



Developing Board Reports that Focus the Board





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Organise your structure



What - topic



So what – why is it coming to the board? why should they care?



02

What next – how will it progress? what should they do?



What else? / what could go wrong?









How does it help them:

WIIFM

What the board gets from your presentation?

\longrightarrow Discharge their duty

- \longrightarrow Achieve the vision
- \longrightarrow Deliver the mission
- \longrightarrow Avoid or mitigate risk



The 4 Mat Format

The most persuasive structure

- \longrightarrow What is in it for the board?
- \longrightarrow What are the facts?
- \longrightarrow What is the future / next steps / plan?
- \longrightarrow What else / what could go wrong?

Close / Call to action if appropriate





Other structures that may suit

→ Minto's Pyramid Principle - Persuade with logic

- Lead with main idea / solution
- Support with evidence
- Details only if needed
- \rightarrow Hypothesis, Antithesis, Synthesis build unity
 - Something we all agree
 - Why that doesn't hold true
 - New understanding that encompasses the old and the new





Other structures that may suit

Story Framework – Help them envision doing what you suggest

- A person who had a problem
- A guide who could help
- A plan of action
- Implementation
- The prize

 \rightarrow Goldilocks model - Explain why you made a decision

- This is too little
- This is too much
- This is just right



Follow up



Summarise agreement or decisions for the minutes

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Agree next steps

03

Identify any deliverables



A 'Thank you' never does any harm!







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