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Finance Transformation Toolkit™

Elevate the finance function

CFO / Transformation Lead · Flagship Edition 2026

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1. Full Guide

This toolkit leads change that elevates the finance function — from the case for change and target operating model to a governed roadmap, technology enablement and value realisation.

Operating lifecycle

1. Frame — the case for change
2. Design — the target operating model
3. Plan — the transformation roadmap
4. Deliver — change, capability and technology
5. Realise — track and bank the value

Maturity model

| L1 Initial | L2 Developing | L3 Defined | L4 Managed | L5 Optimised |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Reactive / manual | Core but unstandardised | Standardised & controlled | Measured & automated | Predictive & value-creating |

Key components

- Case for change
- Target operating model
- Transformation roadmap
- Change & capability
- Technology enablement
- Value realisation

2. Templates & Contents

Finance target operating model template

Define the future finance operating model.

Finance transformation roadmap tracker

Track initiatives, progress and benefits (supplied as a working XLSX).

Finance automation opportunity register

Capture and prioritise automation opportunities.

Finance transformation playbook

How to plan and deliver finance transformation.

3. Checklists

- Case for change articulated
- Target operating model defined
- Transformation roadmap in place
- Initiatives owned and tracked
- Technology and data enable finance
- Change and capability addressed

- Value realised and tracked

Governance Structure

Transformation is sponsored by the CFO and overseen by the board for major programmes:

| Layer | Role |
|---------------------------|--|
| Board / Audit Committee | Oversees financial reporting, controls, risk and capital |
| CFO | Owns the finance function and agenda |
| Finance leadership | Run FP&A, control, treasury, reporting |
| Finance business partners | Connect finance to the business |
| Finance team | Deliver close, reporting, analysis and controls |

Reporting Example

Standard report: executive summary · performance vs target (RAG) · key metrics · risks & actions · decisions sought.

| Metric | Current | Target | RAG | Action |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|-------|---------------------------|
| Initiatives on track | Mixed | ≥85% | Amber | Reset lagging initiatives |
| Benefit realisation | On plan | On plan | Green | Maintain |
| Automation coverage | Rising | Rising | Green | Maintain |
| Capability uplift | In progress | On plan | Amber | Accelerate |

Board Reporting Section

Illustrative one-page board summary (replace with live data):

| Item | Status | Commentary |
|------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Transformation | Amber | Underway; benefits beginning to land |
| Delivery | Amber | Some initiatives early-stage |
| Value | Green | Benefits tracking to plan |
| Decisions sought | — | Approve next-phase funding |

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