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# **Re-thinking Performance Measurement**





## Performance measurement the choice is yours



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### Level of audience satisfaction

- Who is satisfied that their KPIs are transforming their organisation from good to great?
- Who is satisfied that their annual planning process produces monthly targets that are relevant for reporting performance?
- Who is satisfied about the reliability of the large spreadsheets used in Finance?





### Rethinking performance measurement



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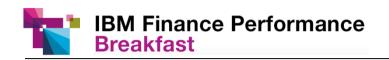
### Getting your KPIs to work



- Understand more about the drivers of human behaviour
- Challenge the status quo thinking in the organisation that every performance measure is a KPI
- 3 Establish a Chief Measurement Officer position and fill it



- Ascertain the organisation's critical success factors and communicate them to all staff
- 5 Embrace a methodology that will help you select the winning KPIs

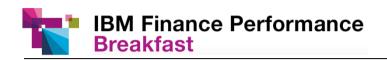


### Understanding more about the drivers of human behaviour

- Every measure has a dark side
- We need to look for the unintended consequence of performance measures
- Accident and emergency department story
- Sydney train service story
- Zero wastage of chicken in fast food outlet lead to less customers



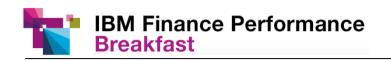
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# Challenge the status quo thinking in the organisation that every measure is a KPI





### Establish a Chief Measurement Officer position and recruit someone

- The change has to come from within a consultant's report will not change anything
- A well educated person with a broad work experience (not a freshly minted MBA) – see job description
- Educate the senior management team that performance measurement is broken – see article
- Commence the re-education in-house
  - KPIs

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- rolling forecasting and planning
- performance related pay
- performance review process





# Ascertain the organisation's critical success factors and communicate them to all staff

- Staff should be linking their daily activities to what is important to the organisation
- The five to eight CSFs should be on every wall
- CSFs should drive the performance measures and reporting



Not knowing your organisation's CSFs is like going

<sub>9</sub> to the Soccer World Cup without a goalkeeper

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### Lets clarify

- A CSF is "timely arrival and departure of planes" it is not "increasing the gross margin of our products"
- A key result indicator (KRI) is a key summary measure like "return on capital employed"
- A performance indicator (PI) can be tied to a team like "Number of employees' suggestions implemented in last 30 days"
- A result indicator is a summary of more than one team's effort like "bed utilisation in week" in a Hotel / Hospital
- A KPI needs to meet all the 7 characteristics of "late planes in the sky"
  - 1. Non financial measures (not expressed in £s,\$s etc)
  - 2. Measured frequently e.g. daily, 24 by 7, or weekly
- <sup>10</sup> 7. They encourage appropriate action e.g. little dark side



### Embrace a methodology that will help you select the winning KPIs

- PUMP methodology Stacey Barr
- Dean Spitzer's "Transforming Performance Measurement"
- Winning KPIs methodology David Parmenter
- Please read my article "Should we abandon performance measures?"



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The missing legs:

- Defining what KPIs are
- The use of CSFs
- Measures sourced from CSFs
- Built in-house





Finance team needs to embrace the lean movement - NOW

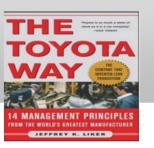
Embracing Lean

1. Removal of all the different types of waste (article)

- 2. Understanding Toyota -14 principles (Jeffrey Liker's book "The Toyota Way")
- 3. Reporting on a page

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- 4. Using Agile techniques e.g. SCRUM
- 5. Embrace abandonment e.g. reduce chart of accounts, remove activity based costing, remove large spreadsheets







### Corporate accounting has linked too long to Henry Ford's Model T Ford

- Large production based on large runs
- Cost plus viewpoint
- Incorrect view on variable costs
- A torturous annual planning process
- A slow monthly reporting cycle
- Costing very complex, multiple variances, activity based costing, etc.



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#### Lean is about eliminating waste

#### "Most business process are 90% waste and 10% value-added work" Dr Jeffrey Liker

#### Boeing reduced over a trillion of internal transactions through adopting Lean

#### There are 8 different types of waste

- 1. Over-production (AF- reports too large, chart of accounts too large)
- 4. Extra processing (AF- chart of accounts, month-end, year-end, annual planning)
- 7. Defects, scrap & rework (AF- month-end, year-end, annual planning)
- 8. Unused employee creativity (AF- all process)



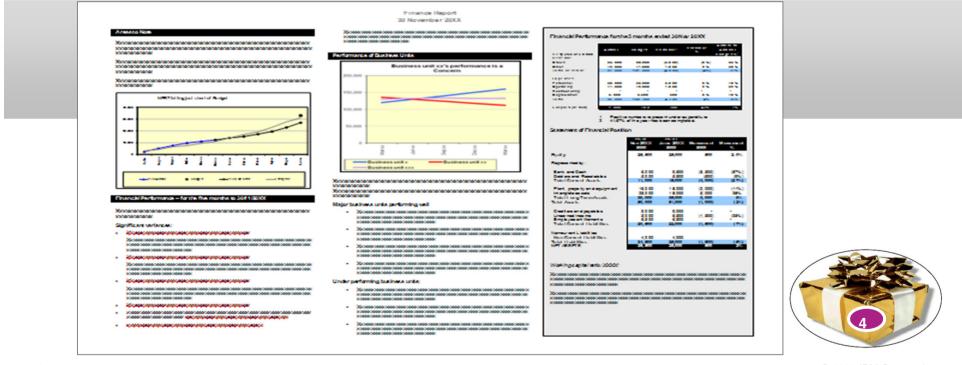


- 2 Create continuous process flow to bring problems to the surface
- 4 Level out the workload
- 5 Build a culture of stopping to fix problems, to get quality right the first time
- 7 Use visual control so no problems are hidden
- 12 Go and see for yourself to thoroughly understand the situation
- 13 Make decisions slowly by consensus, thoroughly considering all options and then implement the decisions rapidly
- 14 Become a learning organisation through relentless reflection (Hansei) and continuous improvement (Kaizen)



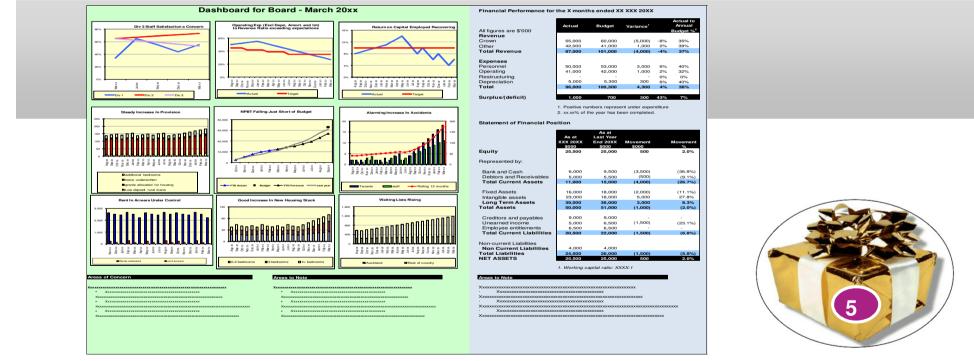


# Reporting on one page - one-page month-end financial report to CEO on fanfold (A3)



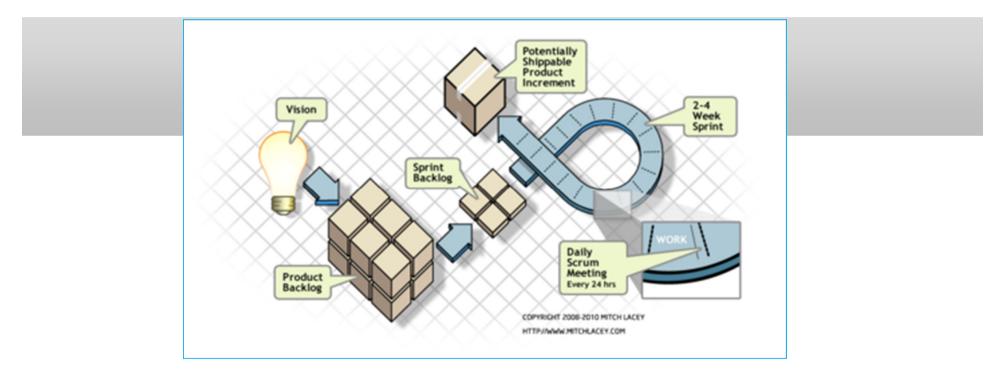


# Reporting on one page – one page board dashboard summarizing performance on fanfold (A3)





### Scrum



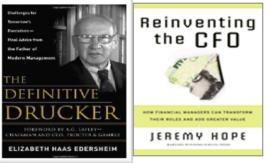
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### Embrace abandonment, embrace Peter Drucker

- The wrong set-up driven by silo accounting
- Too many codes use the 1% rule
- Why do we need to know the cost of producing a Model Ford T at 3pm on Wednesday?
  - We cannot change selling price
  - The number is at best an approximation
  - Based on overhead absorption which is counter to lean thinking
  - Please read Jeremy Hope "Reinventing the CFO" and Elizabeth Hass Edersheim's "The Definite
  - <sup>19</sup> Drucker"









Performance Related Pay

In many organisations performance related pay is well and truly broken





# Performance related pay (PRP) needs to be based on sound foundations stones

- 1. Super profits should be excluded from PRP
- 2. The profits should be free of all major 'profit enhancing' accounting JVs e.g. rural bank
- 3. PRP should avoid any linkage to share price movements
- 4. PRP should not be linked to KPIs
- 5. Piloting the PRP before you go live

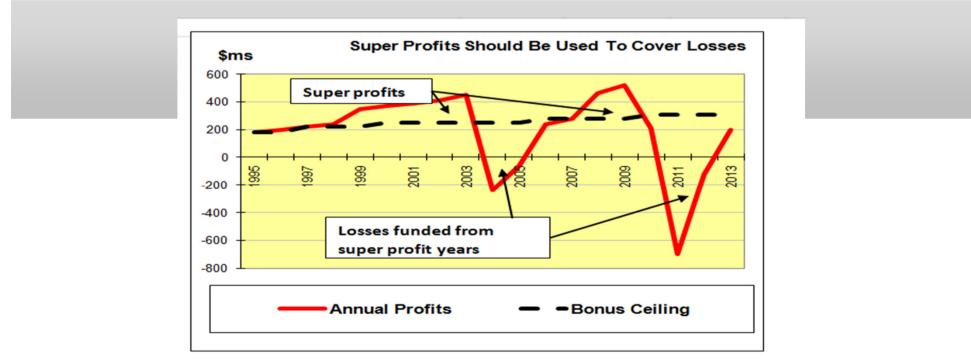
I have made available the foundation stones of PRP as I see them. I would welcome your thoughts.







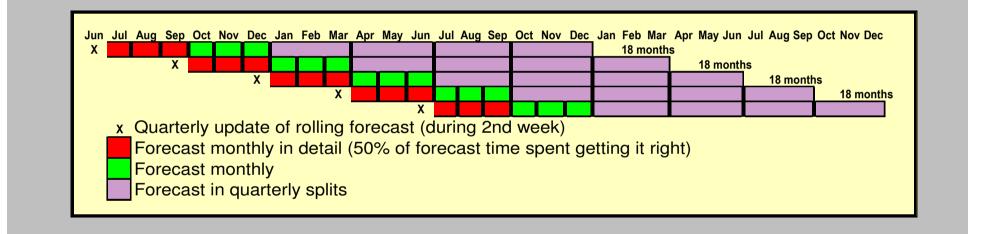
### Organisations need to retain super profits



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We have to replace the annual plan – it is broken!



The annual planning process is anti lean - it is not "just in time"

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Fixing

Planning & Forecasting



### The foundation stones for quarterly rolling forecasting and fast planning



Abandoning processes that do not work



The quarterly rolling forecast (QRF) model should be built by in-house resources



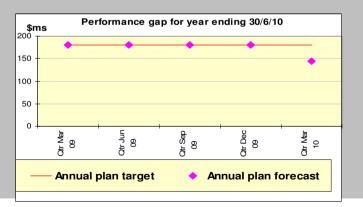
Separation of targets from realistic forecasts



A bottom-up process performed quarterly rather than monthly (wisdom of the crowd)



Forecast beyond year-end (e.g., six quarters ahead)





### The foundation stones for quarterly rolling forecasting and fast planning

6 The monthly targets are set, a quarter ahead, from the QRF



A quarter-by-quarter funding mechanism

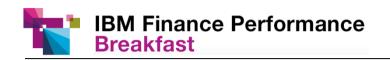


The annual plan becomes a by-product of the QRF



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- Forecasting at category level rather than at account code level (slide)
- 10 The QRF should be based around the main events / key drivers



The foundation stones for quarterly rolling forecasting and fast planning



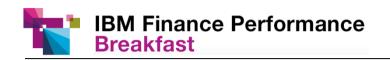
A fast light touch (completed in one week)



Built in a planning application—not in a spreadsheet (slide)

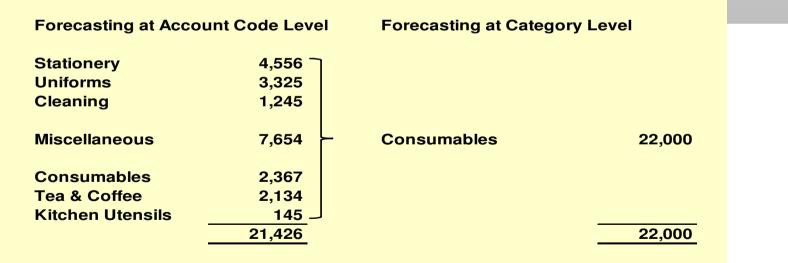
Design the planning tool with four or five week months (slide)





#### Forecasting at category level rather than at account code level

Forecasting at a detailed level does not lead to a better prediction of the future - e.g. counting trees in a forest





### Built in a planning application—not spreadsheets



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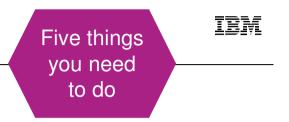




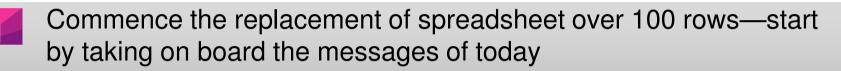
### Based on a 4 or 5 week month and not Julius Caesar's calendar







### Five things you need to do immediately





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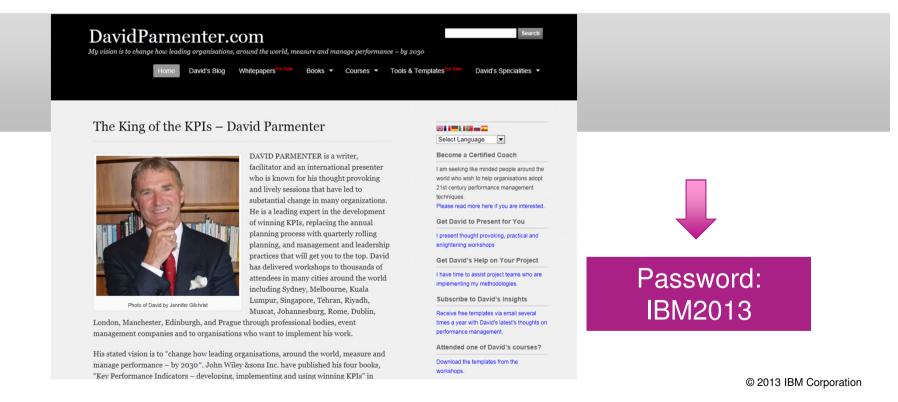
Abandon processes and reports that are "broken"



Commence the journey to rolling planning - read my IBM papers



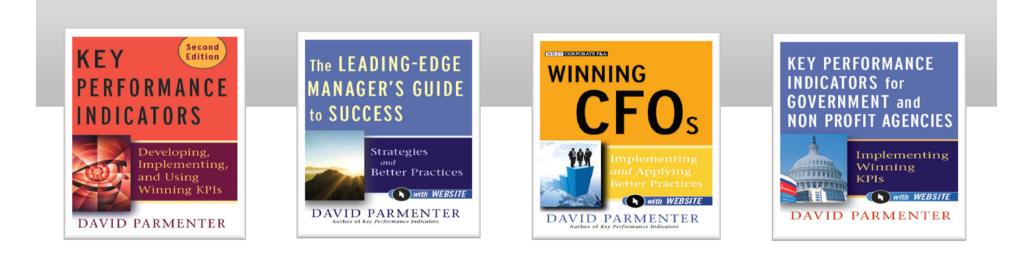
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