# THE BA MANAGER FORUM

# Welcome



# **Forum Matters**

New venue

BA apprenticeship

**Next Event** 



# Forum Topics

Recruitment

Advanced Diploma Measuring value

Career planning

CX

Capability frameworks

**Tools** 

Agile

Manager next steps

Embedding working practices

Coaching

Grow your own

Business case health check

**BA** Apprenticeship

**Expert BA** 

**Business Architecture** 

Marketing BA

Remote working

**Evaluating maturity** 

NLP

Tactical resourcing



# BA Manager Forum November 2017

#### Agenda

09.15 - Welcome and forum matters

09.30 - Round 1 workshops

11.00 - Coffee break (Drawing Room)

11.30 - Round 2 workshops

13.00 - Networking lunch

14.30 - Close



# **Workshop Sessions**

A – Consistency of Requirements *Ulster Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor* 

B – Benefits of the Centralised Practice *Edinburgh Suite* 

C – Enabling Innovation

Cambria – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

D – Product Ownership and the BA role

Ampthill – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor



# Workshop B

# Workshop B – The Benefits of Running a Centralised Practice

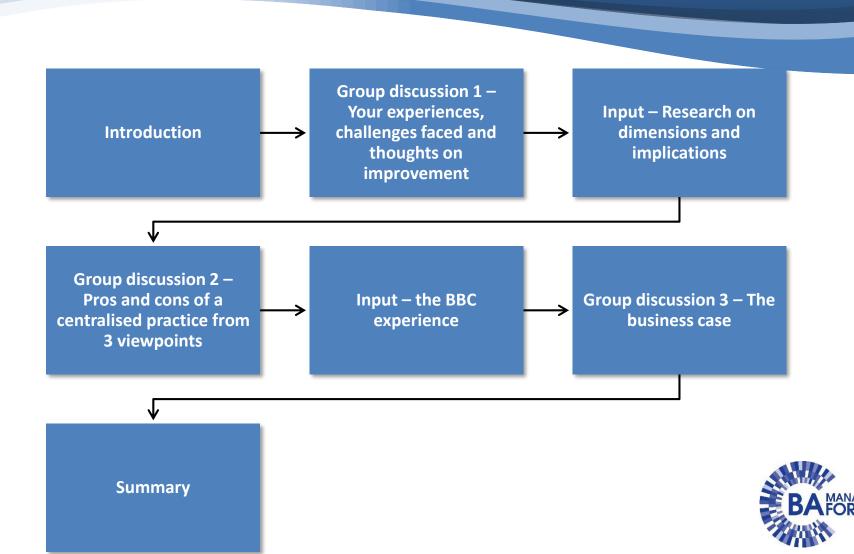


# Session Objectives

- ✓ Knowledge share of different operating models and challenges.
- ✓ Derive a collective view on the pros and cons of a centralised practice.
- ✓ Examine the business case for the central /formalised practice.



# **Running Order**



# **Definition and the Spectrum**

#### **Definition:**

A Community of Practice has been defined as a group of people who 'share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting on an ongoing basis' (Wenger et al., 2002. p.4).

#### **Spectrum:**

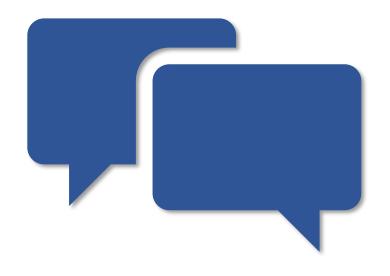
#### Informal Formal

- initiated entirely by members to central pillar of IT and change
- relies on passion of joint enterprise
- runs on enthusiasm and cake

- centralised practice with head of profession
- accounts for resourcing, define standards, recruitment, capability development



# **Group Discussion 1**



#### In your groups, please discuss:

- Current model of operation brief description
- 2. Main challenges faced
- 3. One improvement you would make



### Dimensions of a Centralised Practice

#### **Dimensions**

- Capability focus
- Professional engagement
- Career progression
- Consistent recruitment
- Professional leadership
- Continuity of management



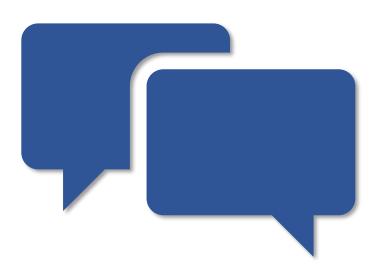
# The Implications

## **Implications**

- Fast paced and messy change benefits from horizontal communication
- Motivated and enlivened staff
- Increased capability
- Retained organisational memory
- Staff retention
- Less reliance on external resources
- Improved use of management time



# **Group Discussion 2**



Discuss the pros and cons of running a centralised practice. Consider three viewpoints:

- 1. Organisation
- 2. BA Manager
- 3. Team member



# **Pros and Cons of the Centralised Practice**

|                 | Pros | Cons |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Organisation    |      |      |
| Practice leader |      |      |
| Team member     |      |      |
|                 |      |      |

# The BBC Business Analysis View

Sarah Bullen & Sandra Sheppard



# Organisation

#### **Challenges**

- An ever changing structure
- Centralised and embedded cycle
- Working at pace
- Complexity of technical integration
- Sustainability



#### **Opportunities**

- BA Community
- Transferrable skill set
- Breadth and depth of knowledge
- Reduce silo's
- Collaboration with experts
- Sustainability & Respect

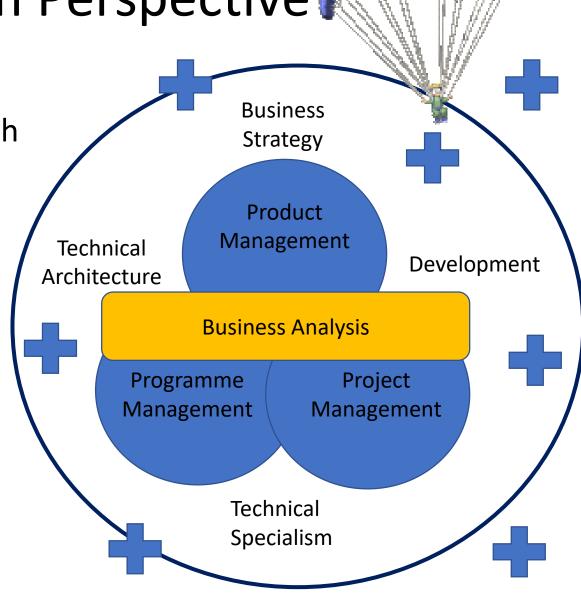
Team Perspective

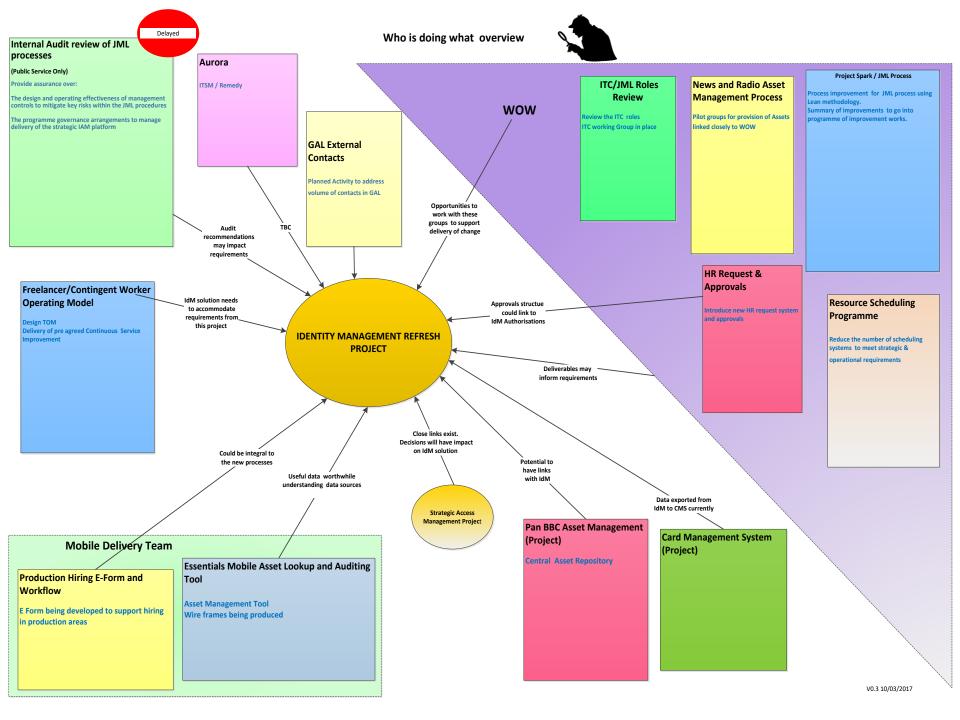
 Variety of complexity of assignment

Too much v not enough information

 Level of engagement and impact

- Where to build strong relationships
- Scope, assess techniques and create....
- Self improvement and continuous learning
- Archive? Re-use and revalidate materials and artefacts





# Leadership

#### Strategic Leadership

- Future development & growth, remain relevant
- Current Influence Artificial Intelligence
- What does that mean for Business analysis?
- External partnering for knowledge share



#### Team Leadership

- Appeal to all levels
- Expertise
  - Business Domain
  - Common process
  - High quality
- Trusted across Business delivery
- Profile
- Sustainability & Respect

# **BBC Business Analysis Community**



Continuous Process Improvement



Visible targets and unique performance reporting



# In Summary

"We are an adaptive central business analysis practice and work in a hybrid operating model"

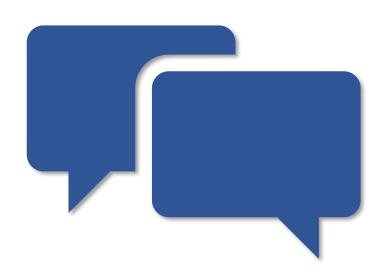
# Thank You

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# **Group Discussion 3**



# Consider making the business case for a centralised practice using the following perspectives:

- 1. Financial what are the tangible costs and benefits? how might the costs and benefits be quantified?
- 2. Risk what are the risks and how might they be handled?



# **Practice Model**

|                    | Organisation<br>Governance | People<br>Skills | Process<br>Standards | IT<br>Tools |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Defined or Decided |                            |                  |                      |             |
| Communicated       |                            |                  |                      |             |
| Applied            |                            |                  |                      |             |

