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# A Forum on Cloud Computing: Transforming ICT Delivery

# Now is the Time for Proactive Market Making

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# Two Fundamental Transformations are in Play

## The Technological

Virtualisation is enabling increasing automation & transformation of the manufacture of technology services (*the new era of Services Factories*) **plus** the practical implementation of *Service Oriented Architectures* (SOA) that enable the evolution of the (loosely-coupled) Services Stack from the (tightly-coupled) Technical Stack.

## The Commercial

Lead players in Consumer markets (Amazon, Google,) have exploited *Services Factory* to *deliver business processes as consumer services over the Web*, innovating & transforming the commerce of technology services - this *new commerce* is now starting to impact both Enterprise and Government service procurement.

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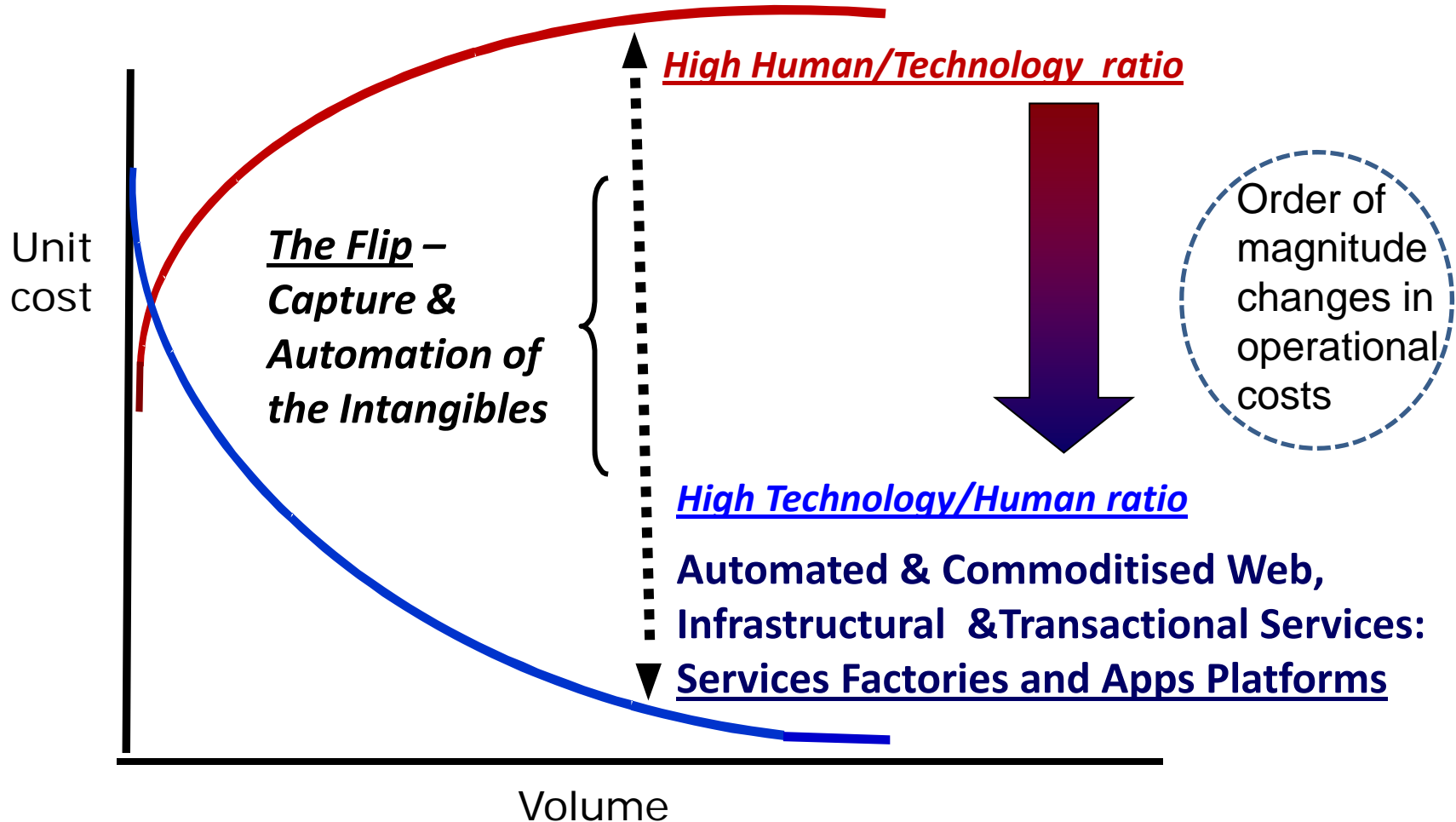
And the key features of the *new commerce*?

- An emerging market place of discrete technology services that can be directly supplied/sourced over the networks/the Web.
- An emerging services 'offer' that is about 'sourcing as required, paying as used', and that eschews license fees & term contracts.
- An emerging re-focusing of the human contribution to the *value creation* and the *delivery* of technology services.


These impact the supply **and** demand sides of the long established commerce of IT Services: ITO, BPO, Applications Development and Maintenance, Systems Integration, Offshoring/On-shoring.....:

# Transforming the Human Contribution

Enterprise IT; 'Pure Play', Call Centre & Classic IT Services Firms; *Specialist* Services, Apps & SaaS Firms



# 'The Cloud' (at its most fundamental)



*A Competitive & Global  
Market Place of Discrete &  
Directly Sourceable  
(Technology-Enabled)  
Business & Consumer  
Services: Available On-  
Demand over the Web &  
Paid For As Used*

***A Very Different but Competitive Commerce***

# The New Commerce of Technology Services

The *new commerce of technology services* should have strong attractions in the Government space: ***it can potentially***

- Disengage the capital investment decision from the consumption decision: *capex* decisions migrating to the supply side, the demand side focusing on *opex* decisions.
- Sharply reduce operational costs
- Enable high levels of *operational* agility & flexibility
- Speed software innovation , development and re-use – sharply cutting costs and raising speed to implementation
- Sharply simplify procurement, reducing the costs of procurement and speeding the process.

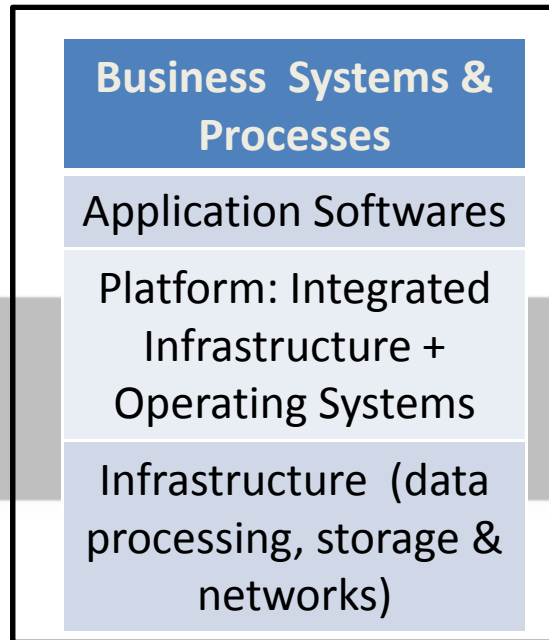
# The New Commerce of Technology Services

## Certain Fundamentals!

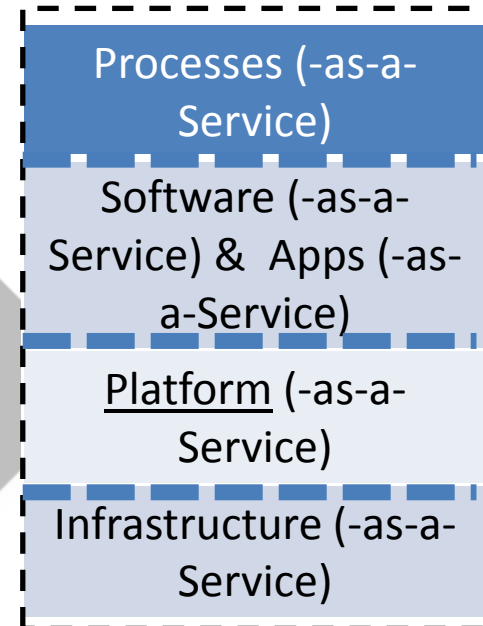
1. The Departmental ICT Team is now in the business of sourcing *services*, not *people & technology*; measure accordingly!
2. The competitive vendor landscape is being transformed by the new commerce – vendors with deeper experience of the new business models are challenging the status quo: understand the new landscape before renegotiating anything!
3. The new UK Government coalition is determined to get costs out – it has a strong hand. Established vendors have strong balance sheets & know they have to transform: new vendors are ambitious & also have strong balance sheets. *Now is the time for proactive market making by the Government.*

# The Vital Transformation

## The Technology Stack: Tightly Integrated Technology



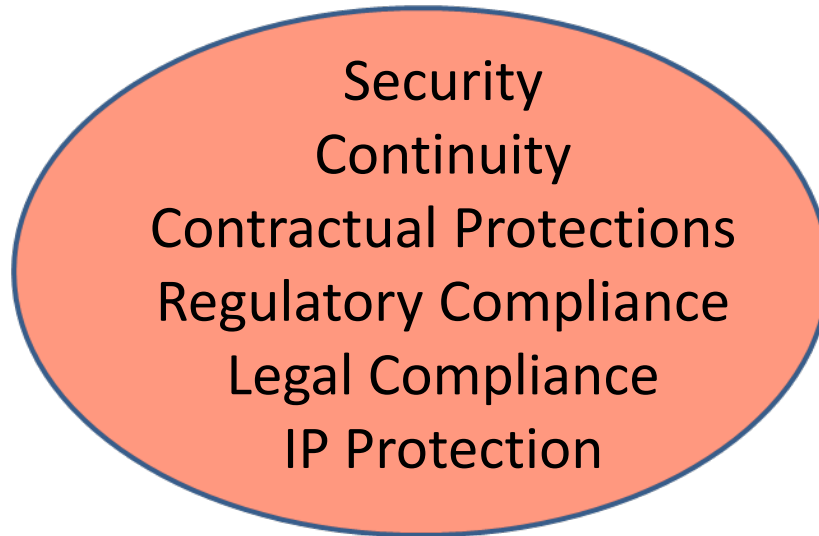
## The Services Stack: Loosely Coupled Services



**The** major current barrier to change in Government & Enterprise:  
– much current uptake at the periphery (web services, software dev). Major corporates driven by moves to standardise generic requirements across business units – the UK Government?

# The Key Challenge – and a Key Policy Issue!

*How can full Business Assurance be delivered*



along the length of a virtual services supply chain?

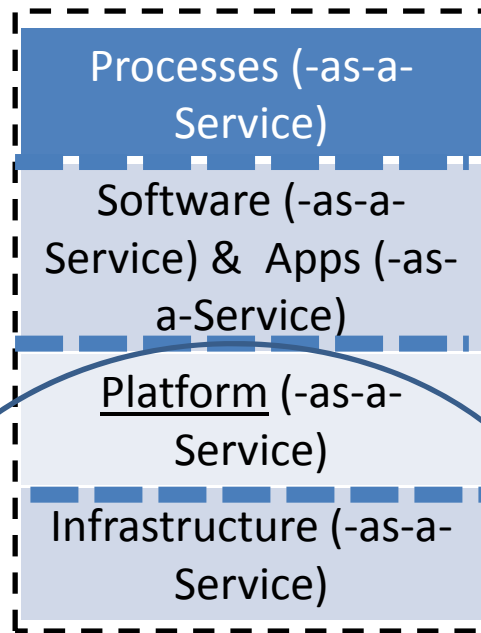
Key policy issue:

manage defensively ('HMG will not venture into Public Clouds until')? **or**

manage positively ('HMG will work to create effective Business Assurance to access the strategic benefits of Public Clouds')?

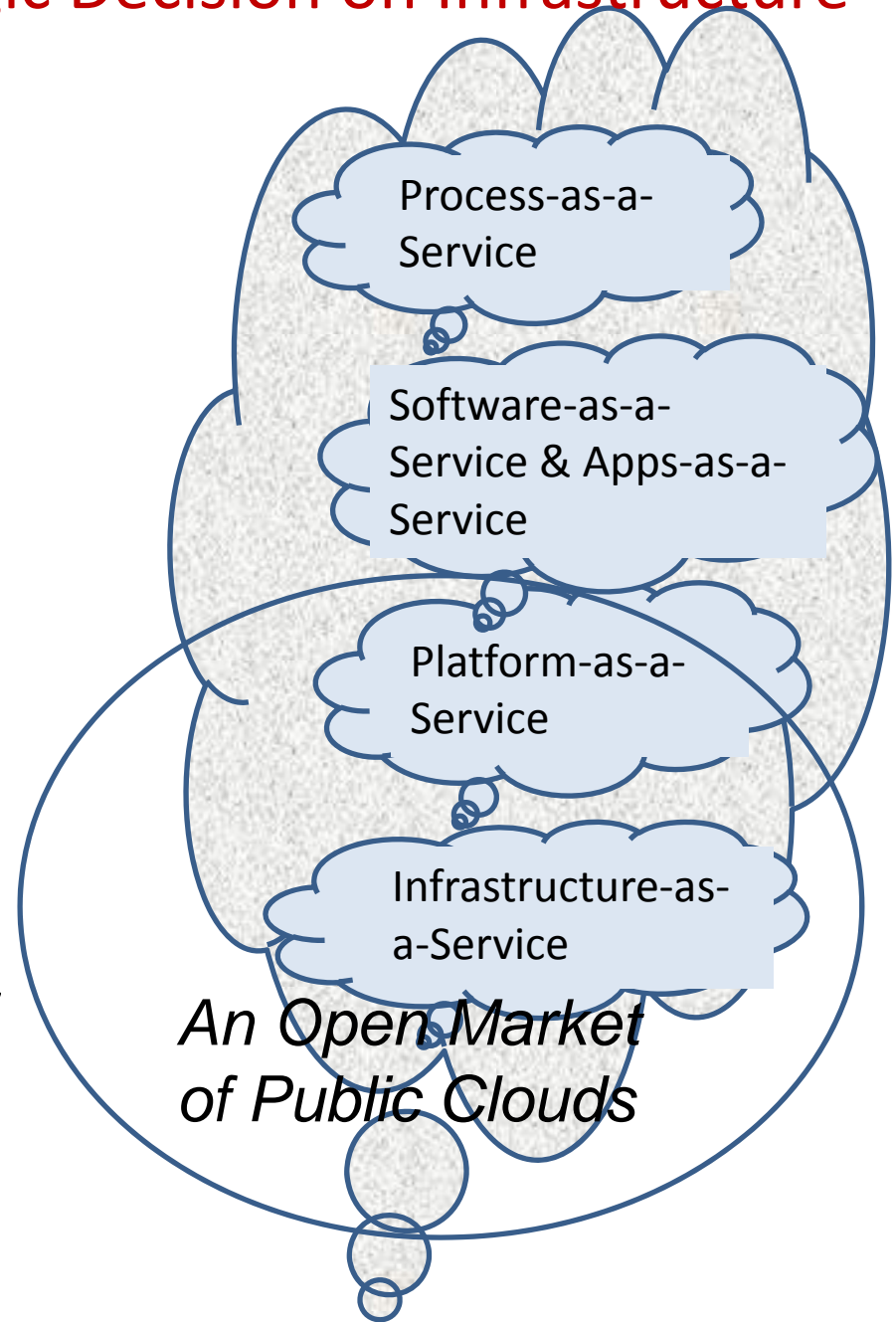
# Framework for a Key Strategic Decision on Infrastructure

## The Services Stack: Loosely Coupled Services



*A Private Cloud  
called G-Cloud*

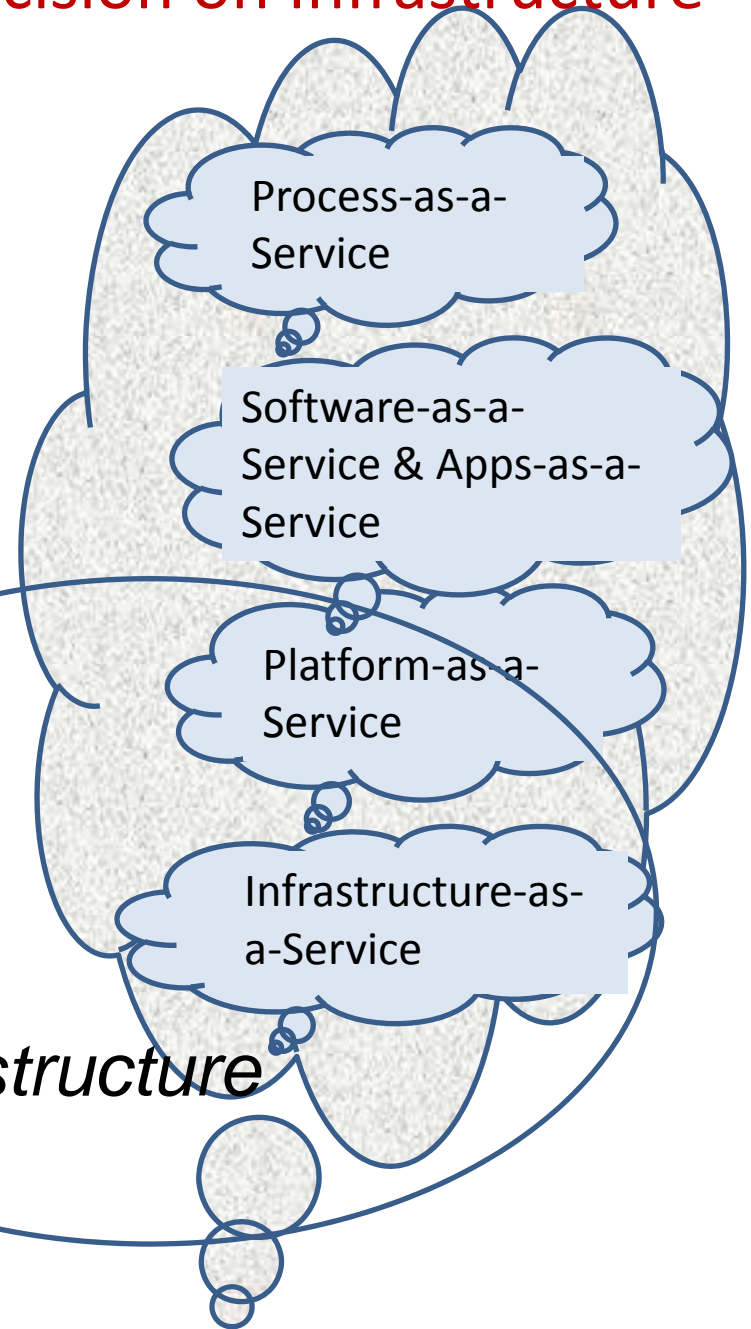
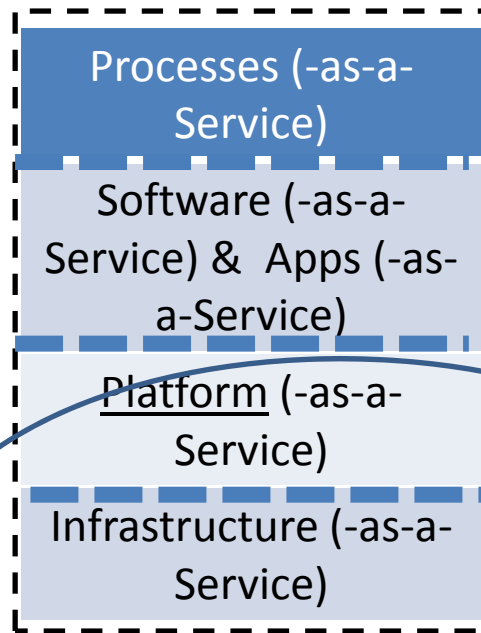
**or/  
vs**



*An Open Market  
of Public Clouds*

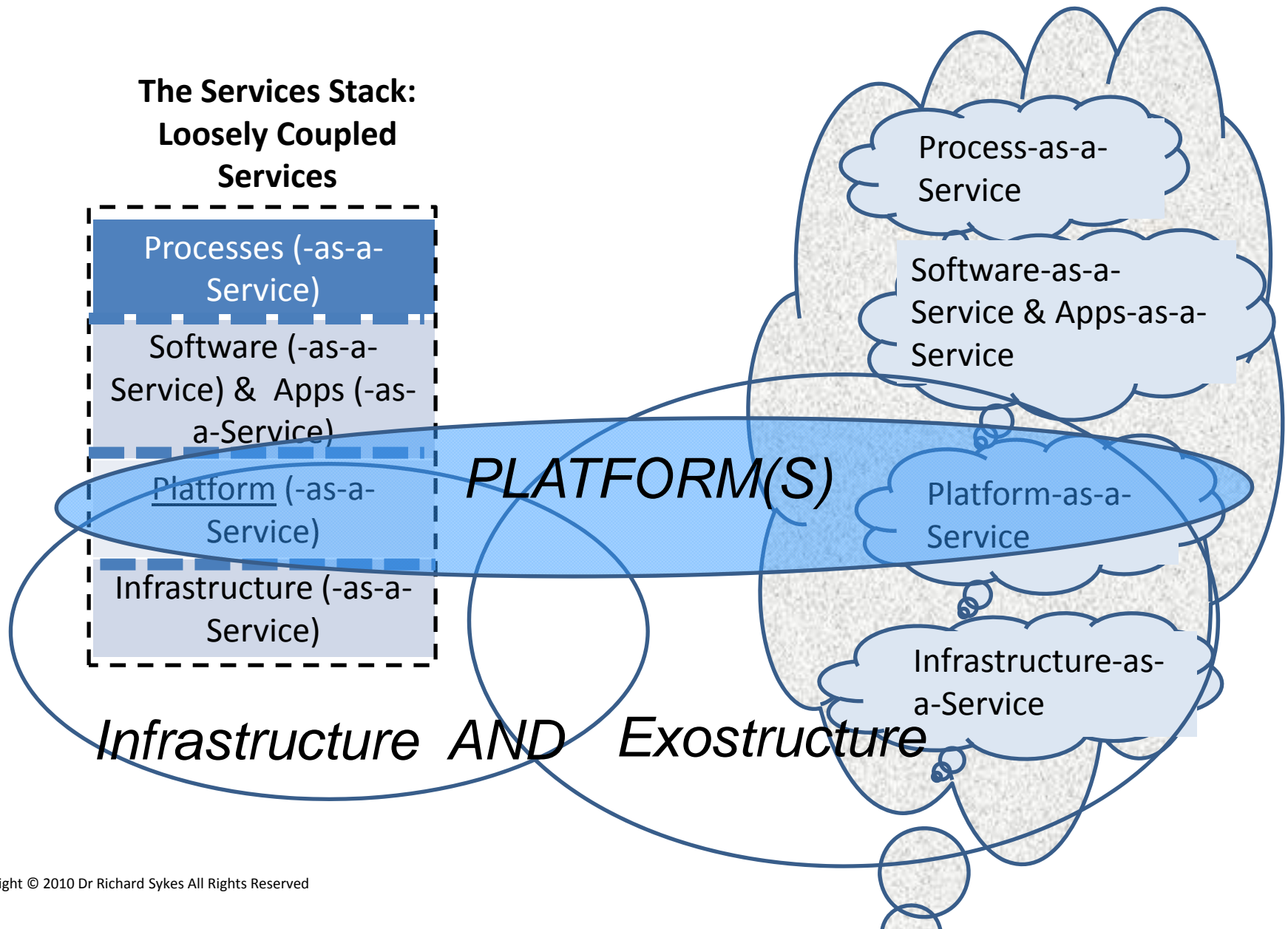
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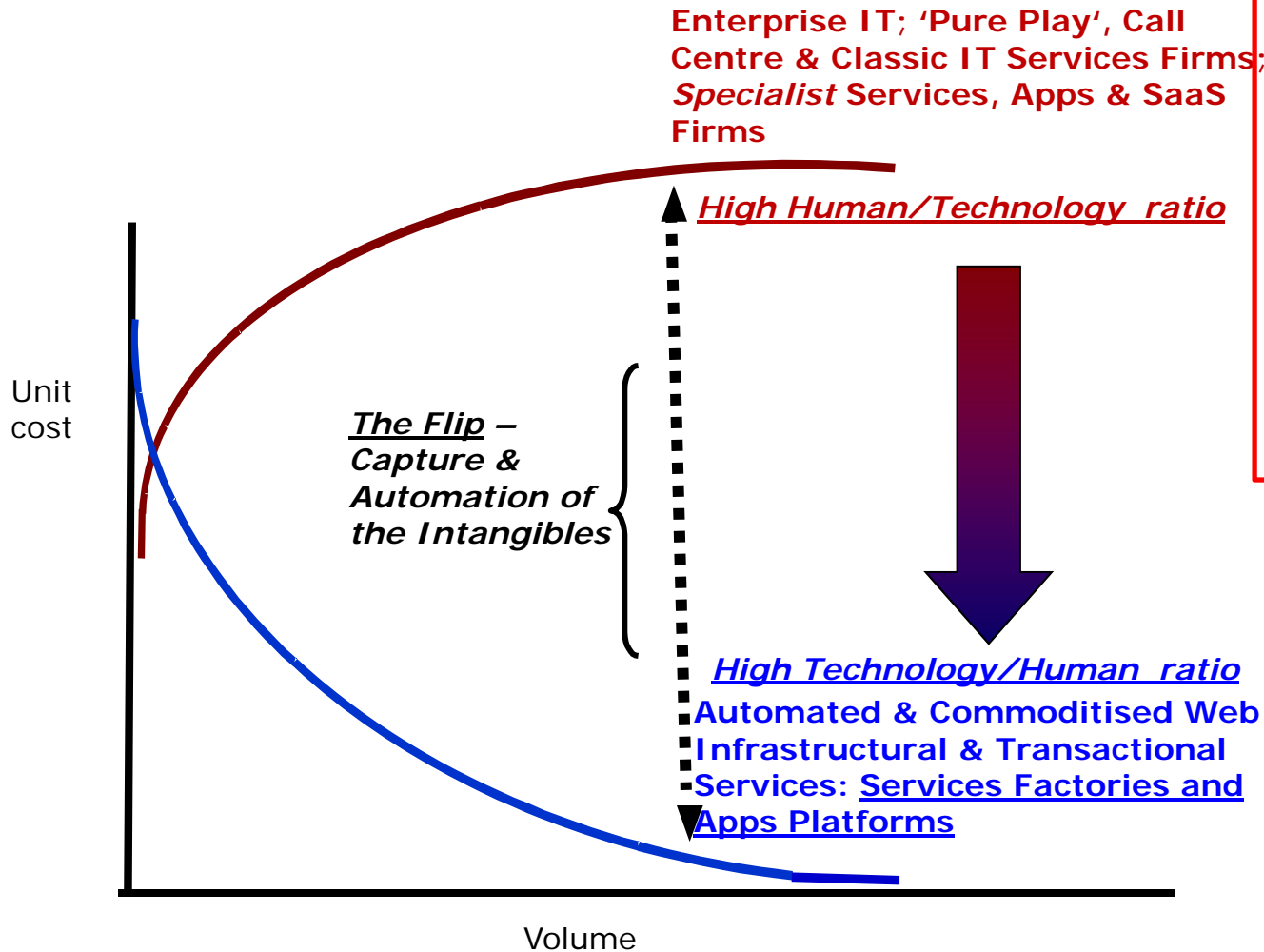


*Infrastructure AND Exostructure*

# Framework for a Key Strategic Decision on Infrastructure



# In-House vs. Supply-Side: Re-Focusing the Human Contribution



**Focus:** delivering high application specificity: Specialty end-application-aligned services

Tuned to specific end-market requirements. Strong partnership orientation & commercial capabilities

**MARKET & CUSTOMER FOCUS & INTIMACY TEST**

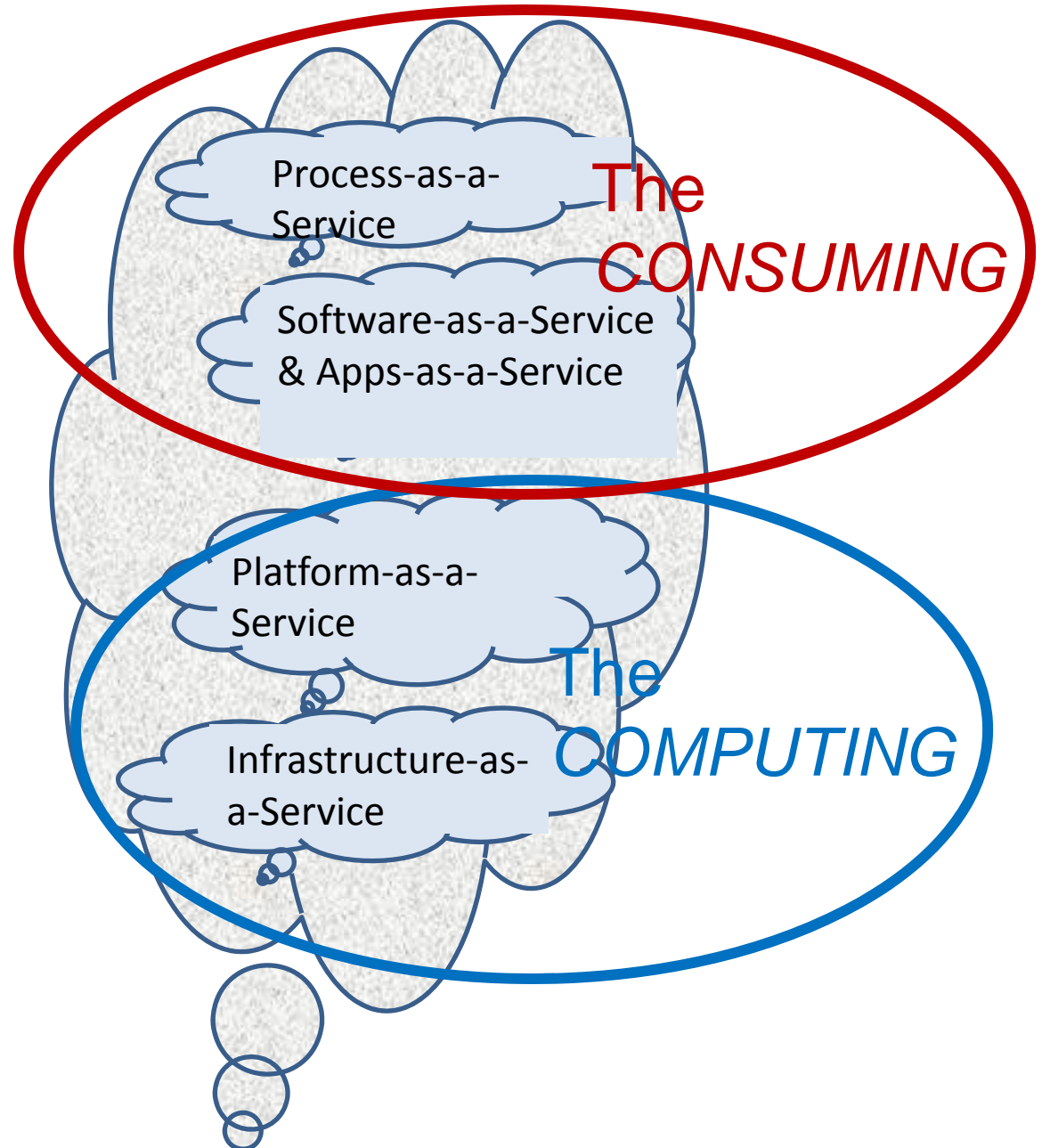
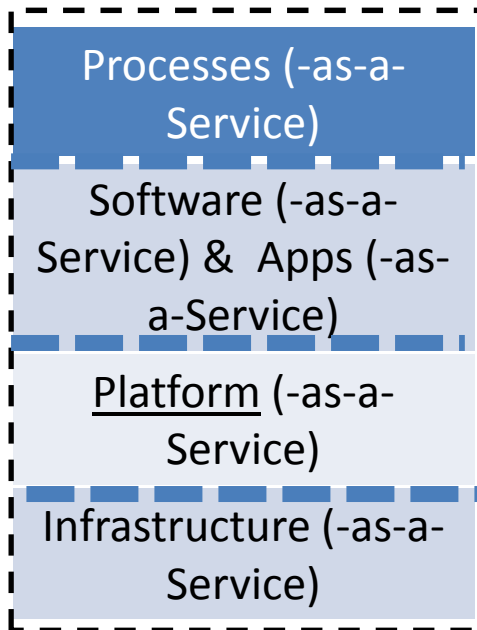
**Focus:** making technology 'sweat the assets' (high utilisation, reliability, security & flexibility):

Commodity manufacturing skills plus service orientation & capabilities

**SERVICE FACTORY MANUFACTURING TEST**

# Where should HMG's Prime Focus Move Towards?

## The Services Stack: Loosely Coupled Services



# Three Key Market Making Initiatives - 1

1. A focused Private/Public Partnership , *working closely with CESG as a team resource*, to enable HMG to securely work in Public Clouds up to & including IL3
  - ❖ Major cost & operational benefits of a competitive 'Cloud' market in infrastructural services, sourced through new generation multi-tenanted & 'green' data centres;
  - ❖ Ability to serve the citizen customer over the web with greater ease, flexibility and security

*Market making* through a framework procurement of *infrastructural services* that encourages new investment [plus new vendors with proven *services factory* experience] in a key *UK infrastructural resource* that will sharply reduce underlying Government operational costs, raise its green profile, and contribute to the international competitiveness of the UK 'shore'.

## Three Key Market Making Initiatives – 2

2. A focused transformational drive within HMG to provide both national and local government with a single set of standardised back and front office transactional services.
  - ❖ Exploiting the *services factory* model, and enabling effective process simplification – both key to driving out costs and to delivering the green agenda
  - ❖ Genuine bespoke requirements delivered as front-edge variants on standardised services (consider how [salesforce.com](https://www.salesforce.com) does it)

*Market making* through a framework procurement for *standardised transactional services* that as far as possible exploit existing Cloud-sourcable services (desk top, payroll) and craft anew ['revs and bens'!] where required.

## Three Key Market Making Initiatives – 3

3. Design the Apps Store around a G-Cloud *Platform* [*G-Platform?*] that seamlessly inter-links Infrastructure & Exostructure, and provides the necessary Business Assurance required by HMG.
  - ❖ Sharply simplifies technology service sourcing & procurement
  - ❖ Enables both innovation and ‘bespoking’ through re-use, extension of existing service & software structures
  - ❖ Enables smaller tech enterprises to more easily present innovative service ‘offers’ directly into the Government market place

*Market making through market enabling* – an effective segregation of ‘the consuming’ from ‘the computing’ to enable more effective focus of front-line service resources.

## And Finally – Move to Exploit the New!

1. Move to break the tradition of term contracts where sourcing standard & commoditised technology services.
2. This is the end of the era of the Deal. Segregate financial engineering, process transformation and on-going service procurement into separate procurement structures.
3. Sourcing underlying infrastructural & transactional requirements as standardised services allows in-house resource to be focused towards front end, citizen-close work.
4. It also opens the door to a move away from ‘techie SLA-based’ relationships towards *outcome-based partnerships*\*.

\* [www.IntellectUK.org/OBA](http://www.IntellectUK.org/OBA)

# Thank You!

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