

Building High Performing Teams Through Behavioural Change

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Welcome

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Safety Moment

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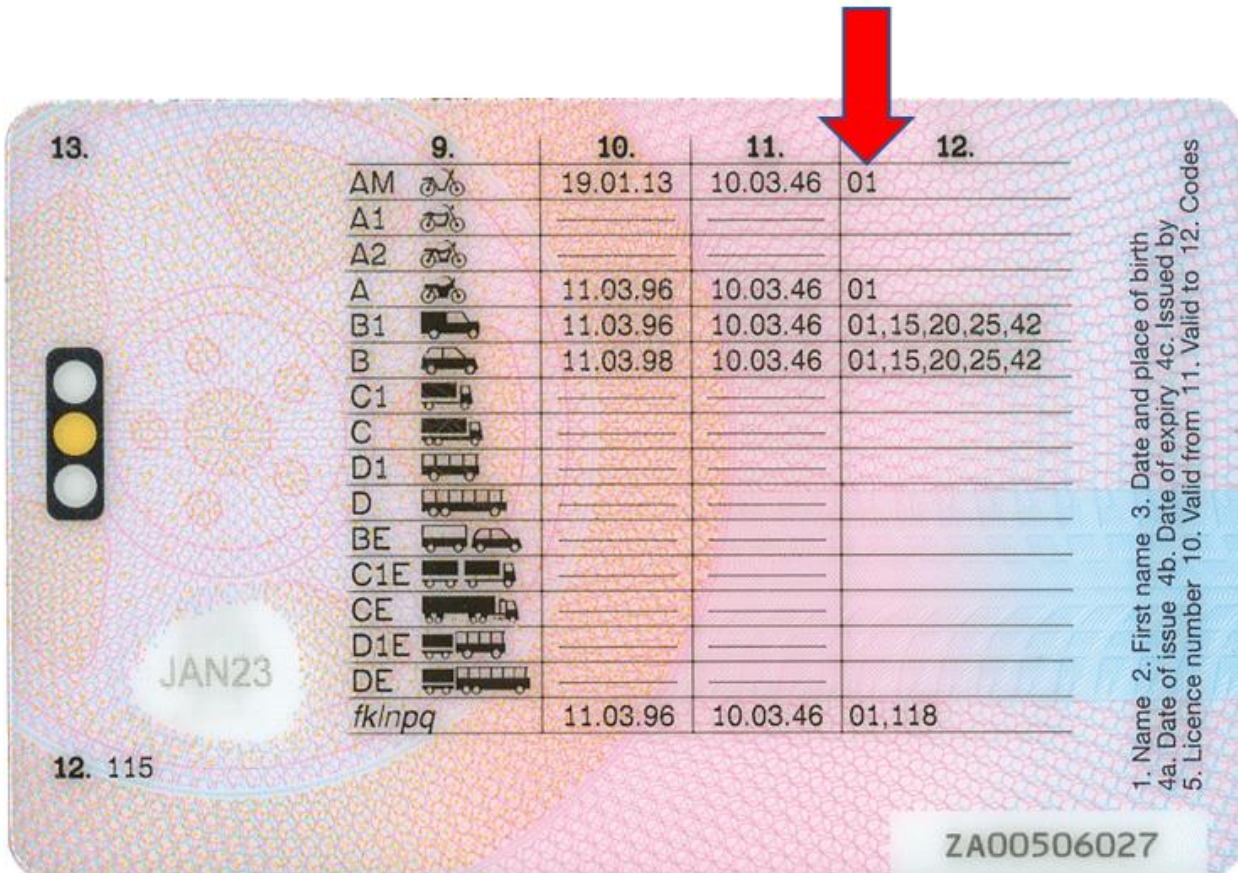
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Martin Bolt

Head of Lean

Introduction

What is the silver bullet to increase productivity

What we have learnt from visits **TOYOTA**

- ✓ **Lean thinking** is embraced
- ✓ **Quality** Focussed
- ✓ **Customer** is a key driver
- ✓ **Empowerment** to reduce waste



What are the most important learnings:

- ✓ **Top Down Management.**
- ✓ **Clear Leadership** and Vision.
- ✓ **A culture and behaviours** that are embedded in continuous improvement.
- ✓ **Bottom-up approach** enabling people/teams to make improvements
- ✓ **Toyota trust people** to drive productivity and improvement forward



The 'Why'
Business
Performance
Improvement

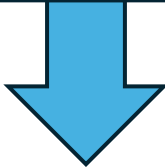
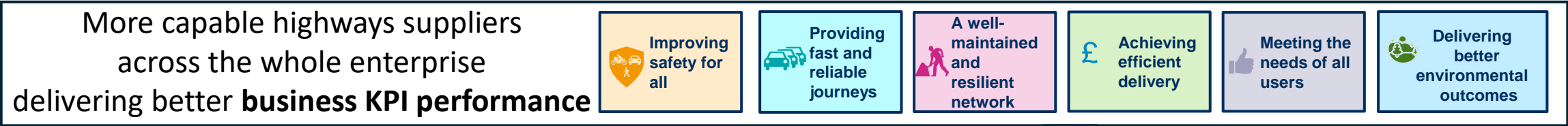


Sadia Ahmed

Team Lead Supply Chain
Development

Supply Chain Development

National Highways Supplier Development System – critical capabilities for high performance in RIS3



Supplier Development System

- ✓ Helps suppliers of all sizes align their capabilities with National Highways’ performance outcomes
- ✓ Suppliers have demonstrated improved business performance using SDS
- ✓ Created with suppliers, with NH subject matter experts and with NH businesses
- ✓ SDS is a contractual requirement in current and future contracts



Good at the basics	Delivering Safely
	Predictable & efficient delivery: time, cost, quality
	Customer centric delivery & operation
Continuous improvement	Environmental sustainability & decarbonisation
	Deployment of Digitalisation
	Modern delivery methods and productivity
Progressive values & behaviours	Action on social value & EDI
	Collaborative enterprise / aligned practices
	Motivating leading performance, culture & change

National Highways Supplier Development System – critical capabilities for high performance in RIS3

Our Supplier Development System has proved to be very successful in helping suppliers develop their capabilities, achieve significant maturity growth and improve performance on the ground. Our refreshed system provides direction and support to all highways suppliers in building capability to deliver future performance outcomes. So please register and turbocharge your capability to perform well in our sector!

Stefan Jastak Supply Chain Development Group Lead

- Free easy access to development tool
- Free access to huge learning & development resources in Supply Chain School to develop skills and capabilities
- Automatic, tailored development plans with L&D resources
- Helps signpost suppliers to the right tools for their development
- Scalable to small companies with support from NH & contractors
- Works in tandem with Roads Academy leadership programmes



Supplier Development capable & engaged highways suppliers delivering better business performance



Improving Behaviours Improving Performance
Supply Chain Leadership Forum
8th April 2025

Collaborative Behaviours

The Critical Role of the Leader

Gabby Parker



Leatitia Dobson



Qualified Coaches, Team Coach & Facilitators. Experienced Organisational Development Practitioners

Behaviours – Did you know?

Organisations that report **higher than average trust** experience **gross margins 2 to 7% greater** than the industry norm
(FMI Consulting & AutoDESK, 2020)

Organisations where **challenge is treated as conflict** can experience a **loss of two hours per week per employee**; or **5% loss of productivity**
(Tjosvold, Wong, & Chen, 2019)

Organisations with **effective communication** have been shown to achieve **47% higher returns over 5 years**
(Schneider, 2018)

Organisations that report **higher levels of leadership accountability** are more likely to be **high performing**
(Molinaro, 2017)

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- Provides clarity about how we expect our people to behave in collaborative teams and provides a **consistent language** to support this



- It improves the ability of **teams to deliver** collaboratively; keeping to schedule, **saving in time and cost.**



- Multi-organisational teams build shared understanding and find **collective resolutions**



- By referring to a behavioural framework , teams can **identify** positive and negative behaviours, address them, and make **targeted behavioural interventions**



- Encourages the right behaviours by creating the **right environment** for individuals and teams **to excel** and work effectively.



- Enables us to **develop and maintain working relationships**

High Performing Teams



Introduce yourself

What is a high performing team to you?

Share a story where behaviours have had an impact in your work?

Why are behaviours important to you?

What behaviours do you see here?



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6n7mB-P2_M4



Build Trust



Align Goals, Achieve Together



Communicate Openly, Engage Others



Adapt with Intention



Own It



Challenge with Curiosity

What we do:

We help create and sustain
high performing integrated teams



Why we do it:

To help successfully deliver
project outcomes and KPIs



Enable the right environment, behaviours and attitudes

Your personal trainer for your behavioural goals



High-Performing
Teams Workshops

Individual/Team
Coaching

Conflict Resolution

IBIP Implementation
Route Map

Behavioural
Observations

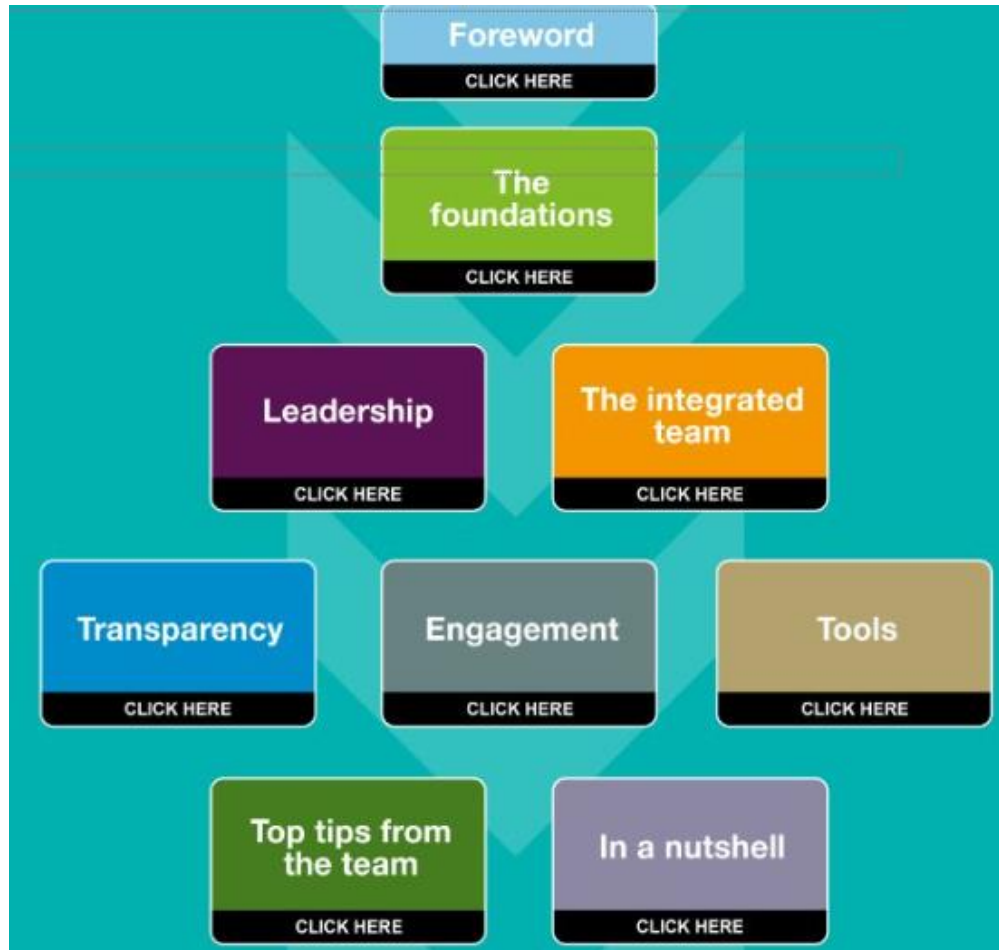
Collaborative
Behaviour Training

Best Practice &
Lessons
Shared/Learned

Behavioural Skills
Development

Measures &
Reporting

Specialist
Behavioural
Consultancy



There is a consistent focus on behaviours and

- The project is currently being delivered on programme and within budget.
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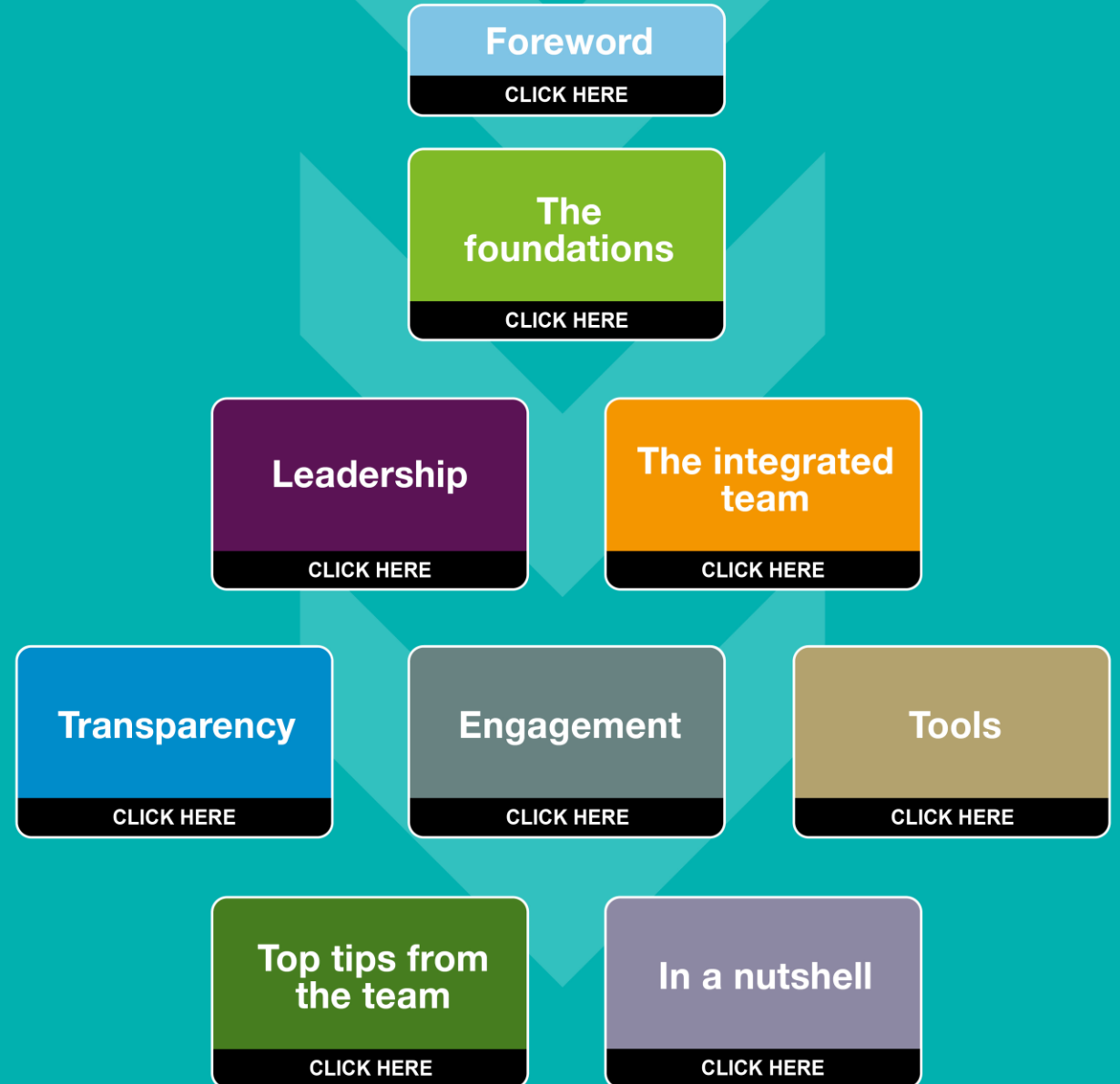
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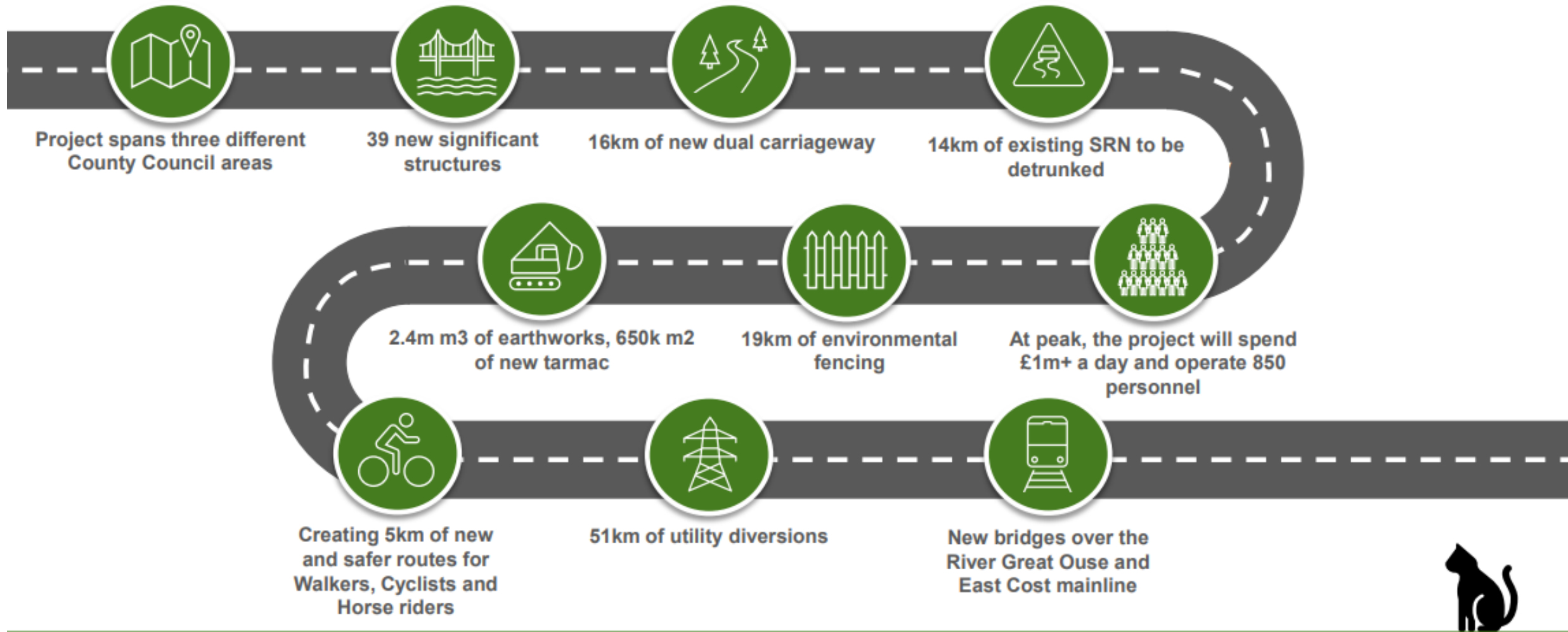


**Sarah Hough,
Head of People
and Legacy**
- Skanska A428
Black Cat to Caxton
Gibbet project

- Trained IBIP Coach, Facilitator & Enabler
 - Working with IBIP behaviours since 2017
- My project role is responsible for:
 - Behaviours
 - Social Value
 - EDI
 - Internal Comms



A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvement scheme



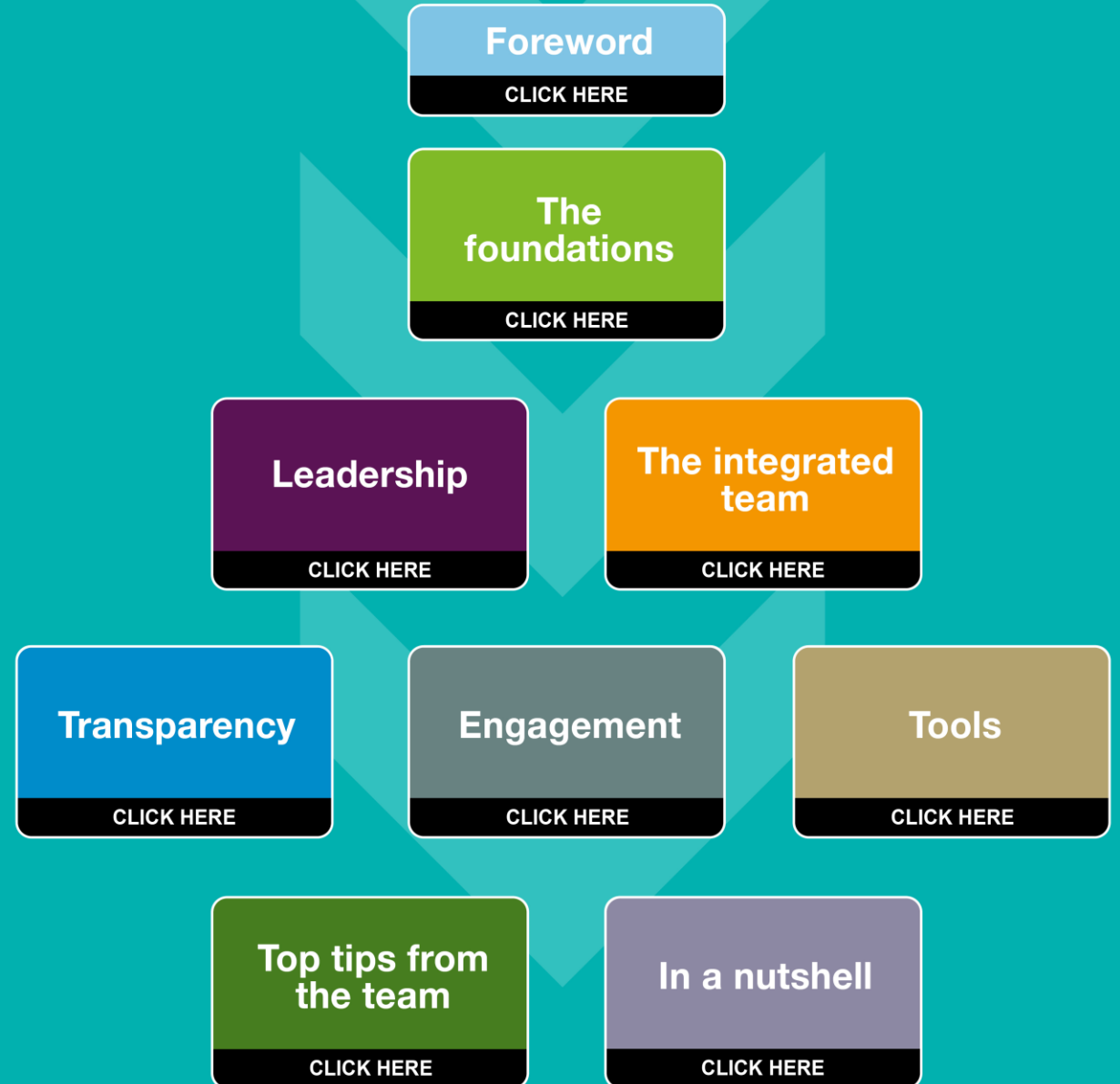
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The project vision and values – how?

The SLT invested time as a group, identifying the project's vision and values.

A shared vision quickly became clear, however, with multiple partners, there were many different values to consider.

To agree the project values, the collective list of values was shared with all the project members. They were asked to vote on the values that resonated most with them and which they felt were most important to the project. As a result, the five values chosen reflected the views of the whole project team.

As a consequence, they are owned by the integrated project team.

The foundations

The A428 vision and values



	Safety we care for each other and ensure everyone goes home safely
	Integrity we hold ourselves to the highest moral standards
	Honesty we are open and transparent with each other
	Teamwork through collaborative working we behave as 'one team'
	Inclusive everyone is valued and has a voice



The foundations

The shared success model



The semi circle represents the required key outcomes for each organisation on the A428 Project to be successful

By understanding these key outcomes we are able to support each other to achieve 'Shared Success'

The foundations

The A428 behaviours



Our behaviours – why?

The project behaviours set the tone and support the desired culture of the project.

- They support the delivery of the project through effective teamwork.
- They provide a framework which everyone has committed to 'role-model' and be held accountable for.

How?

The SLT discussed which behaviours were most important to the project, and identified two additional behaviours over and above the six IBIP behaviours. These behaviours were considered to be critical in driving performance to ensure delivery.



Decision Making

We share information, openly and willingly, involve the right people in decisions and take decisions in an effective, timely manner.



Accountability

We ensure commitments are clearly agreed and kept, and people hold themselves and others to account.



Constructive Challenge

We are open to challenge and different ideas, and speak our own minds even in difficult situations.



Improvement and Innovation

We challenge the status quo to find better ways of working and create an environment which allows this to happen without fear of failure.



Communication and Engagement

We communicate with each other in the best possible way to ensure understanding, and create commitment to deliver on our purpose.



Trust and Respect

We recognise and encourage the contribution of others, We act with integrity in everything we do: we say what we do and we do what we say.

In addition to the six IBIP behaviours, the project has identified two additional behaviours important to it's success.

Purpose & Determination

We keep focused on the required outcome and persevere to get things done.

Positivity & Energy

Our mindset is 'we can do that' and we are enthusiastic when addressing difficult challenges.



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The leadership team fundamentally believe in the contribution behaviours have in achieving the project outcomes. The leadership team invest time and energy in role-modelling and driving the vision and values, and positive behaviours across the project.



Leadership

Role-modelling the behaviours

The integrated project team has been created by identifying and cultivating leaders who demonstrate the following qualities:

Committed to the shared vision, authentically living the project values

Transparent about project performance, including: costs, schedule and risks

Continually driving **focus** on the outcomes in the shared success model

Demonstrate courage to do things differently and try new things

Prioritise behaviours and **build relationships** from the start of the project

Empower people to take ownership of their work to achieve shared success

Role-model behaviours and **hold themselves accountable** for doing so

Actively engage in behavioural conversations

Inspire the rest of the project team

Show willingness to learn from others and focus personally on developing their own behaviours



The main purpose of the A428 Strategic Leadership Team is to define the strategic vision for the A428, to communicate that vision, and to motivate and persuade others to achieve that vision. The vision will be delivered through the role modelling of our Values and Behaviours.

Leadership

Strategic leadership objectives with a focus on behaviours

Strategic Leadership Team objectives

The key objectives of the SLT.

- Define and communicate the vision and clear objectives.
- Motivate and facilitate the wider team members to embrace the vision.
- Be the 'custodians' of the project's ambitions, behaviours and values.
- Role-model the behaviours that support the project's vision and values.
- Develop and implement reward and incentive schemes.
- Identify and address threats to the delivery of the vision, and find solutions to even the most challenging problems that may affect project delivery.
- Execute organisational change.
- Work towards helping each other achieve our aims and goals.

What does it look like?

Regular Performance meetings drive accountability with of all elements of the project. Achievements, risks, and a look ahead with any requests for support are addressed for each area of the project, including "people".

The leadership team have identified ways of holding themselves and others accountable in order to focus on the project outcomes and behaviours.

The leadership team give time to reflect on their behaviours. There is a standing item on SLT agendas focusing on behaviours.

Open and honest conversations take place with partner organisations and the shared success model is reviewed regularly. When an organisation leaves the project, the status of their success factors is assessed.

There is complete transparency as to whether their success factors have been achieved or not.



What have we done recently to embed Vision, Values and Behaviours

- What have you done personally in the last two weeks to role model our values and behaviours?
- How have you encourage others?
- What behaviours have you experienced across the SLT?
- What behaviours have you experienced across the project team?



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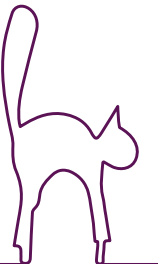
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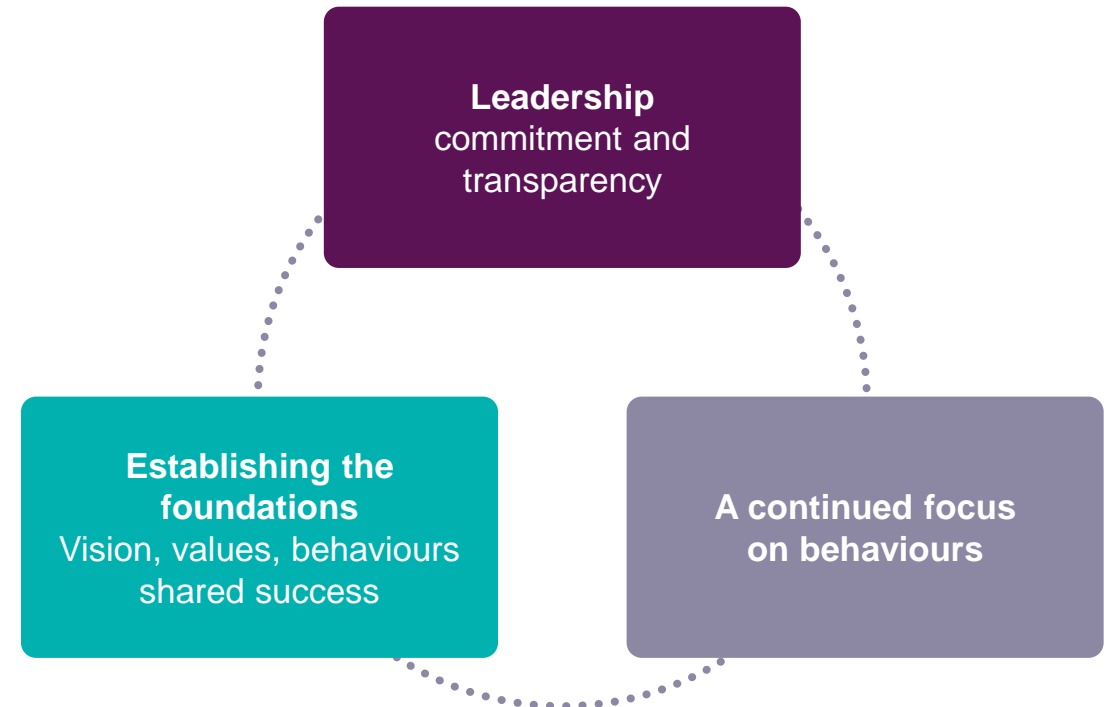
In a nutshell

Critical takeaways



The A428 approach has provided the following tangible delivery benefits:

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- Consistently high performance CPF scores of 9-10.
- Attainment of the highest IBIP maturity level 5.
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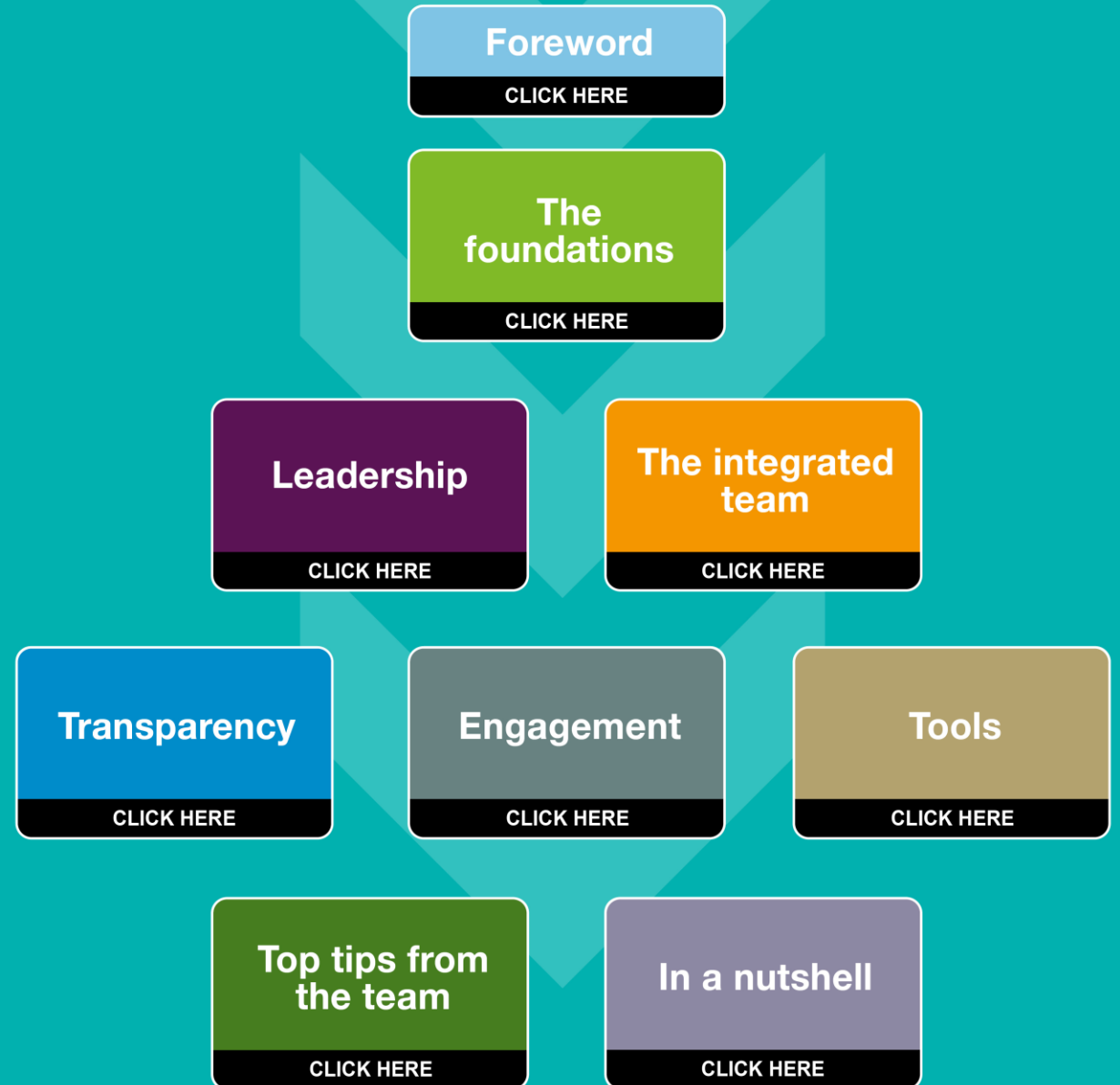
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10 minutes

Esther Perel

Couples' therapist.

Over the last 7 – 10 years, Esther has started identifying parallels between the approaches to maintaining healthy personal relationships and healthy relationships in work and has started sharing her wisdom in business platforms.



SXSW

Understanding the Emotional Bank Account:

Coined by renowned author Stephen Covey in his book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, the emotional bank account represents the trust and emotional connection we establish with others.

Trust

Think of trust like a 'bank account'.
The balance of the account can be positive or negative, depending on the number of deposits and withdrawals made.



High opening balance

My default is to trust you until you prove otherwise



Low or nil opening balance

My default is not to trust you until you prove otherwise



Deposits

Positive interactions that strengthen our relationships. By consistently making these deposits we build trust, enhance communication, and foster collaboration



Tend to be smaller amounts



Withdrawals

Negative interactions that weaken our relationships. If we continuously behave in a manner that erodes trust without making enough deposits, our trust bank account becomes depleted



Tend to be larger amounts

*Share an example of a difficult relationship at work
that causes you problems*



- How might you do something differently to help build the trust and effectiveness within that relationship?

OR

- Share a situation where you have turned a difficult relationship around.

Build Trust



We foster genuine relationships with honesty, openness, and support.

Communicate Openly, Engage Others



We are transparent, listen actively and ask questions to create understanding.

Align Goals, Achieve Together



We unite around a shared vision to drive effective decisions and joint outcomes.

Own It



We are accountable, honour commitments and contribute to collective success.

Challenge Considerately



We seek understanding, we are curious, open to challenge and share feedback to drive win-win solutions.

Adapt with Intention



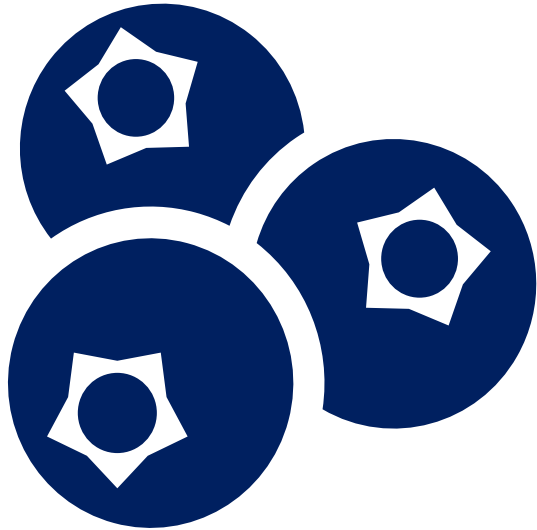
We adopt a flexible mindset to reflect, adjust, decide and act swiftly.

LUNCH!



XX mins

BOMB!



SHIELD



Build Trust:



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Examples of when I'm living this include ...

Everyone...

- I treat others with respect for who they are, not just for their role or title.
- I handle what others share with me with care, confidentiality, and respect.
- I openly share my challenges and acknowledge my limitations.
- I actively build and nurture genuine relationships and connections.
- I do what I say I'm going to do.

Additional manager / leader focus ...

- I create space for the team to build and strengthen relationships with each other.
- I set clear expectations for how my team treats one another and address inappropriate behaviour.
- I role model prioritising relationships, especially during challenges, by staying honest, supportive, and respectful.

Examples of when I'm living this include ...

Everyone...

- I show preferential treatment to people based on their role or seniority.
- I take credit for others' work to enhance my own reputation.
- I withhold my true thoughts and feelings when communicating with others.

Additional manager / leader focus ...

- I lead with authority alone without building authentic team connections.
- I make decisions without considering the team impact, weakening trust and respect.
- I allow behaviour within my team and the broader organisation that is not respectful and / or erodes trust.

Communicate Openly, Engage Others:



We are transparent, listen actively and ask questions to create understanding.

Examples of when I'm living this include ...

Everyone...

- I share information, updates, and decisions promptly to keep everyone informed.
- I actively listen to others' perspectives and seek to understand before responding.
- I engage stakeholders beyond my team to ensure they feel informed, valued, and included.
- I use plain language to promote clarity and alignment.
- I raise issues as soon as I notice them without delay.

Additional manager / leader focus ...

- I share key insights that drive clarity, alignment, and informed decision-making across teams.
- I address when team members are not being open and honest in their communications.
- I encourage my team to actively listen, ask questions and share insights with each other.
- I deliver clear and consistent communication and engage actively across the project to promote alignment.

Examples of when I'm living this include ...

Everyone...

- I treat information as power, being overly selective in what I share.
- I only listen to opinions that accord with my own, or from people like me.
- I hold back on asking clarifying questions for fear of seeming uninformed.
- I prioritise speed over clarity, leaving room for misinterpretation.
- I overlook how my communication style impacts different audiences.

Additional manager / leader focus ...

- I allow silos to form, limiting open communication and engagement.
- I limit discussions by asking closed questions and lacking curiosity about my team's input.
- I encourage my team to withhold information.

*How might an increase in any of these **behaviours** improve performance in your teams?*

- 1) Which behaviours would you benefit from seeing demonstrated more often?
- 2) What benefits would there be if you saw an increase in the behaviours you have identified?



Reflecting on your role as a leader of a high performing team

In pairs, ask each other these questions



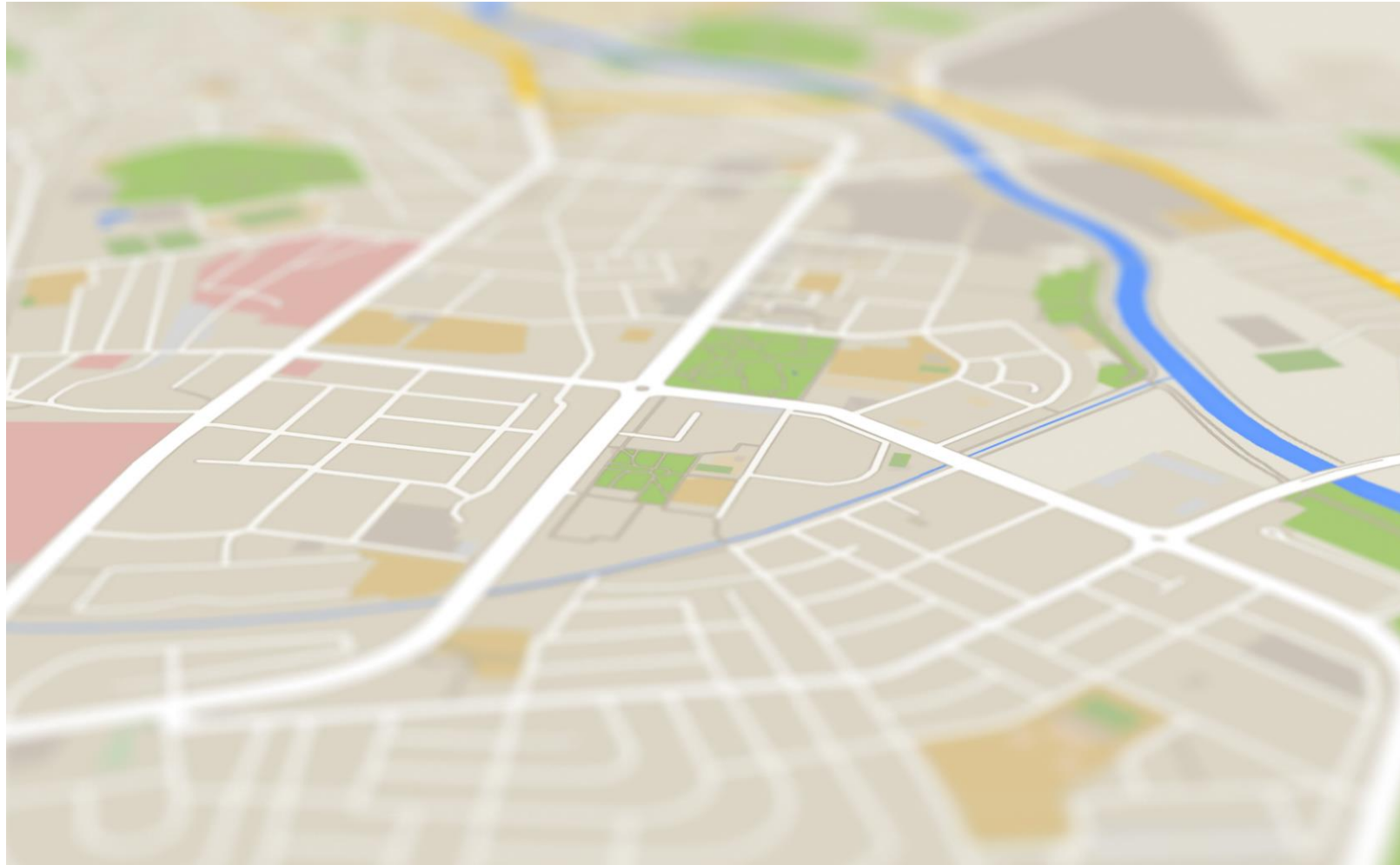
a) What behaviour could you personally refocus or increase?

b) What will make that a reality?



10 minutes

Where could you start on a behaviours focused journey?





Discuss behaviours with your teams

What do your team members think about current behaviours?

What is productive and what is unproductive?

What behavioural commitments can you agree to as a team?

Increase the level of focus and hear people's perspectives and needs

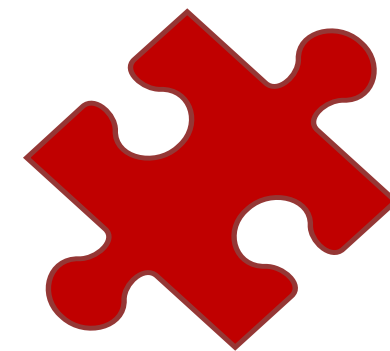
Role Model and Call it Out!



- ✓ Lead the way
- ✓ Make it matter to you
- ✓ Highlight and recognise where you see it working well
- ✓ Share stories that highlight the behaviours that make the difference

Build it into the way you work

- Regular team meetings – reflect on the behaviours
- Build it into colleague surveys
- Workshops – create a focus within workshops to discuss what works well and what needs improving
- Communications – review communications to see identify connections to the behaviours and find ways to highlight positive behaviours.
- Include behaviours within performance objectives



1. Where do **you** see your **opportunity to influence the behaviours** across your teams?
2. How can **you build** this into your **ways of working** ?
3. What's the **one thing** you want to pay attention to when it comes to **behaviours personally**?



Look out for behavioural webinars within the Supply Chain Webinar Plans



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