

# Engagement Survey: 'You Said, We Did'

*We are on it!*

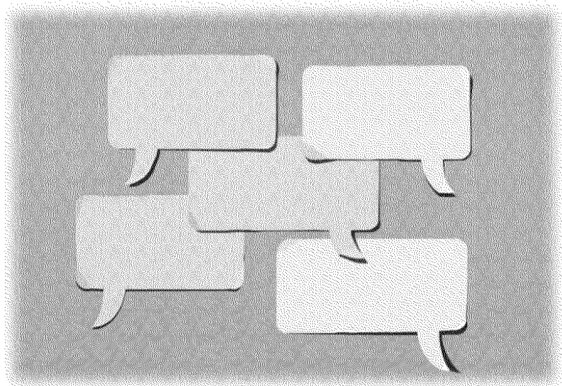
Q1 – April to June 2023





## Overall scores

**Engagement: 68%**



- UK norm is 71%
- Engagement gap in lower grades widens

Target: >75%

2025

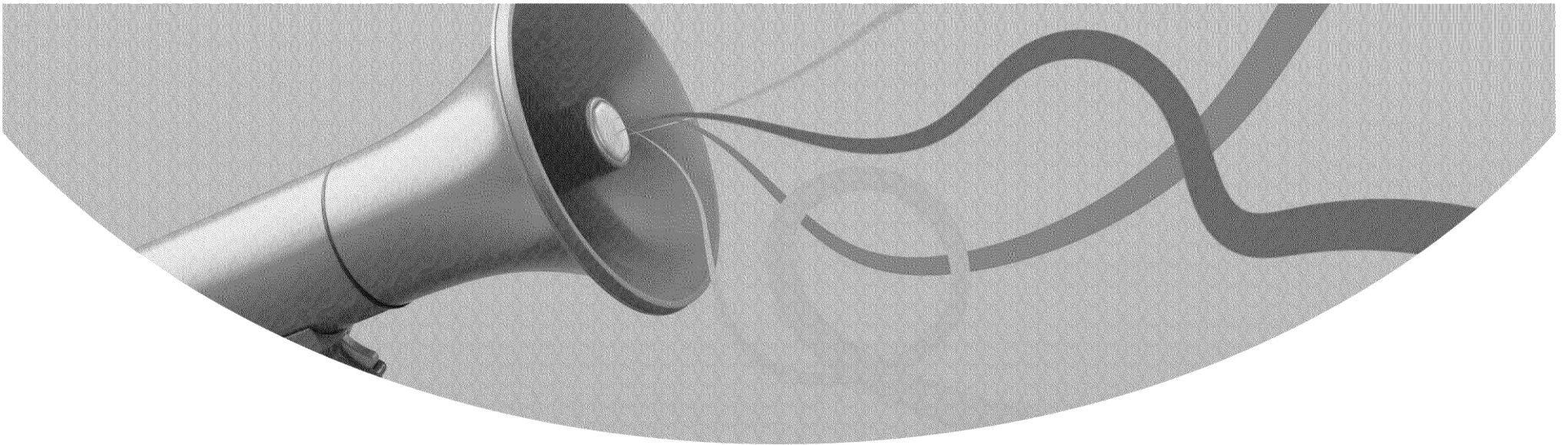
**Participation: 36%**



- Particularly low in DMBs/SC c18%
- Rest of business c50%

Target: >40% & >75%

2025



**'You said...  
We did'**



# Overall results & themes: SLP

## Positives

*Respectful, friendly and supportive*

I feel proud to work for Post Office	72%
I am provided with the freedom to make appropriate decisions in my job	71%
Where I work, people can share their opinions, ideas, feedback or concerns without fear of negative consequences	74%
I understand how my role contributed to overall strategy	74%
I believe my views are listened to when I share my opinion	70%
Where I work people are treated fairly	73%

## Opportunities

*Bureaucratic, fragmented and inefficient*

Support for career development & performance discussions	47%
Senior leaders lead by example and in line with WOW	39%
Communication and consistency with POL Purpose and Vision	44%
SLP feeling under constant strain, bureaucracy & inefficiency	70%
Confidence in senior leadership	39%



## You said . . .

- 1 Better support to achieve career objectives
- 2 Ways Of Working being demonstrated everyday
- 3 Improve internal two-way communication
- 4 Removal of strain, bureaucracy and inefficiencies
- 5 Focus on building trust and confidence in Senior Leadership

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# 1.You said . . . Better support to achieve career objectives



1

Reviewing all of our talent, recruiting, promotion & development processes to ensure we are opening up ALL opportunities

Q1 FY23/24

2

Focus on embedding 'Everybody's Conversations' to allow for better discussion on behaviour/skills development

Q1 FY23/24

3

Introducing a career and competency framework

Q3 FY 2023

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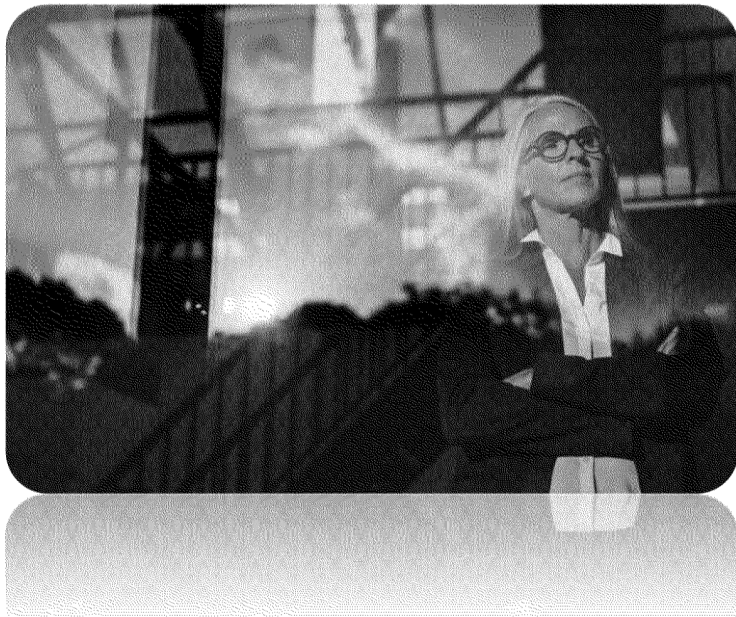
Ensure all colleagues have a Personal Development Plan in place

June 2023

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## 2.You said . . . Ways of Working being demonstrated everyday



1

Embedding Ways of Working into recognition tools and all People processes

Q2 2023

2

Review the Ways of Working to ensure supporting statements accurately reflect how we do business and re-launch

Q1 2023

3

Regular reference to ways of working at 10@10, town halls and time to reflect in team meetings

May 2023

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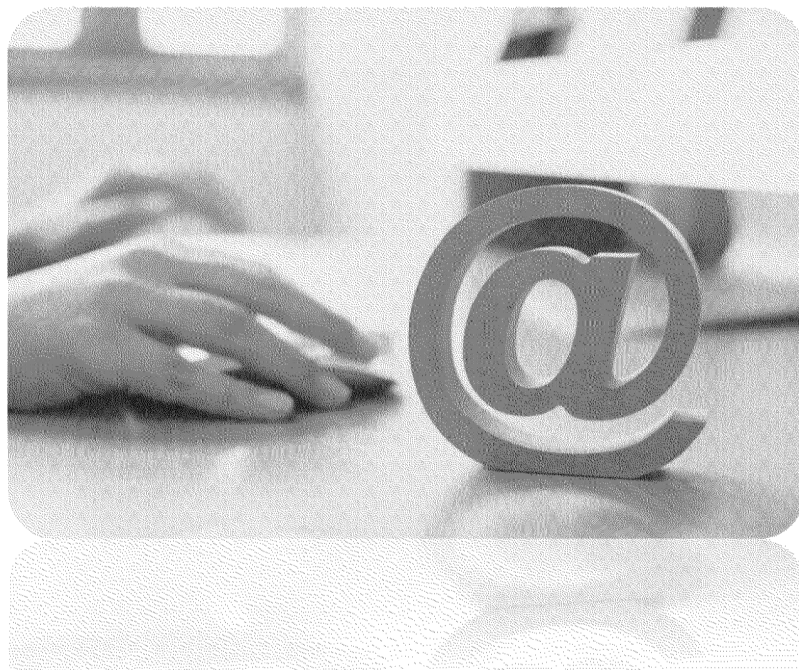
Ensure STIP and LTIP are aligned to reward great behaviours

May 2023

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### 3.You said . . . Improved internal two-way communications



All SLG communications/update to be circulated after events and feedback sought on content/improvements

April 2023

Open and honest two-way communication through 'engagement forums'

Q1 FY23/24

Ensuring the voice of the Postmaster is understood in the centre through Postmaster consultation and Engagement forum

Quarterly

Review social media/communication channels to reach all audiences & ensure feedback (ie App for non-connected colleagues/PMs)

June 2023

Survey 'pulse' action planning and quarterly progress updates in town halls

Quarterly

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## 4.You said . . . Removal of strain, bureaucracy & inefficiencies



1	SLG to identify areas for streamlining & improvement	April 2023
2	Priorities for each business areas to be determined	May 2023
3	Removal of overlaps and conflicting priorities/work	TBC
4	Simplification of IT & process efficiencies (eg recruiting, onboarding, data and procurement)	TBC
5	Greater teamwork & collaboration	TBC

*We recognise it and need to be on it!*



**Breakout Groups : tables/rooms of teams with facilitator**

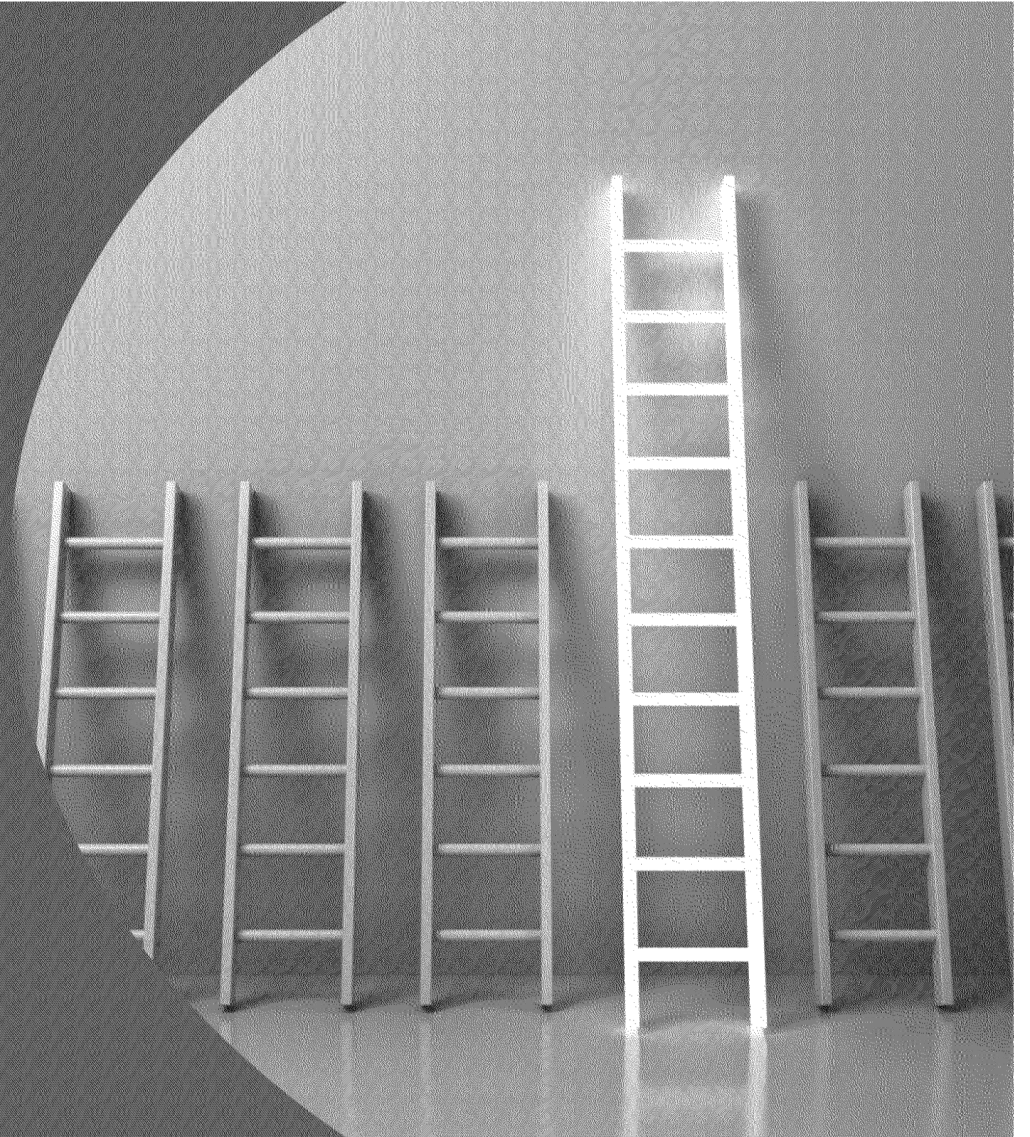
- 1. Better support to achieve career objectives & performance discussions (Richard)**
- 2. Ways of working being demonstrated every day (Zdravko)**
- 3. Improve 2-way internal communication (Tim)**
- 4. Removal of strain, bureaucracy & inefficiencies (Owen)**

**You will all have 15 mins in teams to focus on the actions that we have agreed.**  
**We would like you to;**

- A. Sense check the actions against each section?**
- B. Have we missed any actions?**
- C. Is there anything else we need to have on the list?**

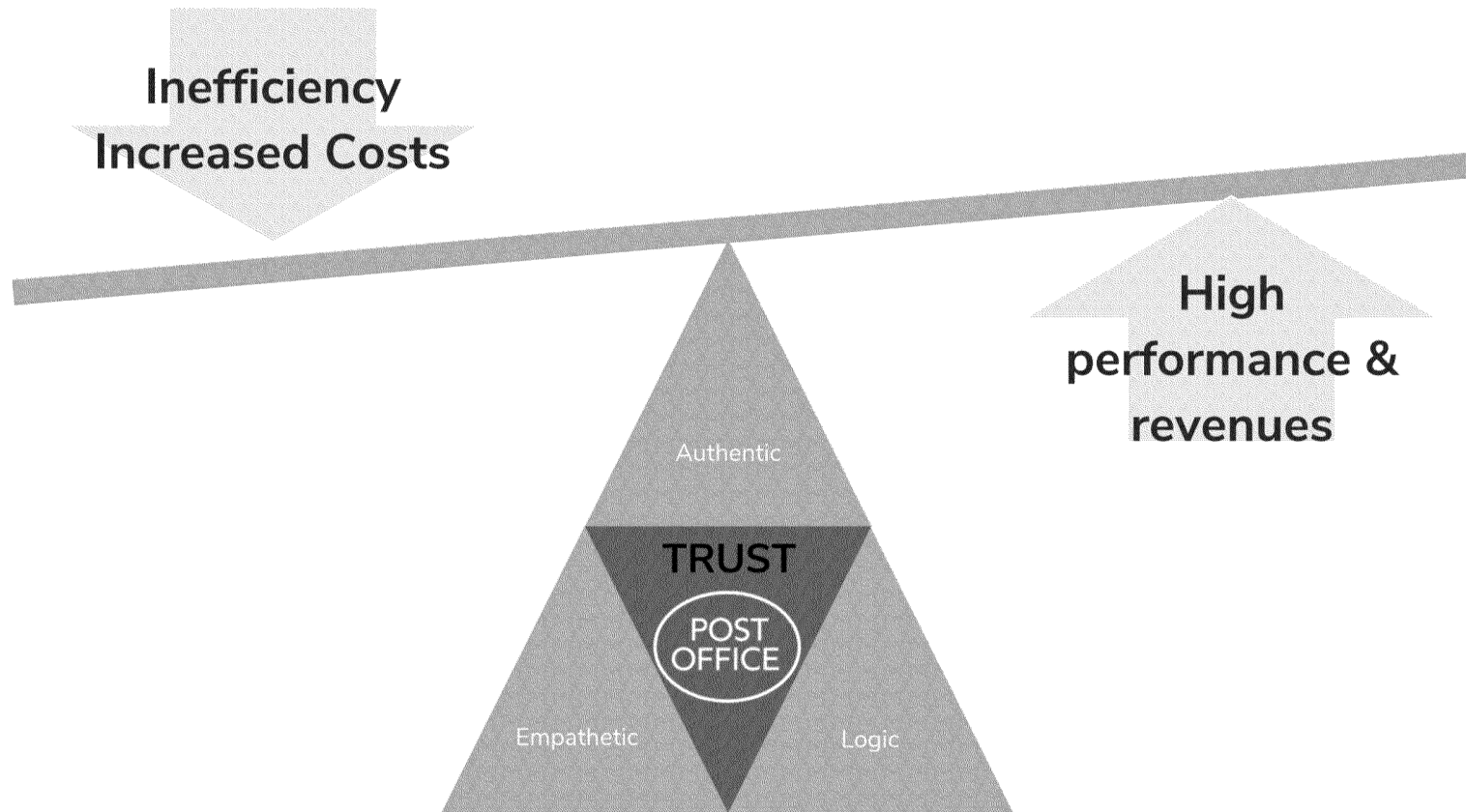


# Leadership Behaviours



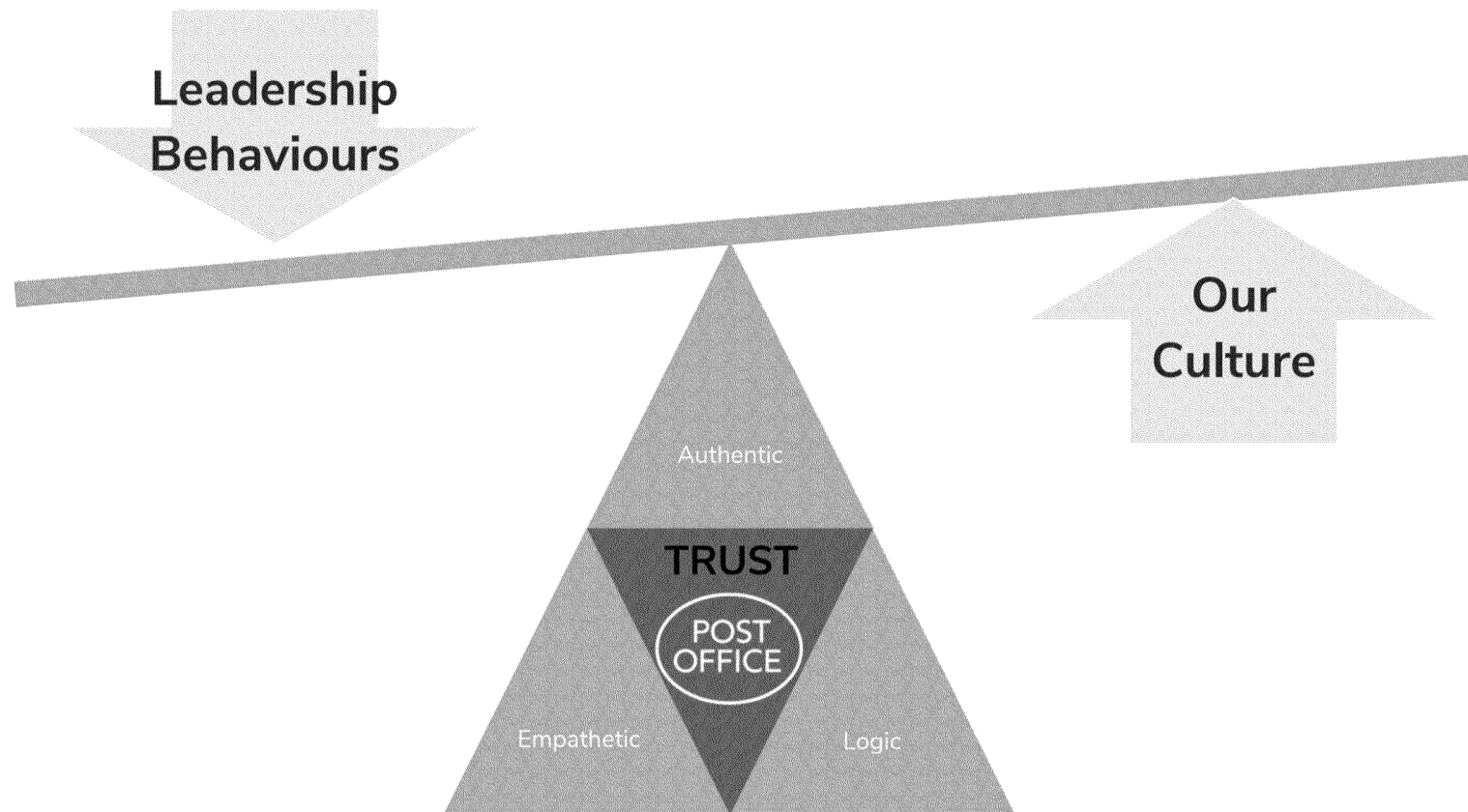


## TRUST (Francis Frei)



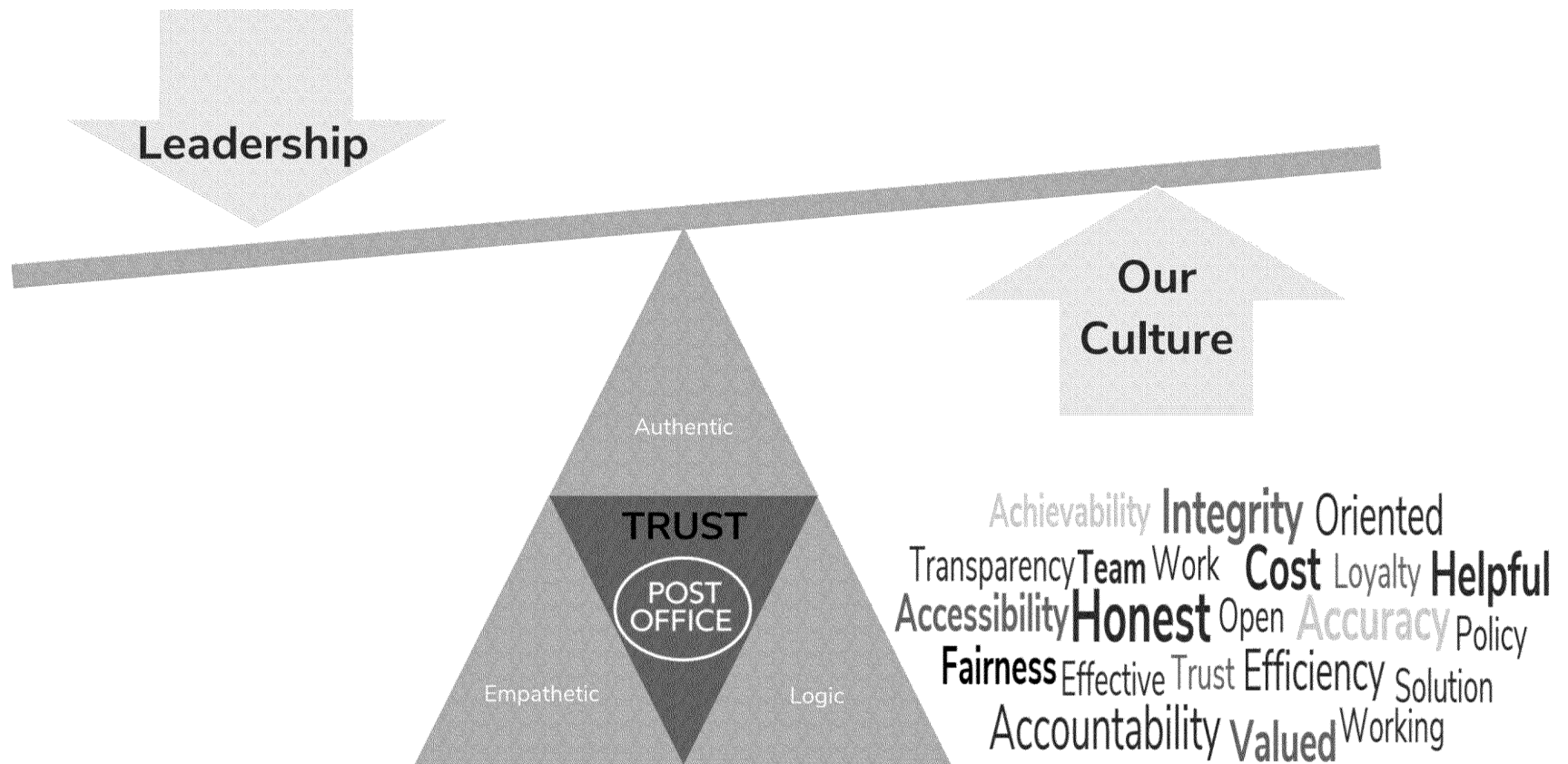


## Finding the balance in POL – building TRUST (Francis Frei)



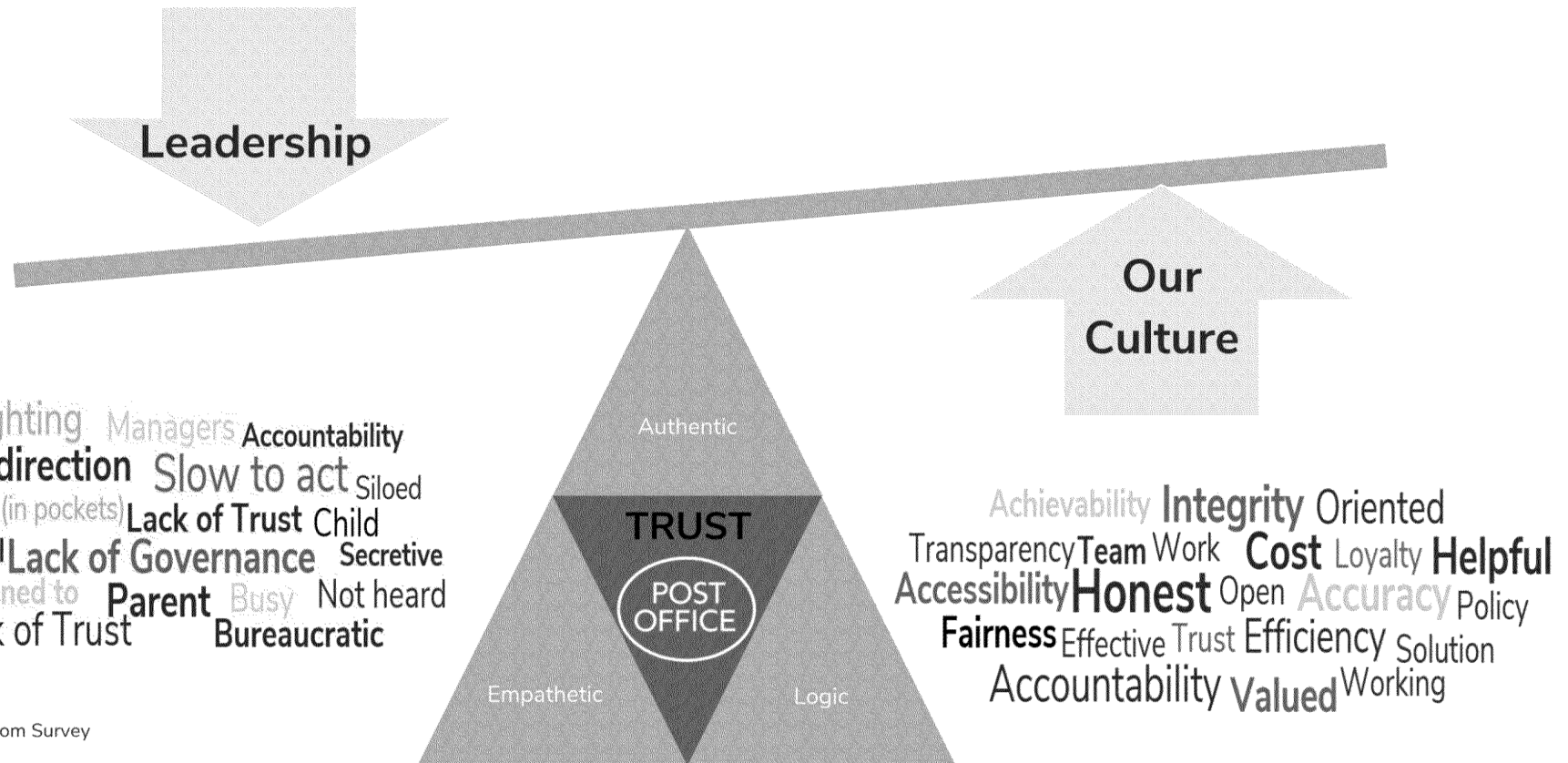


## Finding the balance – building TRUST (Francis Frei) – WORD CLOUD





## Finding the balance – building TRUST (Francis Frei)



Anecdotal feedback from Survey

Institute of business ethics



## Leadership Culture V Future

Historical Behaviours (Common Issues Judgement) are still present in the feedback today	Future Leadership Behaviours
Lack of trust – afraid to speak up	Clear accountabilities and a focus on results
Parent/child	Adult and respectful
Secretive	Inspire, Open, honest and transparent
Favouritism/nepotism	Unbiased, objective driven people processes
Silo mentality	POL first: Empowering and advocating cross-functional working, collaboration
Lack of accountability	Empowered and accountable
Not Postmaster-focused	Postmasters at the centre; Heroes of PO
Hierarchical and overly bureaucratic	Agile and responsive; driving innovation
Lack of strategic vision and direction for all PO	Clear, One PO, vision, purpose and strategy; leadership openly aligned around it
Lack of governance	Clear governance
Victorian T&Cs	Modern, sustainable eg flexible T&Cs



## Why are leadership behaviours important to POL

*As leaders, we all have a critical role in creating an environment where these behaviours live and breathe; we make these important, they will also become important to our teams and drive culture change.*

- *It is important to describe the Leadership Behaviours that are important to POL*
- *Leadership Behaviours are the most influential factor shaping organisation culture*
- *Leadership Behaviours will help us grow talent (individuals and teams)*
- *Having consistent behaviours across our leadership teams will allow us to achieve more together (the whole is greater than the sum of the parts)*
- *Will we embed Leadership Behaviours in all our people processes (job specs, recruitment, succession, development, 360 assessment).*
- *Our Leadership Behaviours will be introduced to the whole of POL and all leaders will be measured against them*

**Strong Leadership Behaviours will increase colleague / PM engagement & trust**



# Development POL: Leadership Framework

## Review of 'as is' Leadership behaviours

- Looked at our behaviours today
- Engagement feedback
- Anecdotal feedback
- The Commons Issue Judgement
- The Institute of British Ethics feedback
- Feedback from teams across the business

## Proposed 'to be' leadership behaviours

- Aligned Plans, Vision & Purpose
- Involves and empowers others through change
- Focusing on the future, with empathy to the past
- Communicate with passion & energy

## Buy-in from GE

- Working in collaboration the GE have review the leadership behaviours
- Gaining buy-in and support
- c4 meetings (January to March)
- Incorporated GE feedback

## SLG feedback

- Today is about presenting these to you
- Gaining your feedback
- Using this as part of the conference next week



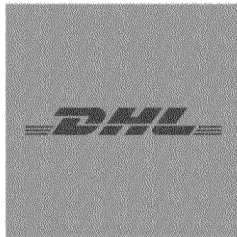
# Introducing POL: Leadership Framework



## Most organisations have clear leadership behaviours



- Empathy
- Collaboration
- Resilience
- Responsiveness
- Innovation



- Head, Heart and Guts
- Balancing respect and results
- Genuine empathy and care
- Communicate openly
- Share their fears and vulnerabilities



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**Inspiring** – about our work and its future

**Confident** – in our engagement

**Empowering** – our teams to deliver

**Lloyds  
Pharmacy**

***i lead***

**Inspire  
Leverage  
Execute  
Advance  
Develop**



## Some further examples



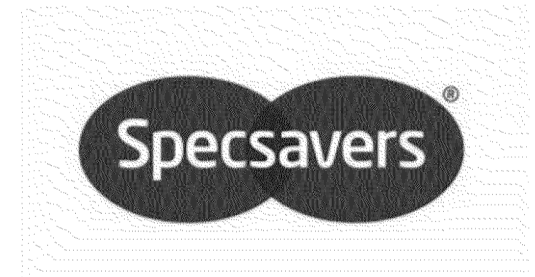
- Engage with our purpose
- Create our pet experience
- Shape our future
- Use insights wisely
- Deliver our strategy
- Collaborate with teams
- Trust others to own it
- Challenge with empathy



- Lead
- Shape
- Build
- Deliver

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- Sets vision and direction
- Shows strategic agility
- Drives performance
- Takes decisive action
- Inspires Ownership
- Works across boundaries
- Acts with courage
- Develops Talent



- Coach
- Connect
- Champion Change

## **Your input into the leadership behaviours**

**Breakout Groups : tables/rooms of teams with facilitator**

- 1. Review of Outcome Driven descriptors (Tim)**
- 2. Review of Inspiring Others descriptors(Zdravko)**
- 3. Review of 'Post Office first' descriptors (Jane)**
- 4. Review of Developing Teams descriptors (Owen)**

**You will all have 15 mins in teams to:**

- A. What do these behaviours mean to POL**
- B. Identify any important behaviours / competencies missed anything important for your section**



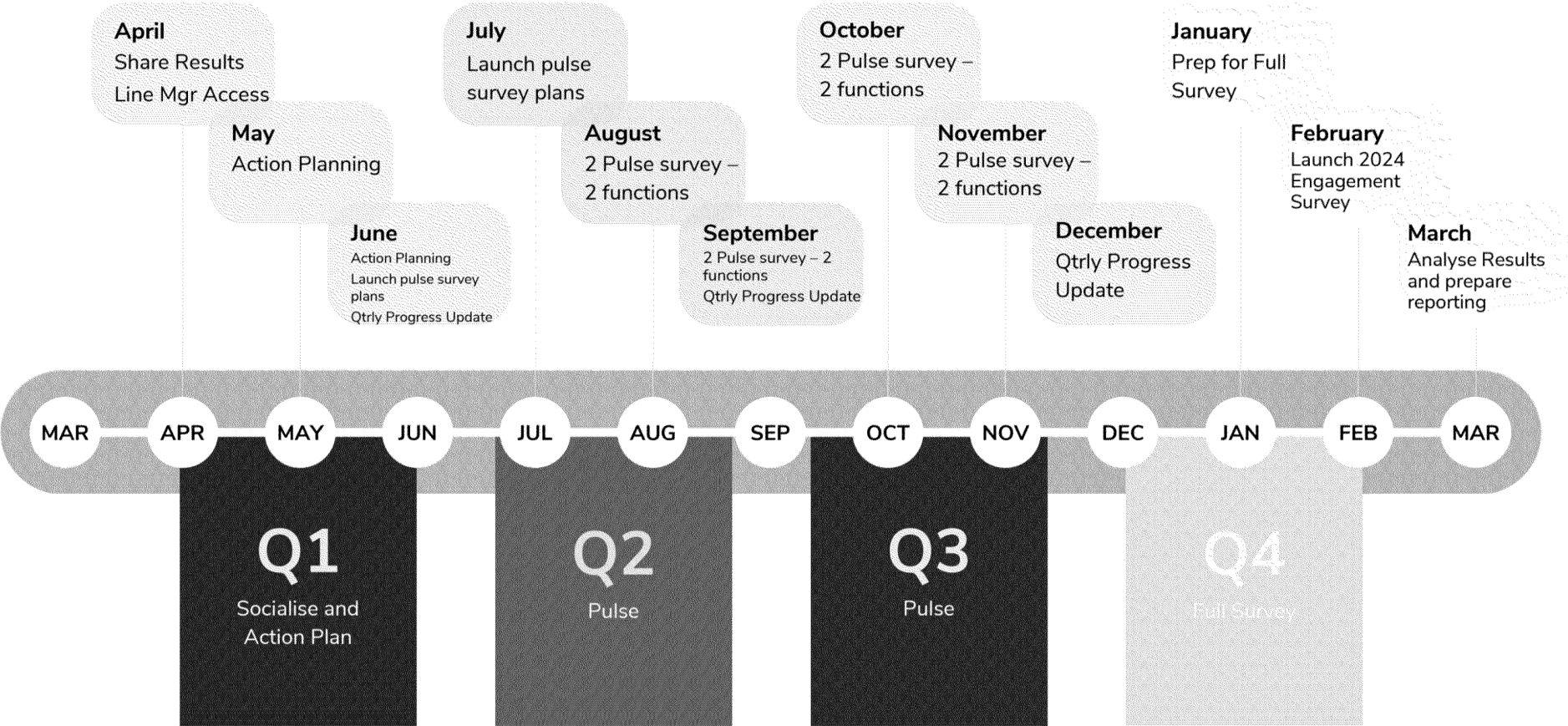
# You said . . . Focus on building trust in Senior Leadership



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| 1 | Introduce a Leadership Behavioural Framework and support our leaders to develop with a sustainable leadership programme | Q1 FY23/24       |
| 2 | Introduce 360 feedback tool for objective assessments to take place and GE assessment programme                         | Q2 2023          |
| 3 | Introduce a leadership sustainability development programme   | Q3 2023          |
| 4 | Build leadership behaviours into our talent processes and annual reviews and bonus scheme(s) for GE and SLG             | Q3/Q4 2023       |
| 5 | Support team development and accountability with ongoing Leadership Team coaching activity                              | Throughout 23/24 |

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# Engagement Survey Cycle

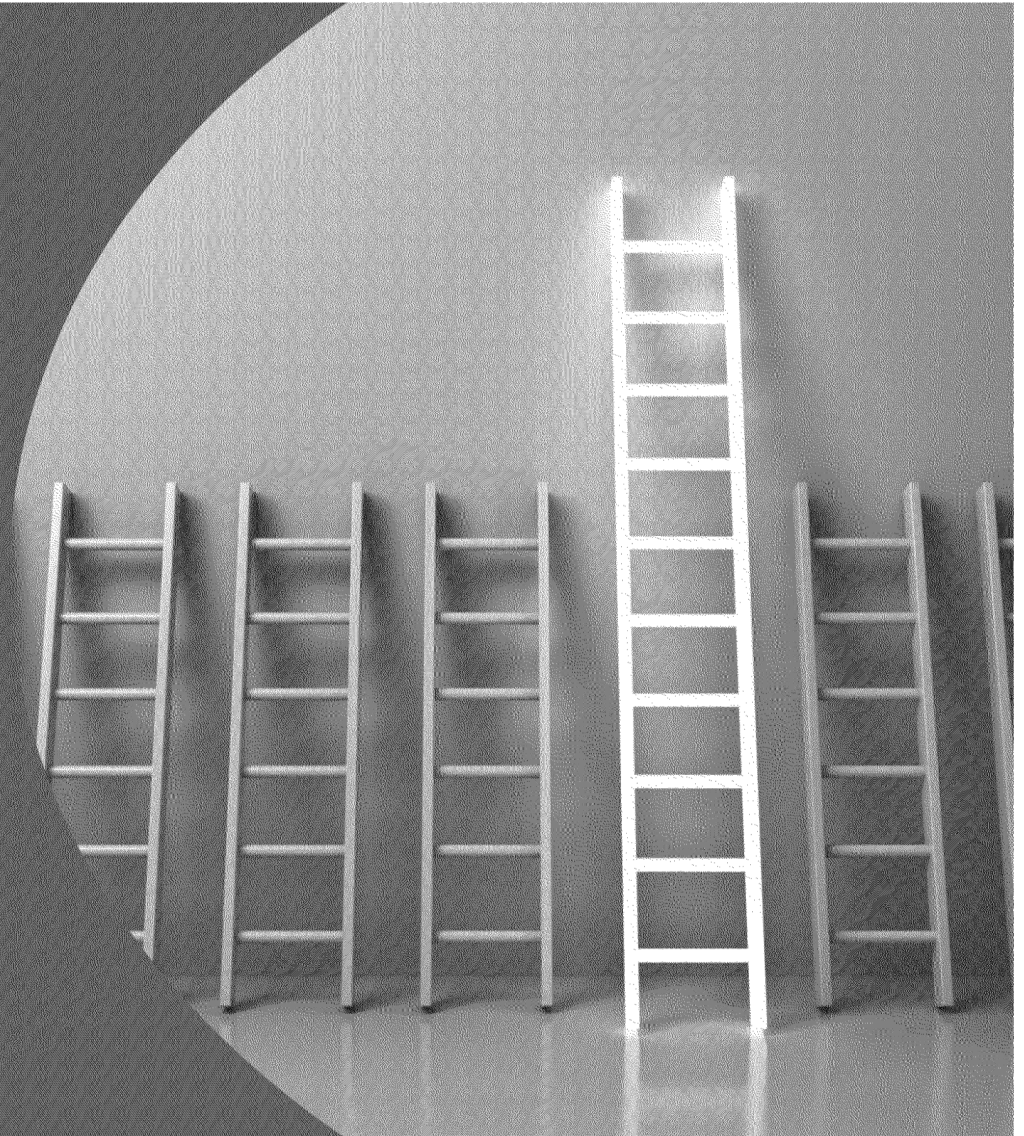




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STARTS  
HERE*

**How we as senior  
leaders can start  
to drive  
behavioural  
change**

**LEADING EDGE**

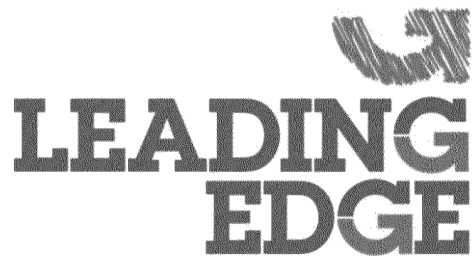




*If it matters to you,  
it matters to us*



In partnership with



# Change starts here...

London, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023



# About me...

Performance coach, facilitator & speaker

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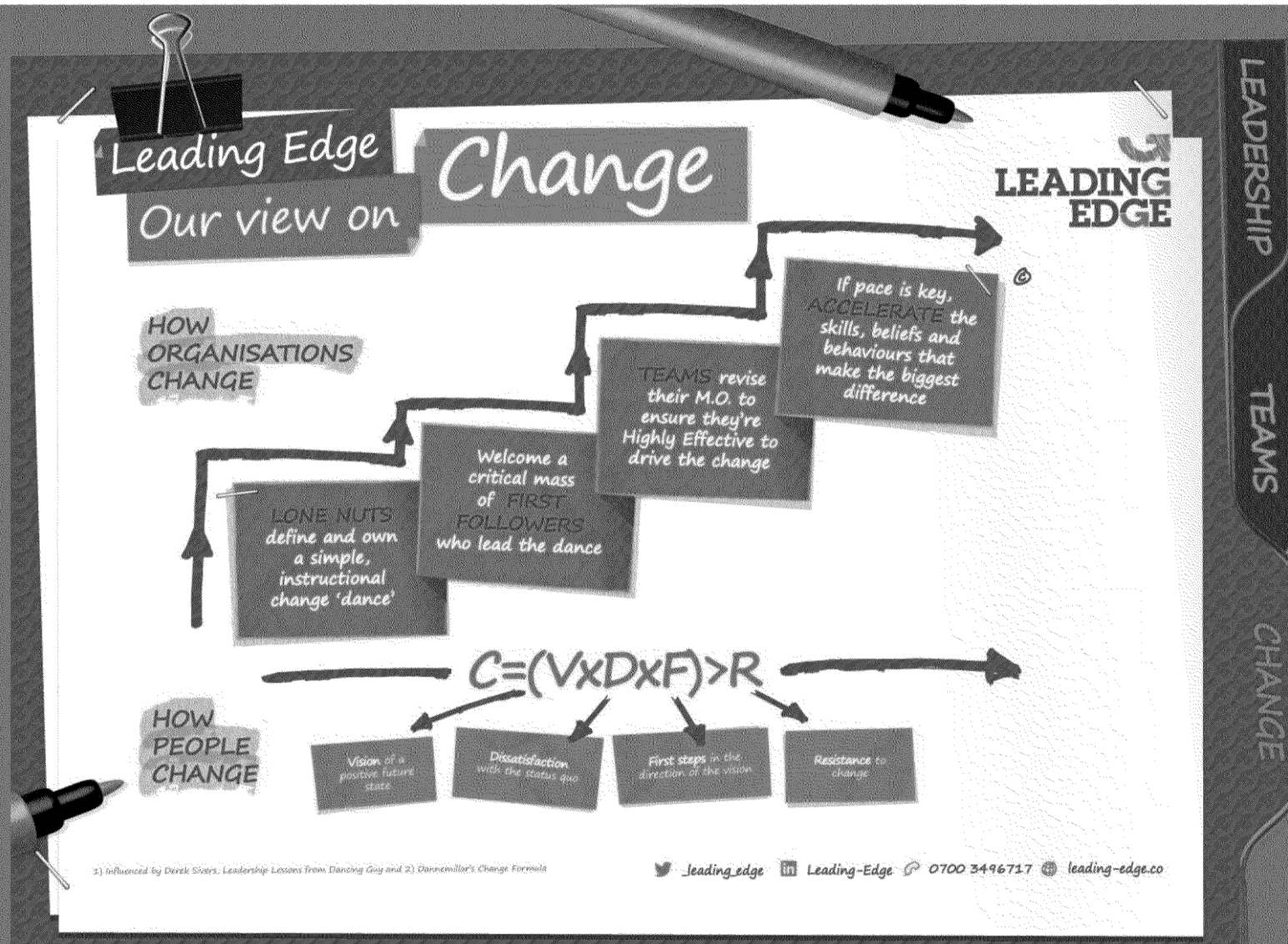
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It starts with you...

“If not now, when?  
If not you, who?”







## Leadership lessons from a dancing guy...

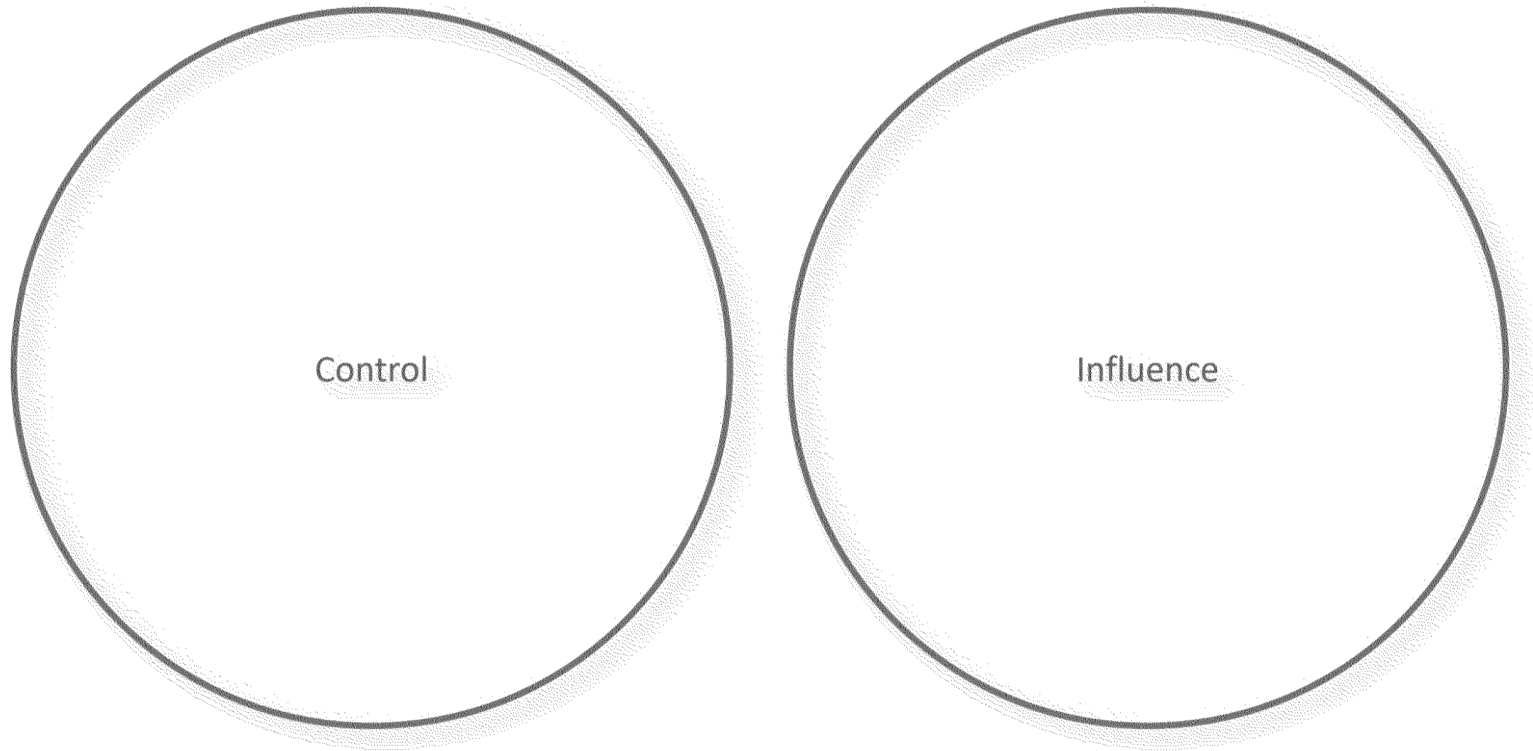




It starts with you...

What does it mean to be the  
“lone nut” or a “first follower” in  
your world?

It starts with you...



From what I have heard today, what can I control (action) and what can I influence?



Change starts with you...

My Pledge (to lead cultural change and build trust):

As my first step as a leader in POL I pledge to .....