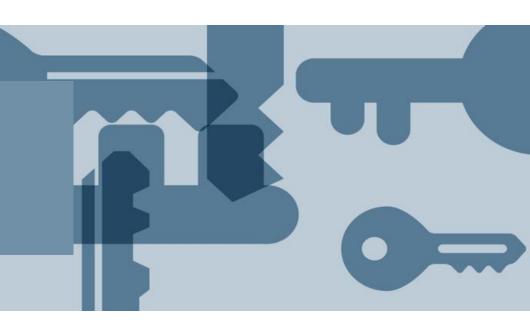




# Purpose

How to unlock its full potential...

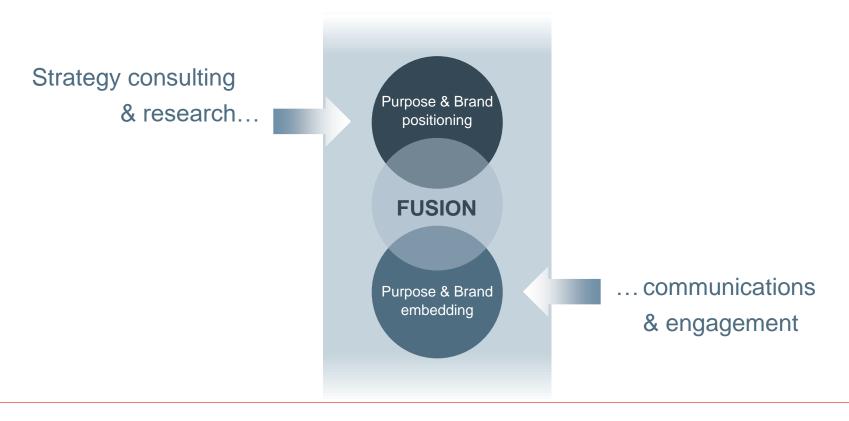
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# Helping companies manage change by fusing...



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# Our clients: corporates / PLCs...



# ...plus mutuals, co-ops & member organisations



















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Purpose: what's all the noise about?

# Purpose: why do we exist?

 "Integral to corporate & business strategy... how values, beliefs & actions can have a meaningful, measurable & positive impact on the world in which companies operate"
 (Mars Group)



A major impact...

# **73%** agreed that Purpose influenced the majority of their decision-making



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# Purpose is "one of the most important issues to address in recent years"

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#### **PRWeek Breaking News Bulletin**



Are we at the 'tipping point' for purpose-led campaigns? Cannes PR Lions president hopes so

# A further step on the journey...

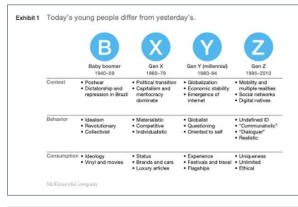


**1987:** "Sustainable development" **1990 – 2000** "Triple Bottom Line" 2000 – 2010 "Socially responsible investment" **2010 – today** "Environmental, Social & Governance"

#### 2020 onwards:

"Values-based impact & measurement"

# Market need: Gen Z is 'searching for truth'





*"In a transparent world, younger consumers don't distinguish between the ethics of a brand, the company that owns it, and its network of partners and suppliers.* 

The influence of Gen *Z* – the first generation of true digital natives – is now radiating outward, with **the search for truth** at the centre of its characteristic behaviour and consumption patterns"

"True Gen: Generation Z and its implications for companies" McKinsey & Co



# Markets' expectations: broader deliverables

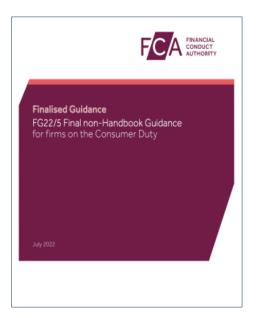
- Investors
  - "...shareholders are in the vanguard of the movement for purpose and certainly for ESG adoption"
- Regulators
  - e.g., EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive;
     US Securities & Exchange Commission
- FRC UK Stewardship Code
  - "...the responsible allocation, management and oversight of capital to create long-term value for clients and beneficiaries leading to sustainable benefits for the economy, environment and society"



McKinsey & Company



# Consumer Duty: playing to your strengths?



"The higher standards of the Duty and the shift to focusing on consumer outcomes will require a significant change in many firms' culture.

Firms should ensure that the interests of their customers are central to their culture and purpose and that this is embedded throughout the organisation"

# At last...!

#### Governance







### Operations

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#### To build great homes

#### and create thriving communities

Legal

Inclusive capitalism in the

spotlight as

(Taylor Wimpey)

# Celebrating life, every day, everywhere

(Diageo)



#### To add life to a lifetime of learning

(Pearson)

#### To connect for a better future

(Vodafone)



Creative transformation is fuelled by ideas that are born from a powerful sense of purpose and executed in a massively disruptive way."



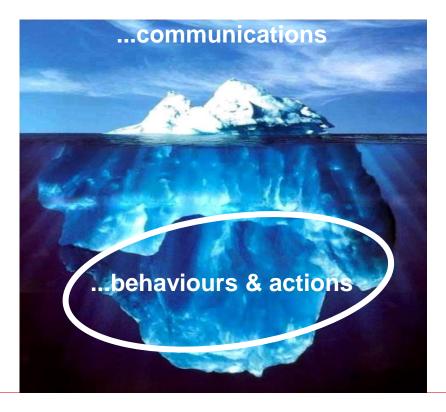
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# Real PLC challenge: behaviours & actions

- "Many companies are grappling with defining purpose and what an effective culture means...
  - ...with too many substituting slogans or marketing lines"

(FRC: Annual Review of UK Corporate Governance Code 2020)

- Leaders overly relying on communications
- How embed Purpose & 'make it happen'?



# "A values-based positioning...

# ...is in our DNA"

# Purpose reflected in actions & behaviours...

 Customer / member well-being

- Community orientation
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Longer-term perspective
- Heritage

# ...but with associated communications' challenges

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Perception

- Slow to adapt?
- Old-fashioned?
- Less commercially 'savvy'?
- Understanding & appreciation
  - What *is* mutuality?
- How be more effective?

# Awareness, understanding & appreciation?



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# More effective Purpose communications: 1

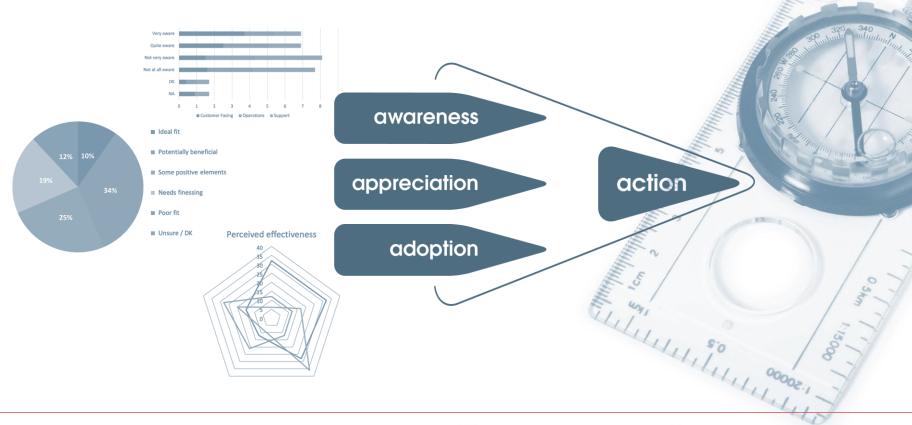
Understand what's working well... and not

## Research method: either or both...



- e.g. brand awareness understanding & appreciation favourability / preference / loyalty NPS
- *e.g.* perceptions strengths & weaknesses value(s) attributes & associations competitive differentiation



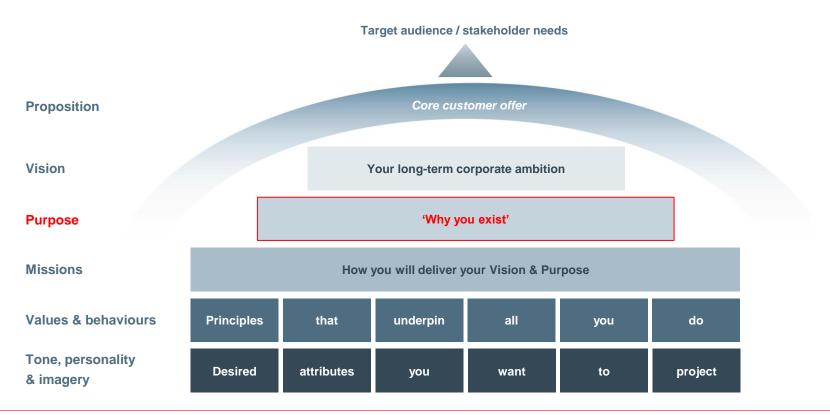


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# More effective Purpose communications: 2

- Understand what's working well... and not
- Define precisely your Purpose narrative: identify cut-through messages

# Purpose as integral part of a broader narrative



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# More effective Purpose communications: 3

- Understand what's working well... and not
- Define precisely your Purpose narrative: identify cut-through messages
- Image matters: sometimes you need to be bold

A clear Purpose; dated name & branding

# "Working for a world where every horse is treated with respect, compassion & understanding"















# Accurately reflecting 'Why they exist'

- "The new name communicates their broader role as well as international significance & impact"
- "The design was clearly more effective contemporary, appealing, with the reassurance of evolution"

(Extract: member qualitative research debrief)



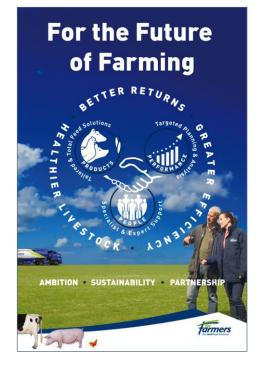
# More effective Purpose communications: 4

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- Image matters: sometimes you need to be bold
- Focus, consistency & coherence

#### More purposeful expression...







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Purpose & values-based positioning

Market needs

Markets' expectations



Shareholderdriven

Purpose & values-based positioning

# *"Walk the Talk"*

#### Shareholderdriven

# Purpose & values-based positioning

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Purpose & values-based positioning

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"Talk the Walk"

#### Doing justice...

...defined precisely
...targeted accurately
...expressed clearly,
confidently & consistently

#### You are what you do, not what you say you'll do C.G Jung

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