Empowering Financial Control in a Challenging Climate



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Charities like yours are still committed to good causes despite the current cost of living crisis and reductions in donations.

Financial sustainability is key to retain and strengthen your position



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58% of charity leaders said that generating income and finding financial stability was one of their three top challenges

86% of charitable organisations are worrying about the effect of cost of living increases will have on those that depend on their services

71% of charity bosses expressed concern over managing increased demand for their services

59% are concerned that people will not continue to or begin to donate to their cause because of the cost of living crisis

Regular polling of the public in March showed that 14% of people plan to cut back on charity donations in the coming year

Over 80% of non-profits expect to struggle with increased cost of utilities for their own venues, as well as managing wage increases

Two thirds of charity chief execs are fretting about higher prices of stock, supplies and equipment

Overall, 35% believe their organisation will struggle to survive altogether



Partnership required for Financial Sustainability

Collectively need to understand

- Mission/Role of the charity
- Funding requirements to honour commitments
- Source of funding
- Reserves needed
- Resources needed
- Collaboration required

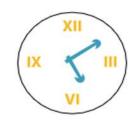


Finance



Overcoming the frustrations of manual reporting

45%:
Manual, time
consuming reporting



5 -20 days per month In a year that **60- 240 day!**



Common Reasons for Manual Reporting

System doesn't offer that functionality e.g. budgets

Chart of Accounts not structured to facilitate that type of report

Sheer volume of accounts make it difficult to report/consolidate

Legacy system can't export so have to transcribe figures

I don't have access to that information

System only available during office hours



Good Practice

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- Find ways to automate the importing of data automatically even
 if done once or twice a day
- Design dashboards/reports specifically for different users and their data needs with ability to drill down Solution
- Be available if users don't understand Trusted Advisor

Schedule certain reports to run automatically and be delivered directly to the user Wembership/Donor Systems

HR/Payroll Systems

Encourage a Self Serve culture stems

Take feedback EPOS Systems











Benefits of reducing manual reporting









STREAMLINED AND AUTOMATED REPORTING

MORE TIME TO FOCUS
ON VALUE ADD

PROVIDE A FINANCE PARTNERING/TRUSTED RELATIONSHIP







SINGLE SOURCE OF THE FINANCIAL TRUTH

COMMON METRICS/KPIS ACROSS THE CHARITY

MEASURE SUCCESS/OUTCOMES



Real-time visibility for essential decision making

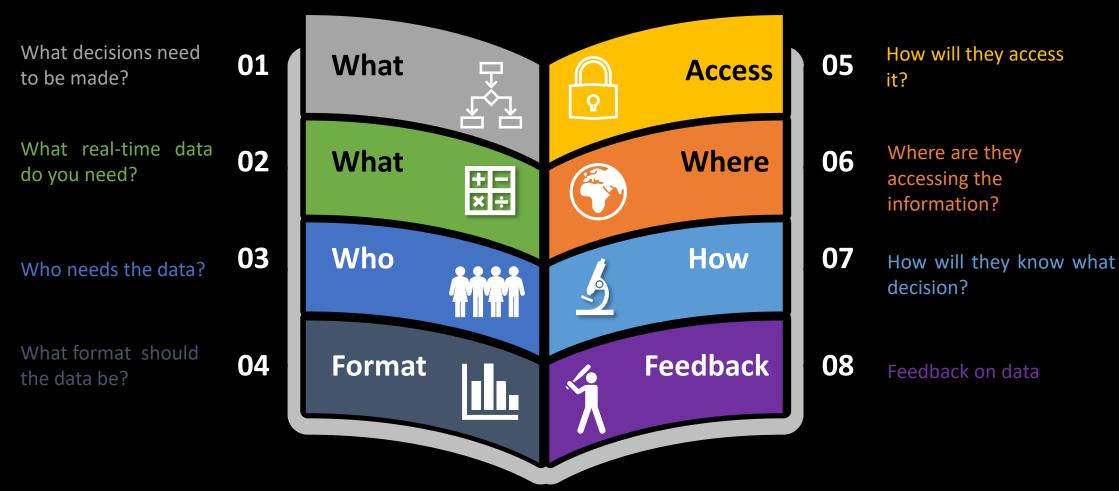
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Lack of real-time visibility into key metrics and performance



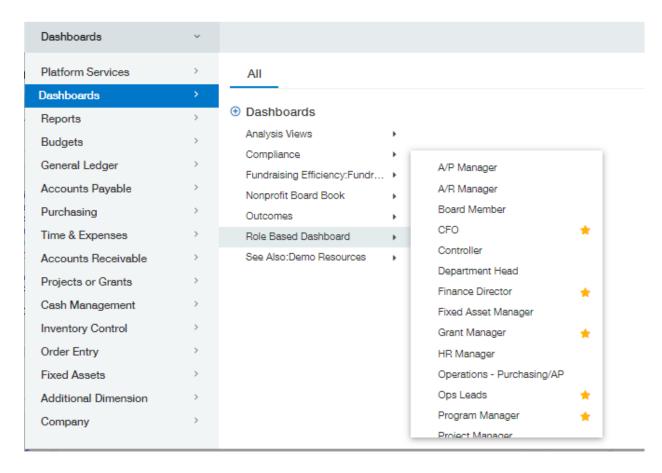


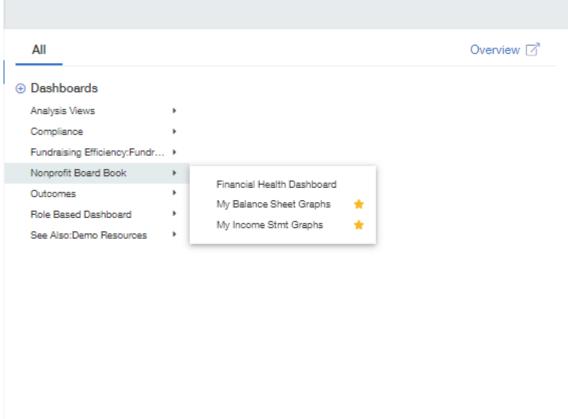
Good Practice for reviewing Real-Time data needs





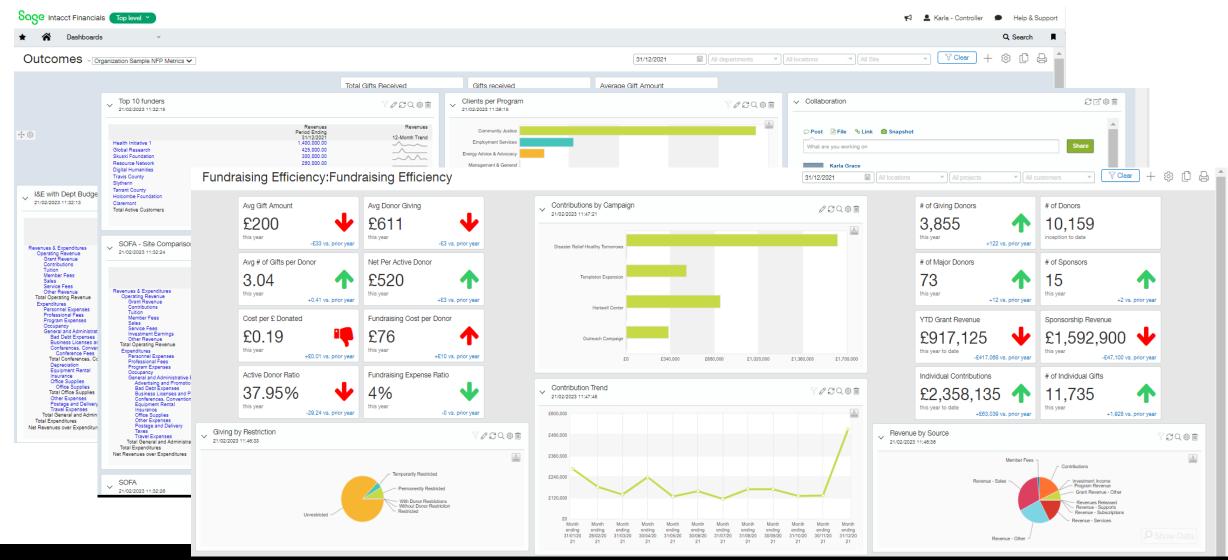
Good Practice – Targeted Real-time data





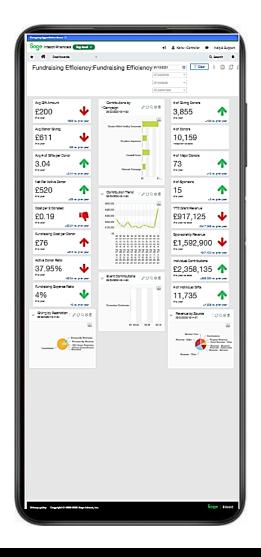


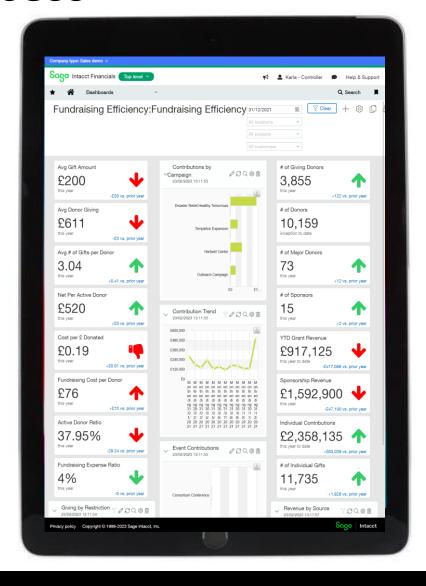
Good Practice – How?





Good Practice – Mobile access







Benefits of Real-time visibility











CONTROL
SPENDING.
EVIDENCE TO
NEGOTIATE WITH
SUPPLIERS

FINANCE
PARTNERING/TRUSTED
RELATIONSHIP

IMPROVE SERVICES
TO EXISTING
CLIENTS

REDUCE COSTLY SERVICES



OFFER ADDITIONAL SERVICES



TARGET SPONSORS/DONORS



MEASURE SUCCESS/OUTCOMES



SCALABILITY AND GROWTH



The roles of non-profit finance leaders through evolving digitalisation





Evolving technology and digitalisation

NFP leaders need to get educated about the technology that is out there and think how you can adopt

Current climate suggests Leaders have to think not only in terms of our financial systems

- Compliance e.g GDPR, MTD
- Infrastructure & Cyber Security
- Digital islands/systems
- Little or no collaboration with other charities
- Providing access to all stakeholders not just finance e.g. Volunteers, Donors, Members, etc.
- Brand Reputation

Remember technology is an enabler not the silver bullet.



Evolving technology and digitising your business, you open up a world of possibilities for growth and innovation and more importantly vital funds digitalisation

Create a Digital roadmap

- Do research on technology
- Define how it will help you
 - Goals/Objectives/Benefits
 - Processes
 - Governance
 - Prioritise
 - Business case

Look and Assess your current situation

- What systems do you have ?
- Who are you serving with your system?
- Who needs access?
- Where are they?
- What do you want from your system?
- Who are the beneficiaries and what do they expect?
- Risk Register

Communicate the

Plan

- What, How, Why, Where,
- Benefits
- Transparent
- Feedback

Implement & Monitor

- Prioritise
- Set up metrics
- Get feedback

Change Management

- Expect change
- Constantly review to ensure you are getting the best value/choose new options

Evaluate

- · Did it meet your objectives
- Risk Register



Benefits of Digital footprint











REDUCE SPEND OF MULTIPLE SYSTEMS

SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS REAL BUSINESS NEEDS

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REDUCE COSTLY SERVICES



MORE DATA INSIGHTS



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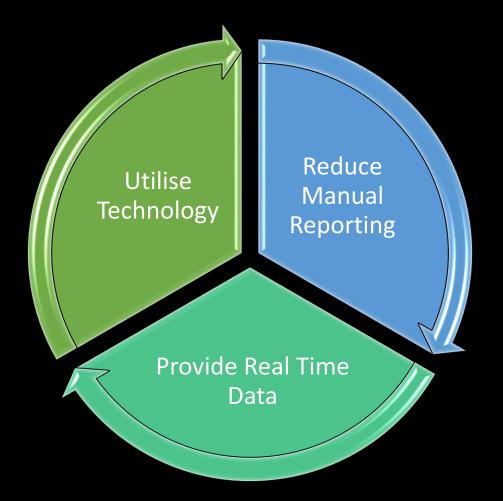
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Summary



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