

# **Teacher guide**

## Change management – CMI

#### Where does the lesson fit?

This is a stand-alone session that would fit in a strategy module. The main activity is an investigation which would require additional time to complete, either in subsequent lessons or during the students' own time.



### Suggested resources & activities related to change management and CMI

- Full CMI case study
- Change Management PowerPoint
- Change Management lesson resources
- CMI crossword
- CMI word search

#### Suggested timings for the session

- 10 mins Starter e.g. CMI word search
- 5 mins Use the Change Management PowerPoint to discuss the topic
- 5 mins Read the case study
- 10 mins Questions
- 25 mins Introduction to task
- 5 mins What have you learned?

## Answers to questions

- Identify two things that might occur in the external environment which will require an organisation to make changes. Examples include:
  - the introduction of new legislation
  - the development of new technology
  - changes in the economy
  - market fluctuations.
- 2. Describe the two types of decisions that may need to be made. The two types of decisions are:
  - Strategic these usually affect the whole organisation and are generally made by senior managers. Strategic decisions have long term implications.



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- Tactical these usually short to medium term decisions made on a department bases
- 3. Explain some potential barriers to change. Barriers to change include:
  - the culture of an organisation resisting the power structure
  - managers feeling threatened by the process of change
  - resistance from employees
  - a lack of understanding about why change is to take place
  - a lack of communication or trust
  - employees fearing the unknown.
- 4. Analyse why effective communication is so important in managing change. Effective communication:
  - reaches the correct stakeholders
  - lets stakeholders know the reasons for change
  - allows stakeholders to ask questions
  - encourages stakeholders to be involved in the change process
  - helps to avoid rumours.

#### What have you learned?

- 1. Some workers will resist change TRUE
- 2. Good communication with employees will help to make the process more effective TRUE
- 3. Change occurs very rarely FALSE
- 4. Improving technology can be a driver for change TRUE
- 5. It is better if employees are not involved in the change process FALSE
- 6. Change is usually quick and inexpensive FALSE