

Business Plan 2024-25

Mission:

Helping Organisations Succeed

Vision:

The Partner of Choice

Aspirations:



Innovative assurance solutions generated by talented people with public sector values.



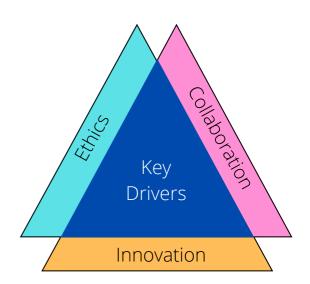
To be in demand as bright sparks with trusted insights at the top tables of the organisations we work with.



Are held up as an example of a modern, caring, and progressive organisation.



Continue to push innovation boundaries to reimagine internal audit.



Collaborative and Inclusive

- We support one another with constructive criticism and are comfortable sharing opinions openly
- We confirm how our work impacts others
- We celebrate the success of others and recognize individual and team achievements

Innovative and Creative

- We are comfortable sharing ideas openly and don't worry about what others will think of us
- We expect to disagree from time to time and listen carefully to all ideas, contributions, and suggestions
- We expect to fail from time to time and take the initiative to share knowledge and plans for improvement

Focus on What Matters

- We are interested in each other's goals and objectives as well as our own so that we understand the contribution to the business
- Meetings and communications are designed to be helpful

Do the Right
Thing

- We are generous with knowledge and try and respond helpfully to one another
- We feel empowered to make decisions and support each other to do so
- We want to understand how decisions impact one another and seek opinions
- We want to meet to give and learn



Business Plan 2024-25 Strategic Objectives

DATA

Key Priorities

- Continue to push for data to be an integral feature throughout all aspects of our audit lifecycle
- Suite of key, common datasets defined, and that we have access to across the majority of our Partners
- Successfully set up and delivered data-led continuous audit, based on the above data sets



Key Performance Indicator;

- Increase % of audits containing data analytics
- Continue to upskill SWAP team in data literacy
- Demonstrated improvement in company performance information

Key Risk Indicators;

- Percentage of audits utilising data analytics falling
- Not closing the loop not flagging data limitations in our audits, or at a strategic level
- Not effectively capturing and using DA usage in our performance framework

AGILITY

Key Priorities

- Finish rolling out Rolling planning across the Partnership
- Finalise SWAP style agility framework
- Start capturing agility metrics



Key Performance Indicator;

- Reduce time taken to communicate results
- Improve customer satisfaction scores
- Move completely away from concept of 'days'

Key Risk Indicators;

• Still reporting annual, baselined plans next year

REPORTING

Key Priorities

- Transform our strategic reporting format, metrics, and use of AuditBoard as an interactive platform
- Revolutionise Audit Charter
- Use of video audit process explained, for example

Key Performance Indicator;

- Reduced reporting length to Committees
- AuditBoard dashboards used by stakeholders across the Partnership

Key Risk Indicators;

• Reporting to Exec teams and Audit Committees in the same way next year

TECHNOLOGY

Key Priorities

- Increasing utilising technology (AI, automations, NLP, for example) to drive efficiencies, and improve our effectiveness and collaboration
- Increasingly utilise AB to drive company performance information



Key Performance Indicator;

- Demonstrated efficiencies
- Demonstrated new ways of working

Key Risk Indicators;

- Low technology adoption rate
- Same ways of working across the business this time next year



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Strategic Objectives

ETHICS

Key Priorities

- Clear ethical, collaboration and innovation expectations set and embedded to inspire and motivate staff.
- A recognised and applied Code of Ethics that relates to public sector and staff values.
- Diversity and difference is promoted in all business processes.



Key Performance Indicator;

- A business plan that references ethics, innovation and collaboration.
- Improved staff performance and client feedback.
- Tangible evidence of improvements in psychological safety (comfort in feedback giving and receiving)
- Recruitment practices that prioritise diversity and difference.
- Increased collaboration on initiatives from all levels of the organisation.
- Embedded Code of Ethics

Key Risk Indicators;

- Non inclusive decision making and business practice, influenced by bias.
- Code of Ethics is peripheral to everyday practice and not central.

COLLABORATION

Key Priorities

 Leadership training for members of SLT rolled out to Principal Auditors thereafter. (To include emotional intelligence development).



Key Performance Indicator;

- Client feedback recognising 'trusted advisor status.'
- Fewer pastoral issues being escalated to HR.
- Open and external networks.
- Defined succession planning and staff development arrangements.

Key Risk Indicators;

- Poor leadership experienced by the workforce.
- Local delivery prioritised over corporate purpose.
- ELT focus on operations rather than strategy.

INNOVATION

Key Priorities

• SLT is empowered to self-manage and develop innovative and ethical capability through more collaboration.



Key Performance Indicator;

- Innovation sparked from the boundaries of teams (internally and externally), rather than ELT.
- Increased cross team initiatives, leveraging horizontal networks and interdependencies.
- SLT self manging the agenda and operational issues
- Increased delivery on strategic planning and delivery by ELT.

Key Risk Indicators;

• Innovation only generated by ELT and not by those closest to the point of delivery.



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Strategic Objectives

STEWARDSHIP FOR RESILIENCE AND GROWTH

Key Priorities

- To ensure that good governance can be demonstrated
- Achieve sustainable growth in the public sector



Key Performance Indicator;

- Decisions are implemented from the Board of Directors and Owners meeting
- Financial ratio's demonstrating current and future financial health

Key Risk Indicators;

• Adverse variances in financial reporting

DELIVERING WHAT STAKEHOLDERS VALUE

Key Priorities

- Maintain stakeholder communication plan
- Maintain a culture of collaboration and open communication internally and externally



Key Performance Indicator;

- Stakeholder satisfaction scores from surveys
- Implementation rate of stakeholder feedback and suggestions

Key Risk Indicators;

- Decline in stakeholder engagements or participation rates
- Negative stakeholder feedback trends

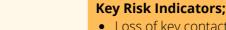
EXERTING INFLUENCE WITHIN OUR SECTOR

Key Priorities

 Actively shaping and contributing to our profession that is recognised by stakeholders

Key Performance Indicator;

- Trusted Advisor status achieved
- Service delivery aligned to industry best practice
- Conformance to EQA



Loss of key contacts or networks in the public sector.

