#### **Debbie Paul**

**Managing Director** 





# Debbie Paul – evaluating the maturity

Richard Thomas – identifying the gaps

Lacey Barnfather – considering the actions

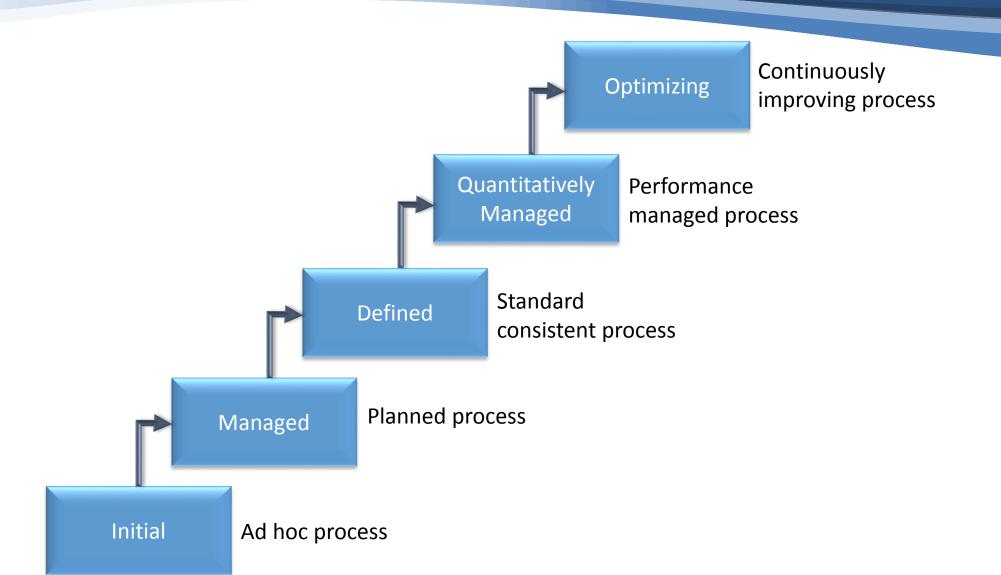


# **BA Maturity Model**

Business **Improvement** Scope **Process Improvement** System **Improvement** 



### **BA Capability Maturity Model**



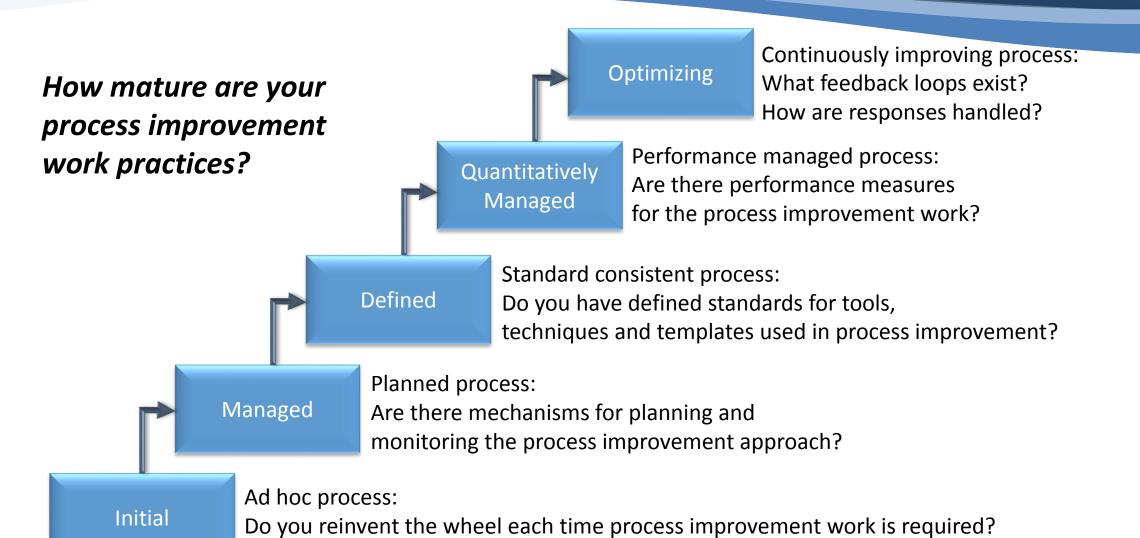


### System Improvement maturity

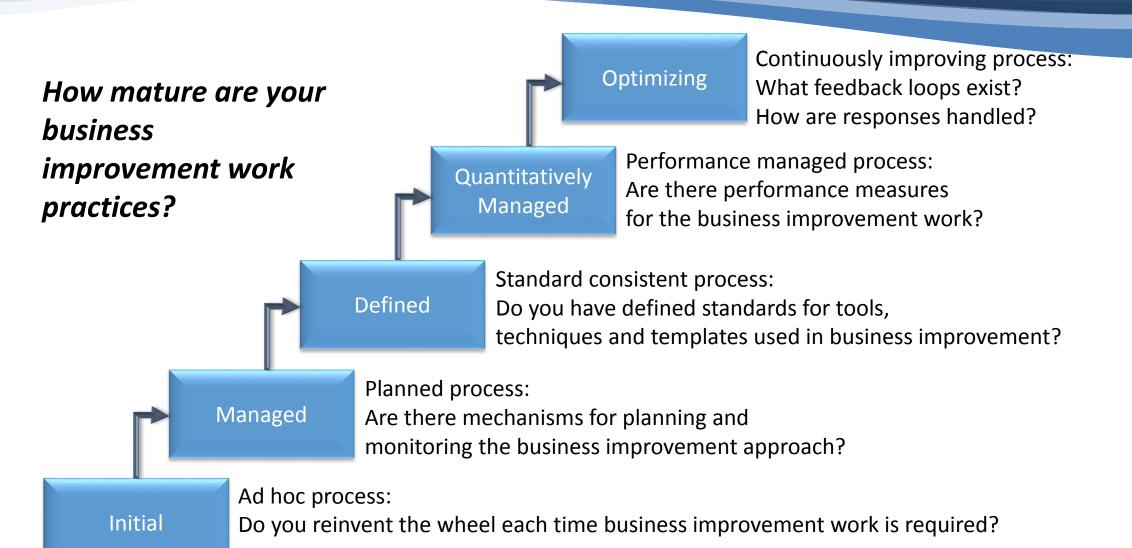
Continuously improving process: **Optimizing** What feedback loops exist? How mature are your How are responses handled? system improvement Performance managed process: work practices? Quantitatively Are there performance measures Managed for the systems improvement work? Standard consistent process: Defined Do you have defined standards for tools, techniques and templates used in systems improvement? Planned process: Managed Are there mechanisms for planning and monitoring the system improvement approach? Ad hoc process: Initial

Do you reinvent the wheel each time system improvement work is required?

### Process Improvement maturity



### Business Improvement maturity



### Exercise 1

Where are you?

Review and discuss your current practice position in the light of the BA Maturity Model and the CMMI for Business Analysis.

You have 15 minutes for this exercise.



#### Richard Thomas

Business Systems Analysis Manager

TfL Information Management



#### Where We Were

- Project based team
- No defined role capabilities or progression plan
- Inflexible Cost Model
- No defined project pipeline
- Limited re-use and sharing of collateral
- Inadequate Benefits Management



### Challenges Faced

- Alignment with P3M3, TMMI and Architecture Maturity
- Identifying a Maturity scale to measure against
- Gaining visibility of business pipeline
- Overlap with Business Partners
- Budget



### Where We're Going

- Continuous improvement programme
  - Business Engagement
  - Practice definition
  - Community of Business Analysts
  - Formation of different BA types
  - Unified analysis tools



#### Where We Are

- Pre-project activities
- Portfolio aligned analysis teams
- Defined capabilities of roles
- Adapted cost model
- Pipeline definition function
- Requirement catalogues for re-use
- Shared analysis collateral and knowledge



### Exercise 2

#### *Identifying the gaps*

Consider the level at which your practice should be operating and identify the gaps to be bridged in order to achieve increased maturity.

You have 15 minutes for this exercise.



### Lacey Barnfather

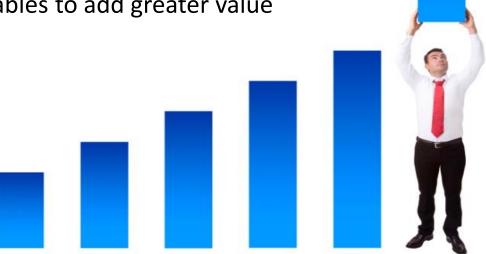
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# Where we got to ....and some of the challenges on the way

- Developed a clear Vision
- Delivered our Practice Transformation plans
  - Changed our Operating model
    - Analysis / Design Managers and teams
  - Partnered the business
  - Upskilled our teams
  - Changed our business deliverables to add greater value





# Where we started.....



#### Skills

- Communication, problem-solving, critical thinking
- Documentation use cases, process models, data models visual modelling
- Facilitation, elicitation
- Self-managing

#### Knowledge

- Technical
- Business
- Customer
- Delivery

A high performing BA

#### **Abilities**

- Build rapport and trust
- Create confidence
- Effective decisionmaking
- Foresight & anticipation of risks
- Leadership
- Verbal communication
- Pragmatism







### Business Analysis Team

What we do.....

#### 'Convert business vision into tangible business value'

How we do it.....

• Act as key trusted partners of the business who through early engagement and thought leadership drive understanding and focus of the business' objectives and translate these into tangible, deliverable requirements in order to achieve optimised design and delivery, ROI and customer experience.

This is achieved by .....

- Early and continuous focus on the customer
- Knowledge of the Business' objectives and challenges
- A high level view of the technical landscape
- Understanding of commercial impacts
- Provision of timely and skilled Business Analysis resources and skills



### Some of the changes and measures

- New BA Manager business partnerships
- Early engagement, scoping, shaping, feasibility, and impact assessments
- New Business focused teams Skills and knowledge (inc other projects)
- Business Requirements traceability to benefits and life cycle management
- Focus on the customer and experience design (personas)
- Peer reviews of documentation
- New requirement, process and customer experience design catalogues and checklists
- Co facilitation / support for workshops

- Positive feedback received from our internal customers regarding the experience of working with us and confidence that the solution solves their business problem / meets their objective
- Time Less than 10% variance to plan for delivery of designs for programmes unless CR raised.
- Usability and Test success Positive feedback once delivered that solution solved customer and business problems and did not create other problems
- Feedback that Customer impact / experience is clearly articulated and understood by the project team

# Some of the challenges

- What do BAs do? Why do we need them? Why should they join our meetings?
- CX who should do it? Round and round we go....
- Benefits isn't that a finance thing?
- I didn't have to do that before, I don't want to do it now
- Capex and Opex constraints
- But I'm not a leader
- Won't all that take longer? Projects take long enough as it is





### Exercise 3

The challenges faced in implementation and how they might be overcome

Consider the challenges and the practical steps you can take in order to achieve increased BA practice maturity.

You have 15 minutes for this exercise.

