



Project Plan Services assists PIPC with Group planning standards

Formed in 1992 by an entrepreneurial group of professionals keen to revolutionise the management consultancy industry, PIPC has earned an enviable reputation for delivering some of the largest and most successful programmes in corporate history.

PIPC expertise spans a number of market sectors including: Financial Services; Retail; Oil and Gas; Utilities; Government & Public, Communications; and the Environmental sector.

Working on one of PIPC's major banking sector client programmes, Project Plan Services was contracted to help design and implement the planning standards for a strategic cost reduction programme within the bank in order to allow for plans across diverse business change initiatives to be consolidated and reported upon under a common framework. The work was built upon the lessons learnt and key principles adopted on a recently concluded major integration programme whilst seeking to improve and streamline concepts where possible.

The key deliverable produced was the planning process handbook which was the end to end user guide for use by planners at all levels from initiative to work package and to enable them to create, plan, track and report work and key milestones within detailed MS Project schedules. The handbook concentrated on the elements required to allow schedules to be centrally consolidated whilst also including best practice guidance on task level planning and tracking which was a distinct new requirement for more granularity than had previously been required. The handbook and template was also made available to provide standards and guidance for additional group strategic initiatives.

The assignment involved intensive design work alongside a reporting database development workstream that would automatically consolidate multiple project schedules. Liaison with the group's existing planning toolset owner and engagement with key stakeholders within the central PMO and planning community was also a large and crucial part of the work involved.

Pip Peel PIPC Director commented on the PPS involvement:

"PPS brought a level expertise and drive that was critical to the successful delivery of the assignment. PIPC continues to value and use PPS experience on it's large planning engagements on some of the World's most complex projects and programmes."

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