials development for a 20-minute stimulation session at the start of the workshop is expensive.
Specialist Retail Chain	CEO and FD commission consulting team from a specialist innovation practice to “catch them up” with competitors on IT innovations.	Share price step change as news of the team circulated. Independent, expert team challenged conventions and identified radical innovations	More successful at the work than in transferring skills into the organisation. Capabilities to innovate largely unchanged.

Business cases for shaping individual demand



High Level IT Business Case

Adapted from global insurance firm



Shaping & reporting demand as a portfolio

Information Model for IT Demand Portfolio Management (1)

Major Projects, Initiatives and Ideas – Other demand incl. incidents and service catalogue requests.

Project / Initiative	Schedule	Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference No• Title• Description• Stage in Lifecycle• Business Unit• Category (Strategic, etc.)• BU Sponsor• IT SMT Sponsor• Stakeholders• BRM• PM• Governance Board / Forum• Business Units Impacted• Date of Last Review• Status (RAG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urgency• Date Requested• Start Date• Duration• Finish Date• % Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BU Goals Supported• Benefits: Cash generated• Benefits: Cash Realisable• Benefits: Non-Cash• Benefits: Intangible• Costs: Capital Expenditure• Costs: Business Unit• Costs: Other Business Units• Costs: IT Department• Costs: Other• Budget Allocation• ROI / NPV• Benefits Realisation Plan• “Normalised” Level of Value

Information Model for IT Demand Portfolio Management (2)

Major Projects, Initiatives and Ideas – Other demand incl. incidents and service catalogue requests

Risks

- Market/Economic Risks
- Business Change Risks
- Technology Risks
- Implementation Risks
- Scarce Resources Risks
- Other Risks
- Constraints
- Dependencies
- “Normalised Level of Risk

Approvals

{Approvals varies by organisation}

- Self-Approval (e.g. Support Ticket)
- Line Manager Approval (e.g. Service Catalogue)
- Sponsor Approval (e.g. Idea)
- IT SMT Approval (Tech Investment)
- IT Architecture Approval (e.g. New Technology)
- Business Unit SMT Approval (Major Business Change)
- ExCo Approval (Major Investments Business Case)

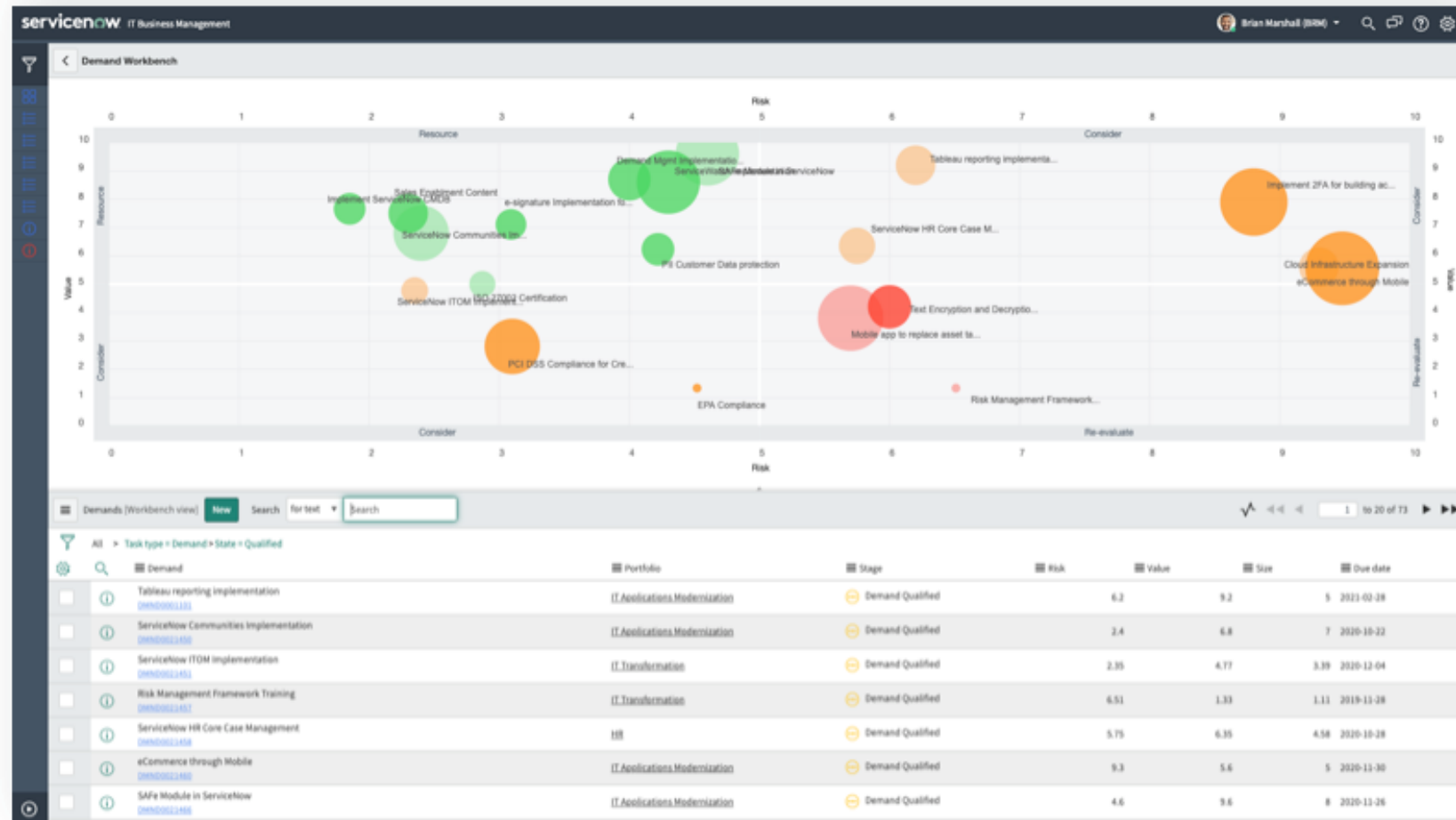
ITBM Activities Log

{1 : many relationship}

- Activity Reference
- Date
- Activity Type
- Person
- Role
- Action
- Outcome
- Residual Issues
- Next Steps Needed
- Attachments



Information and Tools Facilitates Evidence-Based Management of Demand as a Portfolio



Looking to the Future

More challenging times need more comprehensive IT demand management

DIGITAL CONVERGENCE

Makes the transition from order-takers to strategic partnering a survival requirement.



IMPROVING ITBM PLATFORMS

- Toolsets like ServiceNow are supporting IT Demand Mgt..



PANDEMIC / RECESSION

- CIOs expect IT budgets to stagnate.
- Increased demand for tech-enabled transformation.



MORE TECHNOLOGY

IA, AI, ML, IOT, MX, Cloud add to complexity.

Comments and Questions





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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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Common Engagement Activities (2)



Translator

- Ensuring business understands **service catalogue**
- Explaining IT **provider processes** to business
- Insisting business comply with **standards & policies**
- Promoting **business understanding** of IT architectures
- Influencing on deployment of **new IT capabilities**
- Reframing **frustrations** as opportunities for provider
- Bring business perspective to **IT Senior Mgt Team**



Analyst

- High level **business analysis & business cases**
- **BA / PM** for small projects & service improvements
- Help manage business **process change**
- Facilitating **project charter & sponsorship**
- Applying **value management** to IT initiatives
- Inputting information to **portfolio management**
- Involvement in **budgeting & funding** processes



Common Engagement Activities (3)



Marketer

- Understanding the **maturity of the business** areas
- Understanding the **maturity of the IT areas**
- Influence to **use IT provider** services & capabilities
- Deliver **communications programme** for IT provider
- Create **promotional events** to showcase IT
- Ensure effectiveness of **intranet content** for IT
- Influence changes to the IT **operating model**



Innovator

- Explain new tech and **catalyze innovations**
- Orchestration of **ideation & demand shaping**
- PM for **smaller POCs** & other experiments
- **Spreading innovations** around business
- **Publicizing** IT innovations to build capabilities
- Pursuing **recognition & awards** for successes

