



## Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Services

### Aims

Over the last few years several 'high profile' events around the World have highlighted the requirement for organisations to reassess their provision for business continuity and disaster recovery. Moreover, this requirement has been underpinned by a wealth of legislation and regulations, including the 'Civil Contingencies Bill' and ISO 27001:2005 (or BS 7799:2).

Statistics indicate that on average 92% of companies without a business continuity plan (BCP) do not survive a major disaster (40% never reopen, 40% re-open but fail within 18 months, and 12% fail within five years) (Safetynet/Guardian IT doc: "After Bishopsgate").....8% survival rate!

### Process and Execution

Figure 1 illustrates the model that is applied by our consultants to undertake a comprehensive engagement.

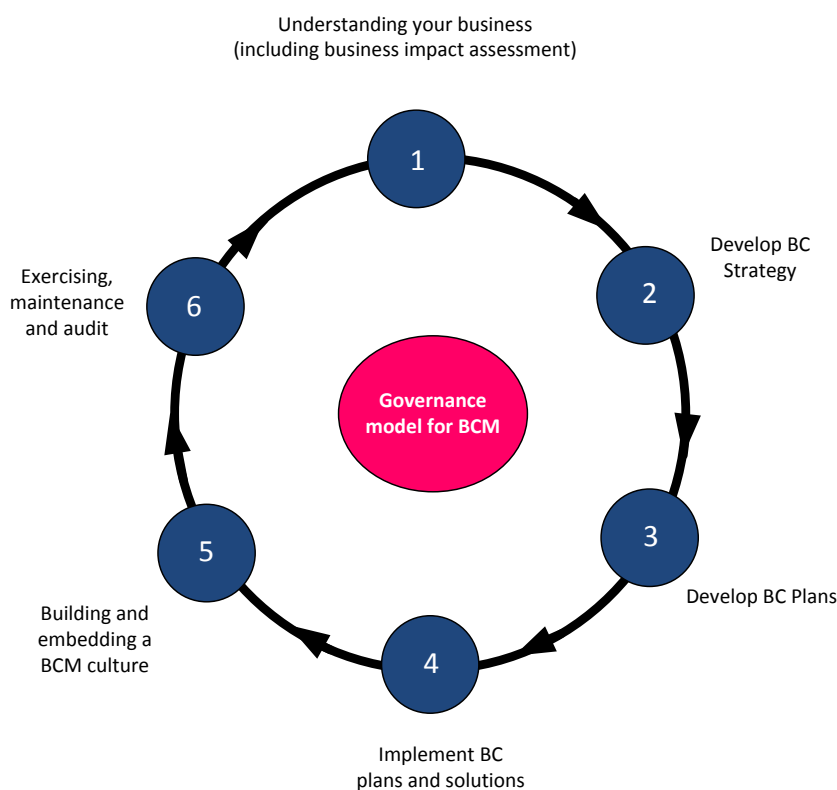


Figure 1: The BCM Life Cycle

## **Consideration of Business Issues**

Our consultants ensure that business continuity & disaster recovery planning is underpinned by:

- Detailed impact and risk assessment, and using a scheme for quantifying business impact that has been agreed with the Client
- Strategy that reflects constraints on the Client organisation, e.g. financial, cultural / political, time and resource.

## **Consideration of Technology Issues**

Our consultants maintain details of the technologies typically used to support implementation of business continuity disaster recovery plans. In particular, technologies to support the following are important:

- Diverse routing
- Recovery of application services
- Data and transaction synchronisation.

## **Outputs**

- Fact Finding report
- Business impact and risk assessment
- Contract/SLA review
- Strategic options for business continuity (including DR)
- BCP/DR framework and plans (including test schedule)
- Recommendations for infrastructure related projects
- Skills transfer
- Maintenance schedule for BCP plans.

## **Benefits to Clients**

Advisec delivers a professional service based on vendor independence, highly skilled consultants (CLAS, CISSP and ISPO 27001 auditors), and underpinned by the knowledge and experience gained through having undertaken several BCP / DR engagements. Furthermore templates and tools from earlier engagements ensure that Clients receive a cost effective and timely service delivery.

## **Charging Basis**

Dependent on the size and type of the Client organisation, and the scope of the engagement. However, estimates for a comprehensive engagement, based on a medium sized organisation and subject to the 'Civil Contingencies Bill' is 40 days (approximately).

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