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Organizational Decision Making

Who makes what decisions?

Enjoy, it's a start if you need a framework. Feel free to adjust to your organization.

Corporate Strategy

| Decision / Area | Develop Review | | Approve | Execute |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Corporate Vision & Mission | Department Heads | CFO & COO | CEO | Department Heads |
| Operational Strategy | CFO & COO | CFO & COO | CEO | Department Heads |
| Corporate Initiatives | Department | Portfolio | CFO & COO & | Department |
| (Manage Initiative Portfolio) | Heads | Management | CEO | Heads |
| Corporate Initiatives | Department | Portfolio | CFO & COO & | Department |
| (Approval, Success, etc.) | Heads | Management | CEO | Heads |
| Culture & Values | CFO & COO & | CFO & COO & | CEO | Department |
| Culture & values | CEO | CEO | CEO | Heads |
| Product Strategy (Direction) | Product Management | coo | CEO | Product Management |
| Strategic Alliances | Department Heads | CFO & COO | CEO | Department Heads |
| Marketing Strategy Plan | Marketing / CMO | coo | CEO | Marketing |
| Shareholder Value | CFO | COO | CEO | Department Heads |

External Communications

| Decision / Area | Develop | Review | Approve | Execute |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| Board Meeting Presentation | All Departments as Required | CFO & COO | CEO | CEO |
| Board and Owner Financial Communications | Accounting | CFO & COO | CEO | CEO |
| Executive Compensation Policy | CFO | coo | CEO | CFO |
| Public Relations Plan | Marketing | coo | CEO | Marketing |
| Media / Industry Contact | Marketing / Sales | coo | CEO | CEO |
| Community Outreach | HR w/Department Heads | CFO & COO | CFO | Department Heads |

Corporate Governance

| Decision / Area | | Develop | Review | Approve | Execute | |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Organ | nizational Structure & Roles | coo | - | CEO | Department Heads | |
| | People HR CFO & COO | | People HR CFO & COO | | Department Heads | |
| | Financial | Accounting | CFO | CEO | Department Heads | |
| Co | Contract / Purchasing - Budgeted Dollar value below \$x | Departments | Department Heads | Department Heads | Departments | |
| Corporate Policies | Contract / Purchasing – Budgeted Dollar value above \$x - Assumes Forecast is timely and accurate | Departments | Department Heads / CFO | СхО | Departments | |
| olicies | Contract / Purchasing - Unbudgeted Dollar value between \$y to \$z | Department Heads | coo | CFO | Department Heads | |
| | Contract / Purchasing - Unbudgeted Dollar value above \$z | Department Heads | соо | CFO | Department Heads | |
| | Operating | Operating Department Heads | COO | CEO | Operating Department Heads | |
| Risk N | Nanagement (Exposure) | Risk Management | CFO & COO | CEO | Department Heads | |
| Prioritize Operating Resource Model & Allocation | | Department Heads | CFO | COO | Department Heads | |
| Issue Management (Arbitration) | | Department Heads | Appropriate CxO | Appropriate CxOs | Department Heads | |

Business Planning Cycle

| Decision / Area | Develop | Review | Approve | Execute |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| Financial Reporting and Analysis | Finance | CFO | COO | Finance |
| Budget & Forecast | Department Heads | CFO & COO | CEO | Department Heads |
| Departmental Business Plan | Department Heads | CFO & CEO | COO | Department Heads |
| Financial Performance Metrics & Targets | Department Heads | coo | CFO | Department Heads |
| Operational Performance Metrics & Targets | Department Heads | CFO | coo | Department Heads |
| Establish & Prioritize Annual Corporate Objectives | coo | CFO | CEO | Department Heads |
| Product Plan | Product Management | COO | CEO | Product Management |

Employee Lifecycle

| Decision / Area | Develop | Review | Approve | Execute |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Organization Staffing Requirements | Department Heads | CFO | Appropriate CxOs | Department Heads |
| Budgeted Hiring Request | Departments | HR | Department Heads | Departments |
| Unbudgeted Hiring Request | Department Heads | HR | CFO | Department Heads |
| Benefits | HR | CFO & COO | CEO | HR |
| Compensation Program | HR CFO & COO | | CEO | Department Heads |
| Performance & Reward Program | HR | CFO & COO | CEO | Department Heads |
| Community Outreach | Employees | Department Heads | Department Heads | Employees |
| Leadership Program | CFO | CFO | CFO | HR |
| Employee Advisory Committee | Employees | - | HR | Employees |
| Training Plan / Sales | Sales Operations | Sales Department Heads | SVP Sales | Sales / Sales Operations |
| Training Plan / Non-Sales | Departments | Department Heads | Department Heads | Departments |
| Employee Expense Policy | Accounting | CFO | СхО | Departments |
| Executing Employee Relations Plan Subject to Contract / Purchasing Budgeting | Departments | Department Heads | Department Heads | Departments |
| Setting Employee Relations Policy | Department Heads | HR | COO | Department Heads |

Customer Lifecycle

| Decision / Area | Develop | Review | Approve | Execute |
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| Business Processes & Procedures | Departments | Department Heads | СхО | Departments |
| Service & Quality Metrics & Targets | Departments | Department Heads | СхО | Departments |
| Customer Service Plan | Customer Service | Customer Service & Sales | COO | Customer Service |
| Product Marketing Plan | Marketing & Sales Operations & Product Management | Sales & Marketing Department Heads & CPO & COO | CMO / CEO | Marketing & Sales Operations |
| Brand Management Marketing Plan | Marketing & Product Management | Marketing & CPO & COO | CMO / CEO | Marketing |
| Billing & Collections Plan | Controller | CFO | coo | Controller |

Revenue

| Decision / Area | Develop | Review | Approve | Execute |
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| Pricing Strategy | Product Management & Sales | CFO & COO | CEO | Sales |
| Sales Plan | Sales | SVP Sales | coo | Sales |
| Sales Commission Plan | Sales | SVP Sales & CFO | coo | Sales |

Corporate Assets

| Decision / Area | Develop | Review | Approve | Execute |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Space Plan | Facilities | CFO | COO | Facilities |
| Fleet Plan | Facilities | CFO | COO | Facilities |
| Voice Communications Plan | Facilities | CFO | COO | Facilities |
| Data Communications Plan | IT | CIO | COO | ΙΤ |
| Data Center Management Plan | IT | CIO | COO | IT |
| Safety & Security Plan | Facilities | CFO | COO | Facilities |
| Business Continuity Plan | IT & Facilities | CFO | COO | IT & Facilities |