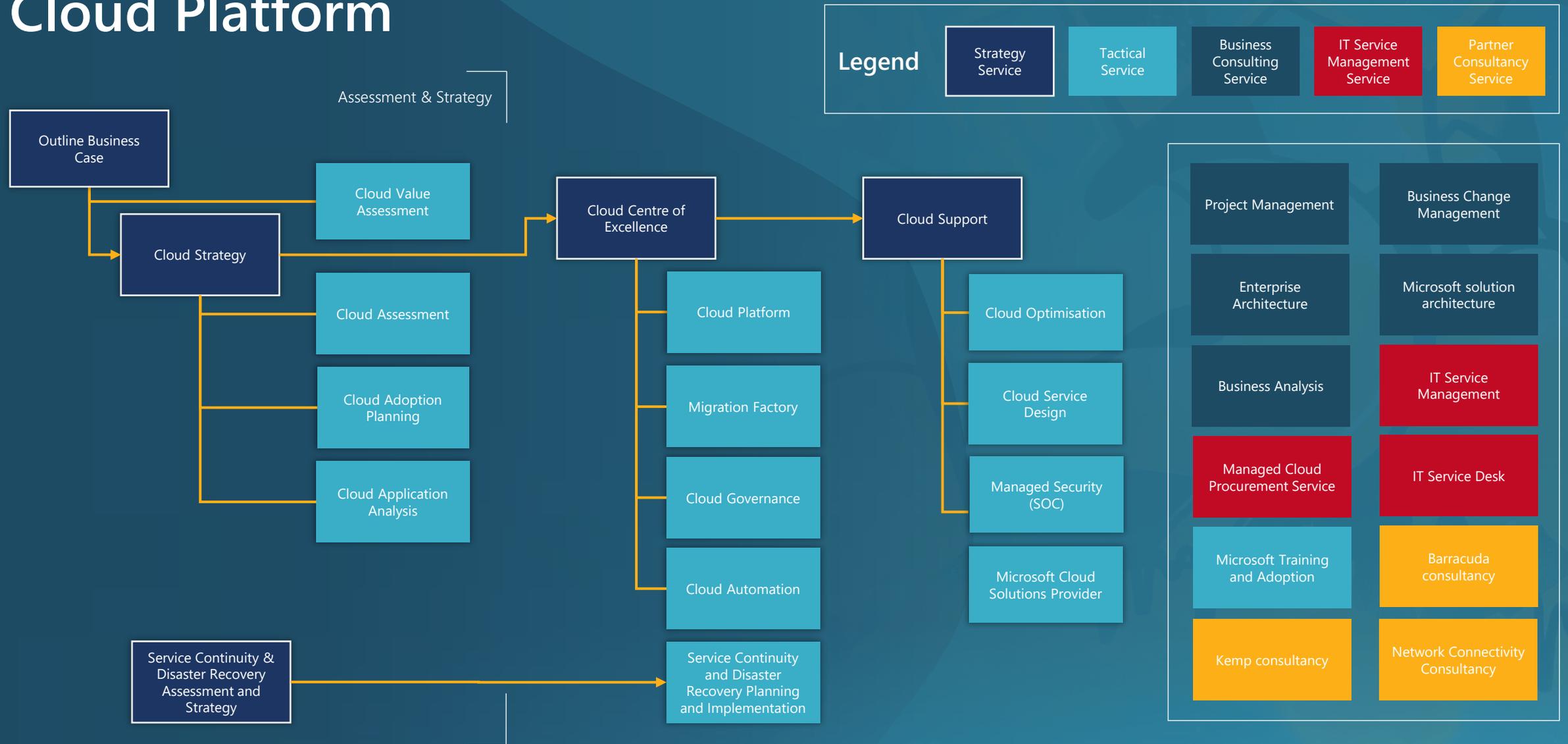# Cloud Strategy

Service Definition Document

Cloud Strategy

Description

Forms part of risual's Cloud Transformation portfolio. It helps organisations understand the benefits of transforming datacentre services with cloud technology, reducing costs and driving innovation. It forms the basis for transforming IT services with an assessment of current arrangements and problems along with opportunities for driving value through the cloud.

Features

- Assesses current business initiatives and existing datacentre technology arrangements.

- Performs SWOT Analysis against business, technology, and processes.

- Determines business motivations categorises risks for cloud transformation.

- Helps organisations understand key cloud concepts

- Supports the organisation to develop the recommended Strategy phase as part of the Microsoft Cloud Adoption Framework (CAF)

- Defines success criteria for your cloud platform transformation strategy.

- Creates a detailed cloud platform transformation strategy and roadmap.

- Provides insight into business application transformation scenarios.

- Documentation can include information gathered as part of our Cloud Assessment, Adoption Planning and Cloud Application Analysis engagements

Benefits

- Delivered by an Azure Expert MSP accredited Microsoft partner.

- Delivered by Microsoft and industry qualified and experienced cloud architects.

- Understands existing capabilities and risks relating to cloud transformation.

- Drives digital culture change across the organisation.

- Aligns current business strategy to UK Technology Code of Practice.

- Ensures cloud architecture is compliant with NCSC security guidelines.

- Identifies opportunities to leverage modern technology such as PaaS/SaaS. And define your first adoption projects.

- Helps organisations understand and address Digital skills gaps.

- Develops a business case to validate the financial model

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Cloud Assessment

Description

This engagement contributes towards your overall Cloud Strategy. It can be performed as part of the overall strategy or as an individual engagement and helps organisations to determine your readiness for transforming services using cloud technology. The service delivers an assessment of current cloud technology including how do the existing cloud and on-premises services align to your security and compliance requirements.

Features

- Evaluates current cloud and on-premises datacentre configuration and practices.

- Can be combined with a Microsoft Cloud Economics Assessment.

- Provides an assessment against best practice cloud service delivery processes.

- Performs a skills gap analysis for staff against cloud technologies.

- Benchmarks current arrangements against your cloud and digital strategies.

- Provides recommendations and opportunities for strategic & tactical consideration.

- Delivers a detailed cloud assessment report document coupled with a playback session to discuss findings.

Benefits

- Delivered by an Azure Expert MSP accredited Microsoft partner.

- Delivered by Microsoft and industry qualified and experienced cloud architects.

- Indicates the potential scope of a cloud transformation programme.

- Helps you understand core cloud concepts, preparing for the future.

- Identifies cost savings and accelerates time to value.

- Indicates the potential costs of hosting services in the cloud.

- Helps to address any compliance and best practice gaps.

- Can be used in combination with eligible Microsoft Funding.

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Cloud Adoption Planning

Description

Forms part of risual's Cloud Strategy engagement and can be performed individually. It helps organisations create a cloud adoption plan or evaluates how mature the existing plan is.

Features

- Assesses current business initiatives and existing datacentre technology arrangements.

- Performs SWOT Analysis against business, technology, and processes.

- Determines business priorities and risks for cloud transformation.

- Helps organisations understand key cloud concepts

- Supports cloud identity, security, and access management planning.

- Defines success criteria for your cloud platform transformation strategy.

- Creates a detailed cloud platform transformation strategy and roadmap.

- Provides insight into business application transformation scenarios.

Benefits

- Delivered by an Azure Expert MSP accredited Microsoft partner.

- Delivered by Microsoft and industry qualified and experienced cloud architects.

- Identifies opportunities to realise cash benefits through Cloud Economics Assessment.

- Understands existing capabilities and risks relating to cloud transformation.

- Drives digital culture change across the organisation.

- Aligns current business strategy to UK Technology Code of Practice.

- Ensures cloud architecture is compliant with NCSC security guidelines.

- Identifies opportunities to leverage modern technology such as PaaS/SaaS.

- Helps organisations understand and address Digital skills gaps.

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Cloud Application Analysis

Description

This service forms part of risual's Cloud Strategy. It contributes to the development of your cloud, business, and digital transformation strategies by evaluating your current applications against IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS offerings to help drive true transformation and realise cost savings.

Features

- Delivered by certified Microsoft Architects and IIBA certified Business Analysts.

- Discovers and assesses applications in preparation for transformation.

- Identifies those services that can be rehosted to cloud IaaS models.

- Identifies services that can benefit from being refactored to PaaS.

- Identifies opportunities to re-envision applications with SaaS products.

- Adds more value to a Cloud Value Assessment.

- Identifies application dependencies to allow effective migration planning.

Benefits

- Delivered by an Azure Expert MSP accredited Microsoft partner.

- Identifies key areas for innovation to drive true transformation.

- Focuses on where organisations can realise cost savings.

- Helps organisations to adapt an agile approach to cloud transformation.

- Prioritises effort for delivering benefits through cloud transformation.

- Supports decisions to deliver business and digital transformation projects.

- Allows price estimations for cloud consumption charges.

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