

Northumberland County Council choose Execview for Enterprise Programme Management and Corporate Change following successful pilot

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Council embraces Execview for Corporate Change Programme to save £74 million, along with roll out of iNorthumberland campaign for business and community

London, UK - Execview, providers of the ground-breaking Enterprise Platform for delivering and managing business transformation, operational excellence and strategic outcomes, has announced that Northumberland County Council will use the Execview enterprise Programme and Project Management (PPM) platform to tackle its corporate level change programme, manage corporate risk for multiple portfolios, and deliver executive and senior level reporting across the council.

The contract follows a successful pilot which included PPM to help roll out the council's fast iBroadband project across the county, as part of its iNorthumberland campaign to enfranchise small businesses and the community at large, encouraging online activity to further drive the region's economy.

PPM is part of Execview's enterprise governance platform. It enables overall strategic outcome management, project prioritisation, project and change reporting, stakeholder communication, PMO functionality and more. Delivered as Software-as-a-Service, PPM can be deployed rapidly, at low cost and for minimal risk.

Stephen Gray, Northumberland County Council's Broadband Programme Director said: "We wanted the council to be up and running quickly with a cost effective solution that gives us excellence in managing our many programmes and projects. Most of the Council's directorates now want to use the solution; Execview's PPM does that like nothing else on the market. The solutions will cover many of the Council's services such as customer services, street-lighting, highways and so on."

He added: "We underwent a formal procurement process and scanned the market for a solution to give us the best control and governance of the council's programmes, projects and portfolios. Execview fitted the bill. It is 'top-down' and allows rapid roll-out from the very largest programmes to the very smallest project. It's easy to use, and gives the council excellent control with a very low training overhead."

Until Execview PPM, the council faced a business problem with its control processes, reporting, and visibility of its programmes. Today, after a successful pilot and a series of 'quick win' working projects to demonstrate effectiveness in a matter of weeks, Execview is the solution of choice for the council's Corporate Programme and all project activity. The council is targeting £74m of savings using Execview for programme and project management over the next three years. It currently runs over 40 Programme Office and IT change projects with Execview, and about 50 users are now trained.

Among the programmes addressed by Execview is the iNorthumberland broadband programme. Stephen Gray, Broadband Programme Director at Northumberland County Council, said: "Execview can be rolled out at a

fast pace with a very low level of impact on managers, project managers and project users, with just an hour of training per user. This meant our Corporate Change and IS teams could be up and running and self-sufficient in minimal time for little overhead.”

Stephen cited a new clarity and timeliness of reporting for council executives, ensuring their engagement in problem solving and project successes. He added: “They like the ease and speed with which they can view key performance indicators and milestones using a simple traffic light system. We are now at the stage where all the main programmes have executive visibility – which allows Northumberland to be more successful at delivering change.”

While it is too early to assess full ROI, the council expects immediate savings on Microsoft Project licences and Risk Management software, as well as indirect savings and gains, thanks to speedier reporting, better decision-making, productivity improvements and removal of some third party expenses. There has also been a reduction in IS project management costs, as the team find Execview to be a more efficient tool than incumbent ones, and are now able to employ fewer external project managers.

Execview CEO Stephen Randall said: “We are delighted to be working with another innovative council, and we are impressed with the way Northumberland County Council evaluated Execview on several projects to identify capabilities and whether it was fit for purpose. It clearly was. It is beginning to deliver savings and efficiencies and we are very pleased to see its more widespread use across other council programmes and projects.”

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About Northumberland County Council

Northumberland is intrinsically rural but to varying degrees. The county is officially the most sparsely populated county in England, with only 62 people per square kilometre. Although home to almost 310,000 people, nobody lives in a settlement with more than 40,000 residents. The Council employs over 4,500 people and provide the full range of unitary services.

For further information visit: <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/>

Execview

Execview provides a ground-breaking Enterprise Platform for delivering and managing business transformation, operational excellence and strategic outcomes. Execview combines best industry practices, thinking and visibility into a software platform that gives customers the capacity and capability to deliver change themselves, reducing the need for external consultants.

Execview offers the ability to drive, innovate and control businesses. Board-level dashboards ensure timely, informed and effective enterprise-wide management and decision-making – while sophisticated tools enable the planning and managing of complex enterprise programmes, portfolios and projects – along with service delivery and operational services, including services outsourced to third parties. Being designed by industry experts, Execview automatically incorporates industry best practices as part of the solution – such as Prince2, CMMI, MSP, and EFQM methodologies – empowering users and reducing the expense of external consultants’ skills.

Available in the Cloud, on a Software-as-a-Service basis (or implemented within your own Private Cloud or environment if required), Execview can take just a few days or weeks to be live with an organisation's data.

Execview specialises in helping enterprise sized organisations. Customers include UK and overseas companies across a wide range of industries, such as Banking, Broadcast, Higher Education, Insurance, as well as Central Government, Local Government and professional services. A privately held company, Execview is based in Holborn, London, UK. For more information, see www.execview.com. The company was founded in 2003. Execview was launched in 2008.

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