

QCF Funding, Planning and Performance



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BUSINESS PROCESS & SYSTEMS CHANGES

Context of the changes within the wider Programme of work

QCF is to be implemented by 2010 and part of that is LSC/SFA having two clear remits covering the development and delivery of the QCF Service Layer (the systems and processes for credit accumulation and transfer, Project 5) and ensuring that public funding of provision can support the implementation of a unit based qualification system in which credit can be transferred and accumulated (Project A).

Within Project A the Business Process and Systems Changes (BPSC) workstream will support the LSC/SFA to put in place a programme of work to ensure that planning, funding and performance can be aligned to and support the QCF by August 2010 and beyond.

The introduction of the changes to the LSC/SFA funding, planning and performance processes and systems to support QCF will be managed in a phased manner to ensure risk is appropriately mitigated.

Project Objectives

- Implement changes to funding, planning and performance processes and systems across the LSC to support QCF across England;
- Ensure changes are introduced to support policy objectives;
- Ensure internal business users are fully engaged in the decisions around the changes to business processes and systems;
- Ensure stakeholders are fully engaged in the implementation of changes;
- Ensure synergies across business change, processes, systems, programmes are identified and exploited where possible and risk are manageable.

Scope of the changes

The business functions that will be impacted by the changes include:

- funding
- performance
- planning

The types of changes will be:

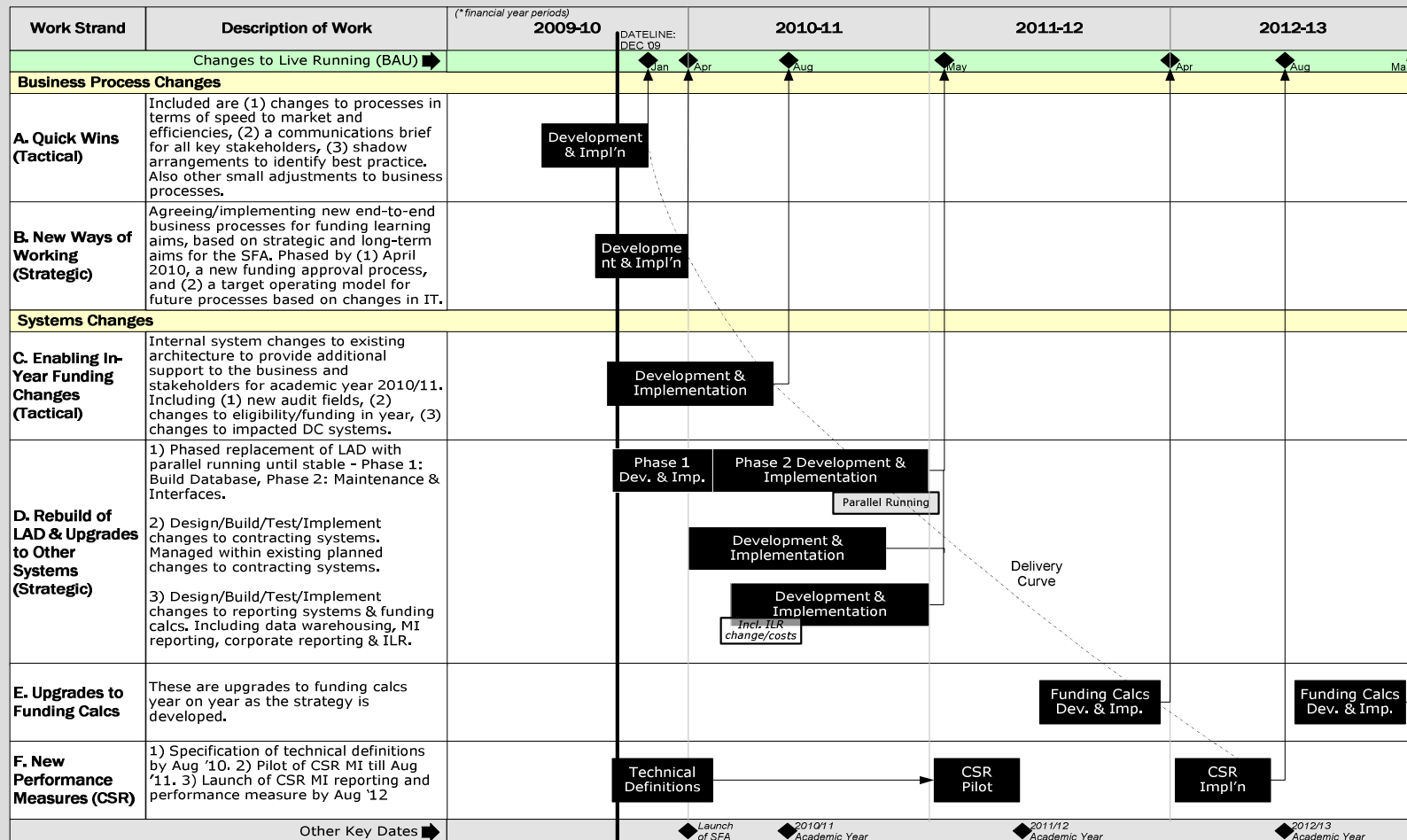
- systems functionality
- business process
- organisation

New QCF Functionality considered

- The ability to transact at unit, qualification and framework levels
- The ability to store and fund on the basis to form relationships (units, qualifications, frameworks)
- The flexibility to commission/contract using an offer format made up of units, qualifications and frameworks
- The capability to use QCF data to achieve commonality and consistency across key client gateways
- The ability to make data available to other LSC systems (including service layer) to ensure commonality
- The ability to use and apply a Credit Success Rate
- Other areas to be defined...



High Level Delivery Timetable



Planned and Potential System Changes

C. Enabling In-Year Funding Changes (Tactical)

Internal system changes to existing architecture to provide additional support to the business and stakeholders for academic year 2010/11. Including (1) new audit fields, (2) changes to eligibility/funding in year, (3) changes to impacted DC systems.

D. Rebuild of LAD & Upgrades to Other Systems (Strategic)

- 1) Phased replacement of LAD with parallel running until stable - Phase 1: Build Database, Phase 2: Maintenance & Interfaces.
- 2) Design/Build/Test/Implement changes to contracting systems. Managed within existing planned changes to contracting systems.
- 3) Design/Build/Test/Implement changes to reporting systems & funding calcs. Including data warehousing, MI reporting, corporate reporting & ILR.

Discussion & Issues

- What will be the impact on software suppliers/writers?
- How can we minimise the impact?
- What are the other issues?
- What are your cost drivers?
- What timescales do we need to work to?
- Involvement in affordability study?
- Other risks and issues?