

Intelligent Governance: Smart Gateways and Sharp Communications

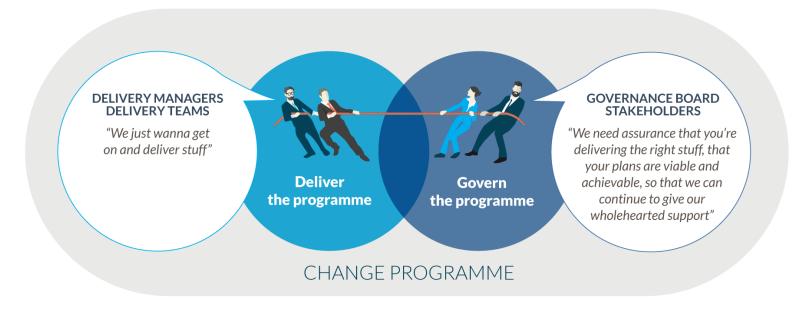






Governance vs Delivery tension





- So what happens if we don't provide / receive this assurance ?
 - loss of reputation, loss of jobs or even the entire business









Governance tools - Gateways



Scheduled formal reviews of the programme :

- to confirm its continued viability (sound investment?)
- aka: Stage Gate, Quality Gate, Checkpoint etc



- ✔ Hold as many Gateways as you want / need to manage the risk (but what's the minimum we can get away with ?)
- Be intelligent :
 - Define the purpose and scope of each Gateway
 - Define the roles and responsibilities of each Gateway
 - Define the possible outcomes of each Gateway
 - Prepare for each Gateway, Learn from each Gateway

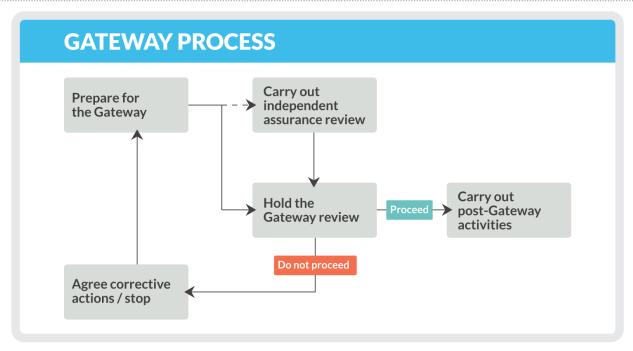


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Outcomes of a Gateway







- The outcome of a Gateway should be one of :
 - o Proceed to next Gateway with caveats : some corrective actions required
 - Proceed to next Gateway : no corrective actions required
 - Do not proceed Fix : some corrective actions required and the Gateway must be repeated
 - Do not proceed Terminate : programme should be stopped (or re-scoped)
- If your Gateways have no teeth, don't bother holding them



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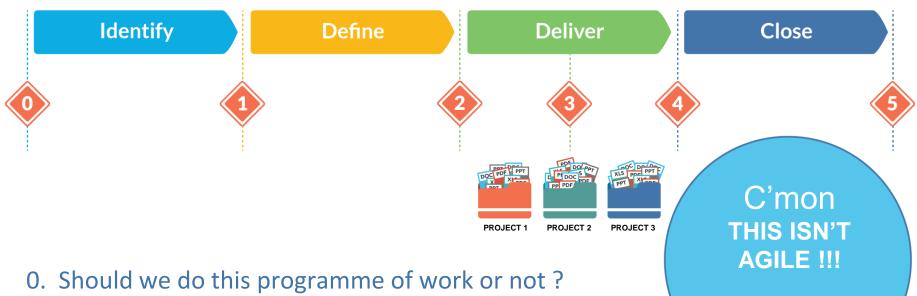






Case studies of smart Gateways in action



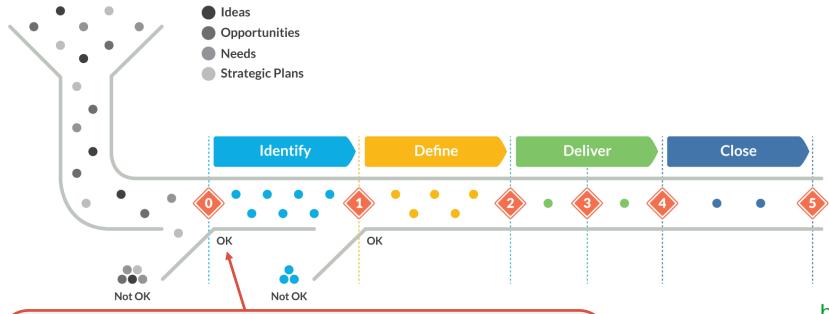


- 1. Are we actually capable of doing it?
- 2. Is it still a valid thing to do, in light of what we've learned?
- 3. Now we're doing it, is it still viable?
- 4. Is everybody ready to put this new service live?
- 5. How was it for you?



Gateway 0 : should we do this programme of work or not ?





- Will it help us achieve our strategic outcomes ?
- Is it justified and a worthwhile use of resource?
- Is it aligned with our strategic architecture ?
- Do we have the (risk) appetite?
- What gets moved down the priority list if we do this?





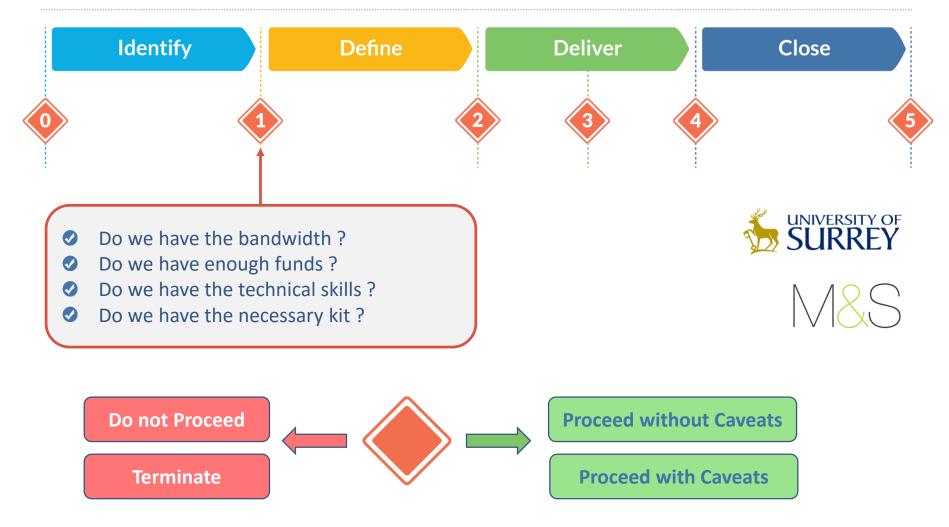






Gateway 1: are we actually capable of doing it?





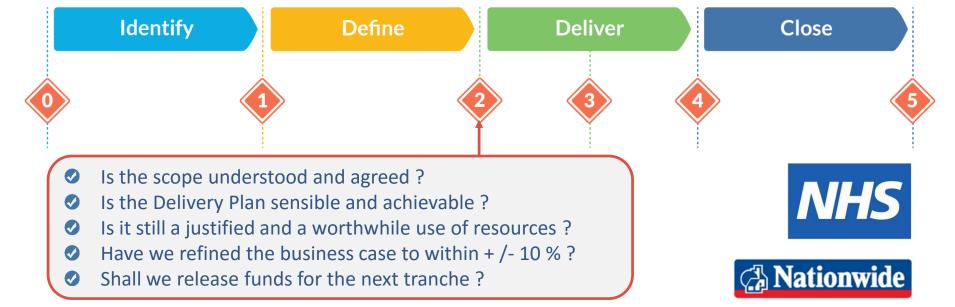






Gateway 2: is it still a valid thing to do?





Now we know what we know, does it still make sense?

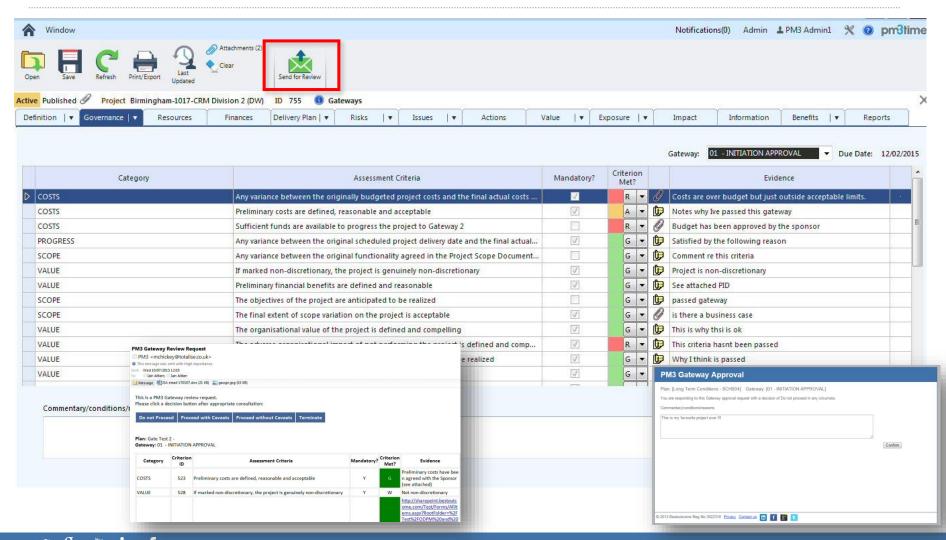






Gateway 2: is it still a valid thing to do?









Gateway 3: now we're doing it, is it still viable?





- Is the programme still viable :
 - o does the business case still stack up?
 - o are we still capable of delivering it?
- Is the quality acceptable?
- Is everyone committed and ready to continue?









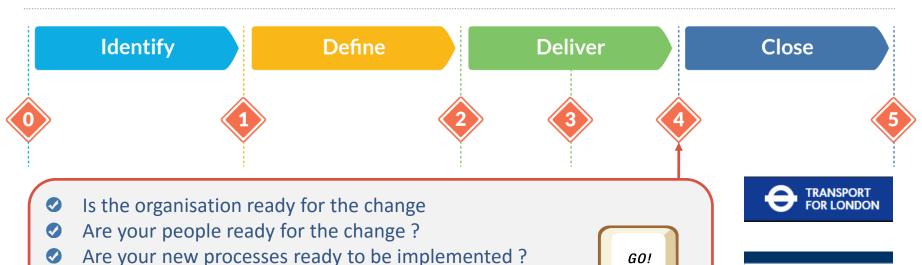
"After the introduction of Project Process, a number of projects were cancelled at an early stage because there was no valid business case for these projects. It highlighted this at a very early stage"





Gateway 4: are we ready to put this new service live?





Ask all these questions before pressing the button

Is any new technology ready to be implemented?



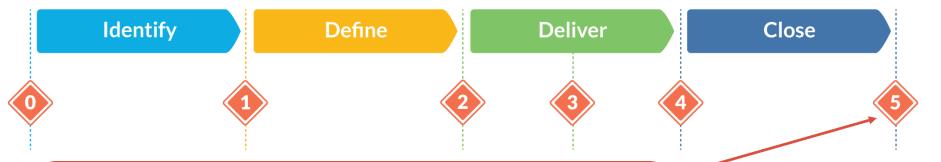




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Gateway 5: how was it for you?





- Are we able / ready to close ?
- Have the desired outcomes been achieved?
- Is on-going responsibility for benefits realization assigned?
- Have all outstanding risks been transferred to the business?

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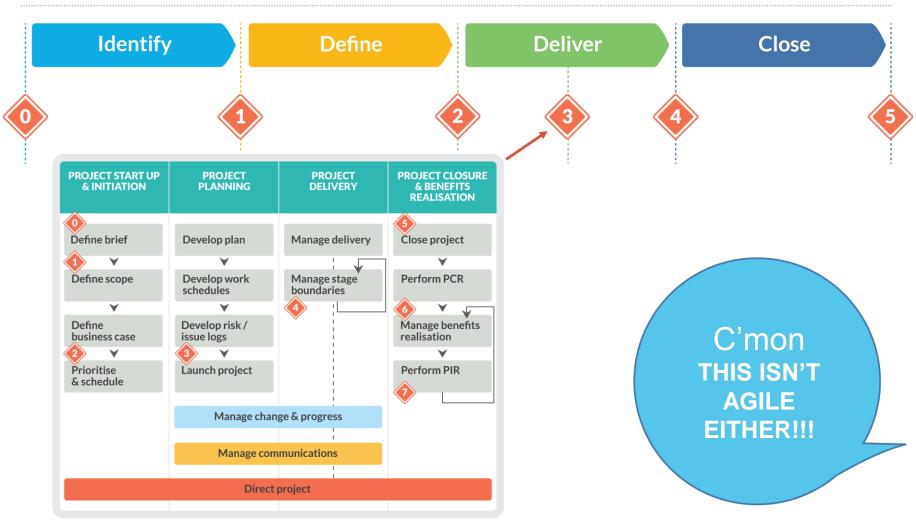


- Harvest best practices and lessons learnt
- Establish knowledge champions
- Reward people for using processes
- Do pre-engagement reviews



Programme or project?



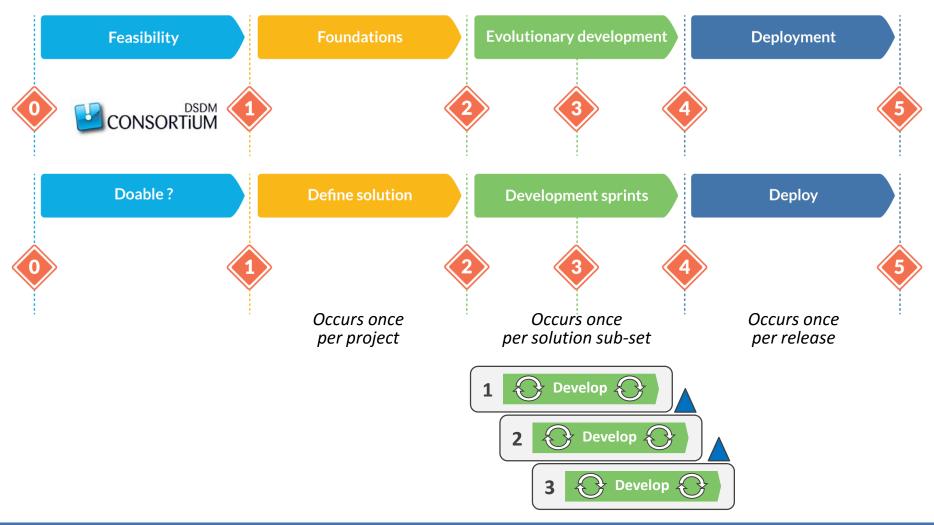






Agile Gateways - examples











One size does not fit all



- Does every programme and every project need to pass through every Gateway?
- Define a Governance Approach for the programme :
 - How many Gateways do we need / want
 (and what's the minimum we can get away with) ?
 - O What's the purpose of each Gateway ?
 - O Who participates in each Gateway ?
 - Owho makes the pass / do not pass decision ?
 - O What questions need to be asked in order to make decision ?
 - How much prep is needed for each Gateway (and what's the minimum we can get away with)?

Governance Approach







Summary: intelligent governance





- Smart Gateways
 - Gateways must have teeth
 - One size doesn't fit all governance strategy
 - o Plan, prepare, learn, follow-up



- Sharp communications with your stakeholders
 - Don't assume, inform
 - Don't just talk, listen
 - Set up a comms drumbeat





















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