

## Agile QuickStart

### Reducing the risk of your Agile transformation

*Many organisations recognise the benefits Agile can offer, but have concerns about the risks involved in implementing a new methodology.*

*There are several 'mainstream' flavours of Agile; without practical experience of these, it can be difficult to decide which is the right one for your organisation. Also, should you pick a methodology 'off the shelf' and adopt it without significant customisation, or create something more tailored to the culture of your organisation?*

### Implementing Agile

An Agile approach in many cases can dramatically improve project outcomes. However, introducing a new methodology is not without risk.

Agile places a focus on 'evolving and adapting'. However, many organisations find their first projects difficult and not the success they hoped for, and sometimes this goes back to the way they have approached the transition to Agile. In reality, implementing Agile involves making a series of choices, and in many cases it is how an organisation decides to 'go agile' which will determine how successful the outcome will be.

### How We Can Help

Applying experience we have gained working with both smaller and large organisations, we have developed an **Agile QuickStart** service designed to help companies trial, implement and transition to Agile quickly, and at low risk.

We offer impartial, pragmatic advice on which flavour – or blend of flavours – of Agile would best fit your organisation; give you a 'heads up' on the typical problems you will encounter and ways to overcome them; and explore how your software development processes will need to change to fully realise the benefits of going Agile.

### Agile QuickStart

Our **Agile Quickstart** service focuses on helping you implement Agile quickly and successfully, recognising the specific desires, challenges and ethos of your organisation.

**Agile Quickstart** incorporates the following steps:

- *Understand your business drivers and reasons for wanting to go Agile*
- *Help you understand what flavour of Agile will work best for you*
- *Understand the changes to behaviours and business processes you may need to embrace to realise the benefits of Agile*
- *Create a clear, concise roadmap and transition plan*
- *Identify the likely issues that you will encounter together with appropriate countermeasures*

Whilst our focus is on working with you to develop a roadmap and transition plan that you can then implement, we are also able to offer services to help you follow through, including consultancy, agile training, mentoring and transition management.

### Benefits

**Agile QuickStart** delivers a range of benefits:

- **Increased awareness** of Agile, coupled with a thorough understanding of the risks and issues you are likely to encounter during the transition phase and through your first project
- **Reduced risk** of project failure
- **Increased confidence** that the Agile approach you take will work within your organisation, short and long term

### Duration

Typically, in delivering our **Agile QuickStart** service, we spend between 5 and 10 days on site with each customer.



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