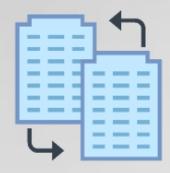


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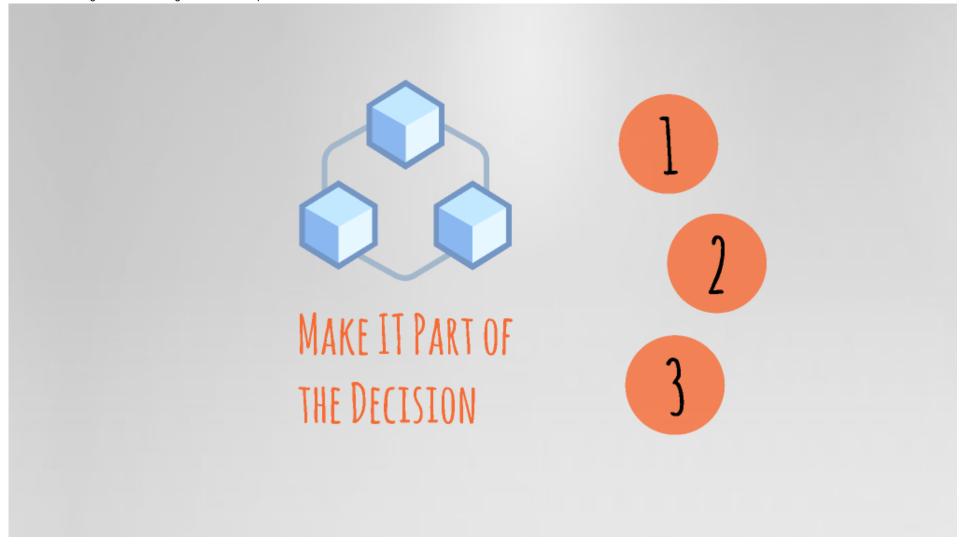
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# TO ACHIEVE STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, USE TECHNOLOGY

- Digital transformation
- · Customer experience
- Evolution of systems and software

## START AT THE END

### What's the goal?

- One system or process for all?
- Self service?
- New services?

#### Who is the user?

- Staff?
- Residents?
- Partners or contractors?

## IF ITS WORTH DOING . . .

- Stakeholder and strategic discussions
- Understanding both strategic and operational requirements
- Evaluating current systems, software and processes from all involved organisations
- Analysis of what you have vs what you want
- · Road map of how to get there



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

What does the new strategy and 3,5,10 year plan look like?

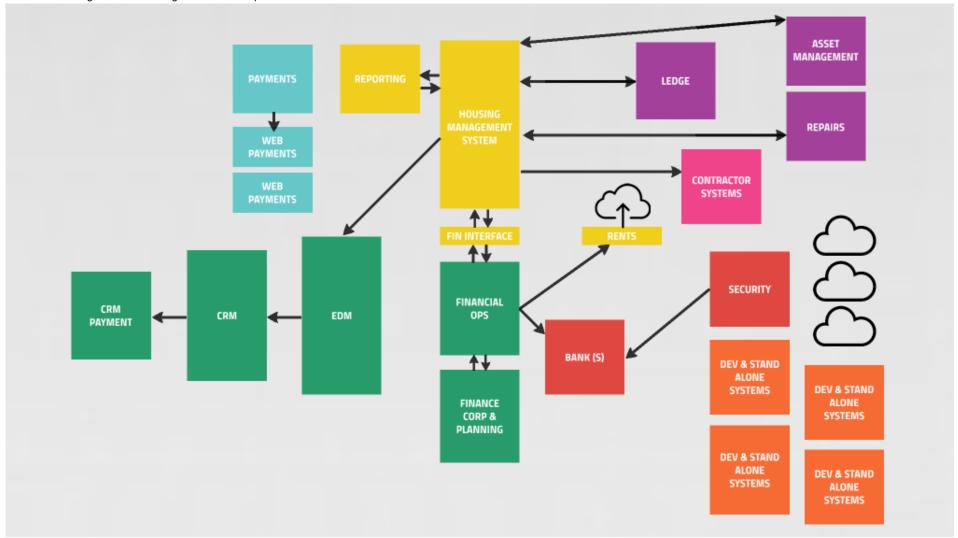
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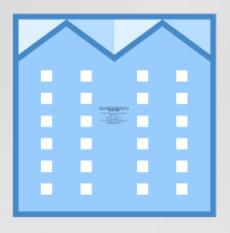
Quality of data

Change management

# Not just tenancy management and a front screen and data storage

- Integration with other systems
  - Portals
  - Shared services





EXAMPLE 1: ALL IN ONE

# Two G15 Housing associations merge and plan to have one integrated HMS to work within an overarching strategy for full integration of services.

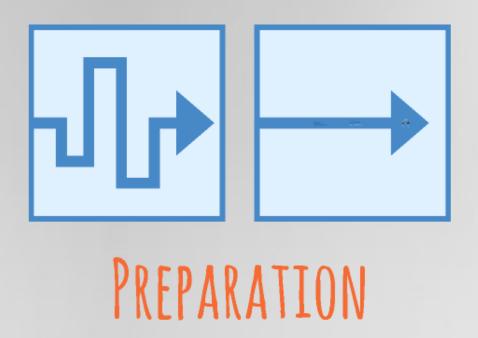
Legacy HMS are different versions of the same software
Migration of data
Data cleansing
Agreement of coding and mapping
Establishing integrations
ICT Service Desk and infrastructure needs to be combined
Managed service vs in house teams
Establishing VfM service



EXAMPLE 2: SHARE & SHARE ALIKE

## Two London Local Authorities creating a shared IT service with a plan to have one HMS for all relevant services

Executive strategies remain separate
Different resident needs
Existing service contracts to consider
Future proofing of any recommendation



## **Independent Advice**

- Expert knowledge of the housing software market
- Current technology trends
- Critique and sense check plans
- Consider the most suitable approach, products and suppliers independently

#### It's Good to Talk

It's not just about technical configuration of systems, it's also about the conversation between those implementing the IT and those using it – and this is where Sovereign can help.

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