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Risk performance – how well are your risks assessed?

Let's give decision makers something they didn't know existed ...

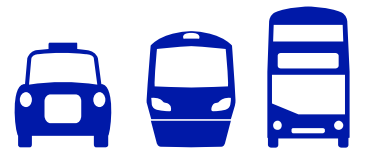


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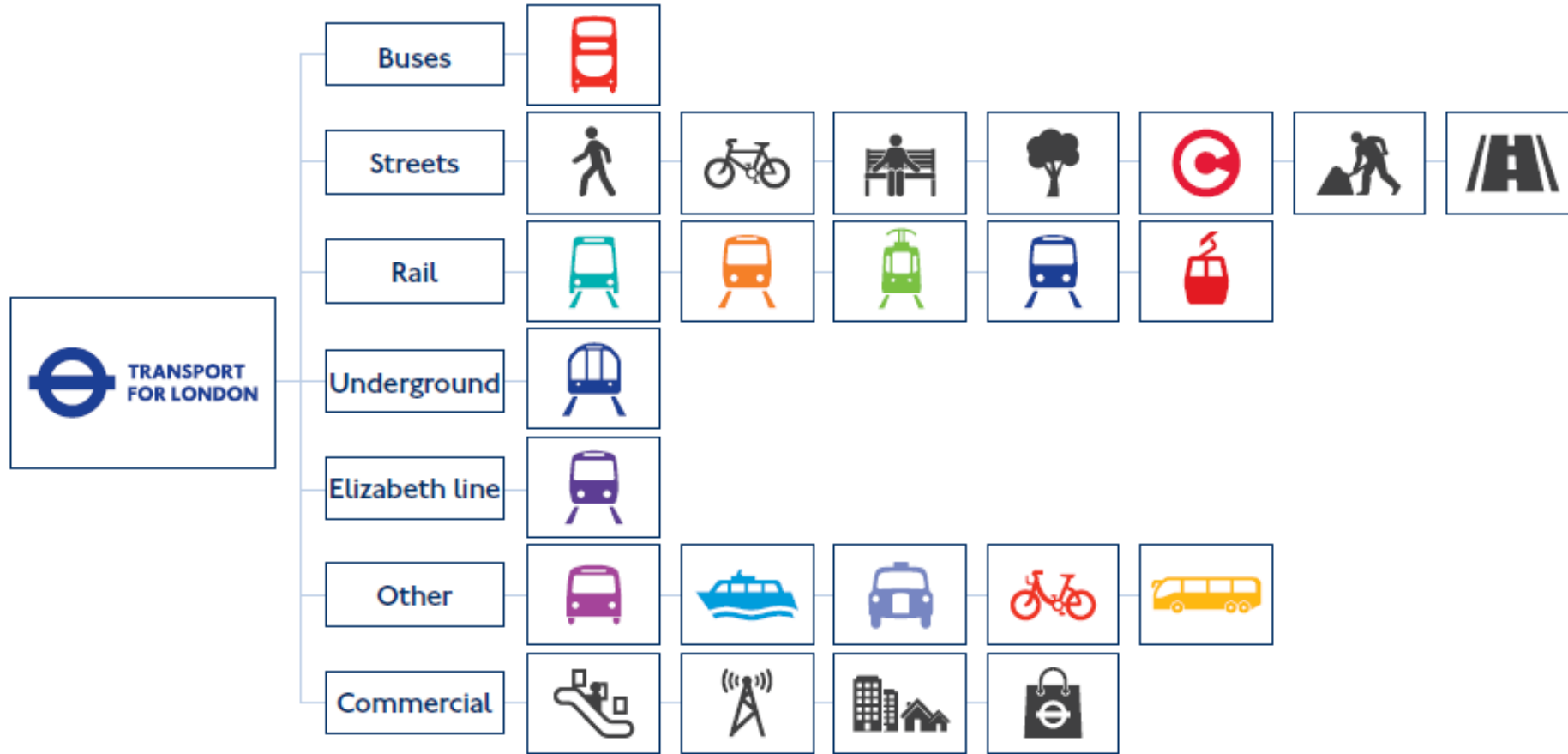
Agenda

- What we do
- Our Risk Management setup
- Risk through our project lifecycle
- The assessment of the assessment
- Conclusion / Questions

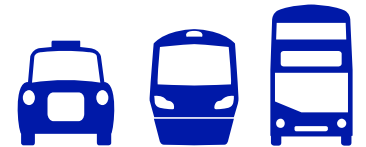
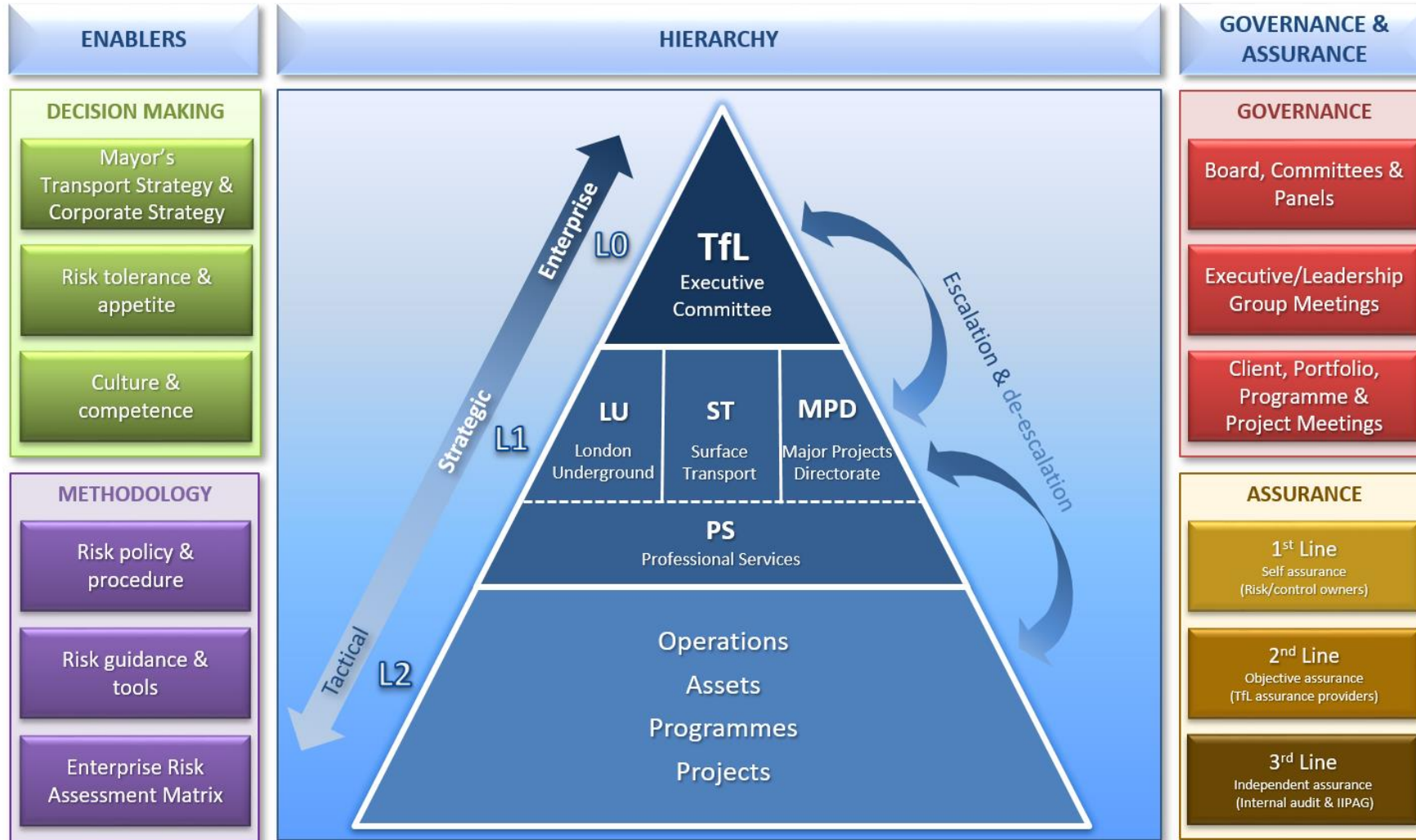


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What we do



Enterprise Risk Management Framework (ERMF)



Scaling our approach

Bigger Projects

Risk register

- Detailed quantified risk register
- Built up by Risk team

Risk budget/ Exposure

- Thorough top down review / QRA
- Regularly revisited by Risk team

Review cycle

- Periodic/ monthly
- Led by Risk team

£15m total EFC (estimated final cost) or type of project

Smaller Projects

Risk register

- Qualitatively assessed mini risk register (5-10 risks)
- Built up by Delivery team

Risk budget/ Exposure

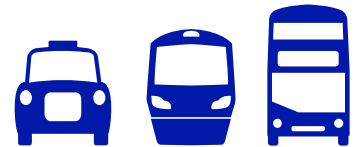
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- As required/ quarterly
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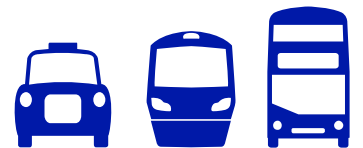


Our approach



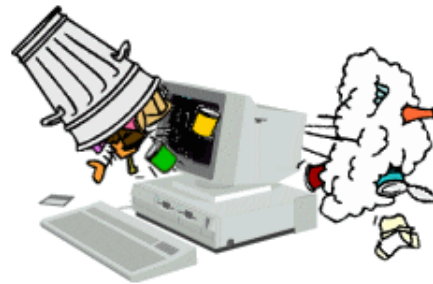
Questions from the decision makers

- Decision makers do not read lengthy and detailed Risk Analysis reports prior to making decisions on investment funding
- The decision makers questioning on the outputs of a risk assessment is usually limited to:
 - a) What type of assessment has been undertaken?
 - b) How does the risk provision benchmark against other similar projects?
 - c) What are the top threats and opportunities in the risk register and what mitigations are planned against them?
 - d) How is the risk provision phased?
 - e) Is the level of risk within our risk appetite?
- But there is still more information out there ...

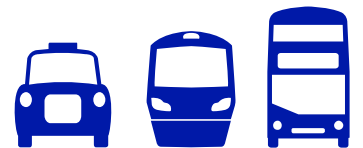


What can we do to drive value

- Strengthen the decision making process
 - a) What are the most 'sensitive' risks on the project
 - b) What risks have been excluded from the analysis
 - c) What key are assumptions have been made and which of those if proved false would deem the analysis invalid
 - d) What the QCRA output graphs are telling us by way of P20, 50, 80, etc.
- Even if the decision makers are given all of this added information, they are still missing one key bit of information – how mature was the data that fed into the risk analysis? 'garbage in – garbage out'



<http://frjohbrian.blogspot.com/2012/05/gigo-god-in-god-out.html>



Quantitative Cost Risk Analysis (QCRA) Summary Report

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Pathway Stage / Characterisation: Concept Design / Significant

Risk Manager: Ajay Patel

Date/Version: 18/05/22 v1.0

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2. Outputs of Risk Assessment

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Assumptions

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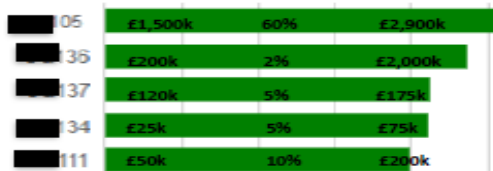
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Project Risk Assessment Quality Matrix

Scoring System	1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No basis of assessment (scoring rationale) recorded in the risk register Current and target assessments are either unrealistic or are based on an uninformed guess Assessments do not relate back to base costs or key assumptions Assessment contains elements of 'double counting' with base costs and/or other risks Assessment has not been informed by any documented estimates and / or logic Assessment is restricted by risk budget and/or EFC and therefore is suppressed / underestimated 		3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basis of assessment recorded but does not fully align back to base costs / schedule / key assumptions Rationale recorded for a single impact rather than by scenarios (where appropriate) Range estimate provided with further work / information required to refine figures Only time or cost impacts justified but not both (where appropriate) Drop on target assessment not clear Assessment detail is dated & requires a refresh / re-check. Stakeholders / interested parties have significantly different views of the risk assessment 		4-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current and target assessments are documented and based on good documented estimates driven from run rates / live schedules / contractor estimates / benchmarking data / historic claims data / previous drawdowns, etc. Assessment refers back to base cost estimates and key assumptions noting their sensitivity to the project's objectives Scenarios are well documented for impact assessments Time assessments are linked back to critical activities on a detailed schedule Estimates have been agreed to by key stakeholders / interested parties 							
	Identification & Assumptions <i>Assessments take place throughout the project lifecycle underpinning the overall assessment</i>	Requirements Sponsor sign-off on the identification of top risks Sponsor is confident that key variables between the risk register and assumptions register have been addressed		Scope Engineers sign-off on the identification of top risks Engineers are confident that key variables between the risk register and assumptions register have been addressed		Delivery PM sign-off on the identification of top risks PM is confident that key variables between the risk register and assumptions register have been addressed		Cost Commercial sign-off on the identification of top risks Commercial are confident that key variables between the risk register and assumptions register have been addressed				
Lifecycle Stage	Outcome Definition		Option Selection		Concept Design		Detailed Design		Delivery		Project Close	
Evaluation Technique	Range Estimate		% Uplift		QCRA and Uncertainty Placeholders		QCRA		QCRA		QCRA	
Methodology	Statement In Authority Paper + single line item in ARM		Top down estimate with components broken down. (May also include bottom up of risk to the end of option selection). Could be for each potential option if feasible.		Top down & estimate for future stages & bottom up of risk to the end of concept design where practical.		Full bottom up assessment unless the length/scale of detailed design is significant. In these cases, uncertainty placeholders could be used alongside defined risks.		Full bottom up assessment.		Full bottom up assessment.	
Indication of Available Information to Inform Assessment/s <i>Items in bold are core information sources. Not all sources will be available. Not all sources need to be referenced in the risk assessment</i>	1. Key Assumptions 2. Subject Matter Expert Engagement 3. Base cost estimate 4. Business Case. 5. Requirements/Scope documents. 6. Stakeholders Analysis 7. Benchmarking Data/ Previous Project experience 8. Lessons Learnt Reports		9. High Level Schedule 10. Early Contractor/Consultant Estimates 11. TfL Commercial estimate 12. In stage team run-rates and utilisation forecasts 13. Previous Authority Paper 14. Project Execution Plan 15. +/- estimating uncertainty provisions in base estimate		16. Option selection report. 17. Detailed Schedule 18. Procurement Strategy 19. Invitation to tender Docs 20. Tender Return Docs 21. Integrated Assurance Review reports		22. Contractor claims/ drawdown /early warnings history 23. Concept design report 24. Construction/delivery methodology report		25. Detailed design report 26. Contractor progress reports		27. Assessment of contractual liabilities 28. Progress against handover requirements	
Suggested Scoring Range <i>Scores for individual risks, range estimates, uplifts or uncertainty placeholders</i>	1-2 (on range estimate) Undefined scheme with uncertain time & cost estimates.		1-3 (on % uplift) 1-5 (on Risk) Single option not in place. Absence of detailed schedule. Low scope maturity.		1-4 (uncertainty placeholders) 1-5 (on Risk) Outline level design, high level estimate, reasonable scope maturity.		1-5 (on Risk) Increased design maturity, clear scope, detailed cost estimates.		1-5 (on Risk) Finalised design, committed scope, full costs available.		1-5 (on Risk) Delivery complete - handover and contractual liabilities remaining.	

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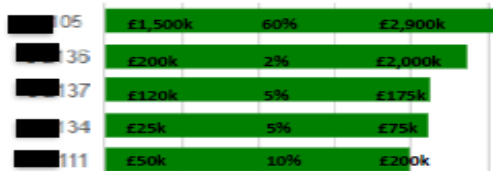
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Wider usage / benefits

Alongside providing decision makers with the right level of information to make investment decisions you could also use the tools to:

- Apply consistent risk assessments across a portfolio of projects/programmes
- Provide a framework for new or less experienced risk managers to follow
- Undertake risk health checks / deep dives
- Act as a pre-analysis check list
- Act as a Risk Manager's prompt to increase maturity / further investigate
- Act as an aid for a project controls specialist in absence of a risk manager
- Avoid erroneous / abstract risk assessments
- Helps 2nd and 3rd line assurance to get to the heart of the issues



Conclusion

- Whilst there are many risk maturity models available to determine how well a project or organisation is performing against best practice there is nothing available to easily (and consistently) show how mature risk data is to inform an individual investment decision.
- The combination of the Risk Assessment Quality Matrix and the QCRA Summary Report is a simple yet innovative way of ensuring transparency is achieved on all project risk assessments. Not only can decision makers understand and make better informed decisions from risk data but it also forces the Risk Manager to work towards a consistent and high quality standard.
- The tools can be used across various industries and by different stakeholders and can adapted to individual organisation's needs and whilst no specialist software is required to embrace this approach it has the potential to change the way that we work in capital delivery.



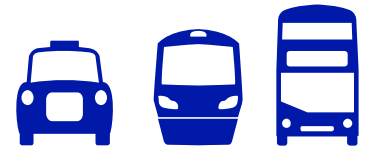
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