Project Plan Checklist

Topic	Project Plan Checklist Criteria
Project	Are the following items clearly defined:
Overview	Project name Sponsor
	Project description Project Manager
Scope	Goals:
	 Is there a clearly defined project goal? Is the goal aligned with organizational and departmental strategies? Requirement: Has acceptance criteria been defined for the project and each deliverable? Deliverables:
	 Are all deliverables necessary to achieve the project goals identified? Final deliverables Interim deliverables Project management deliverables Has anything that is excluded from the project been documented? Work: Is the work defined with enough detail to build confidence in project success?
Stake- holders	 Have key stakeholders and their success criteria been identified? Have strategies to engage each key stakeholder been identified and integrated into the project plan?
Schedule	 Have major milestones been identified for each phase and deliverable? Has a subject expert been involved in developing the timeline?
Risk	 Is there the appropriate level of risk in the project? Have project (internal, external and technical) risks been identified? Has each risk been assessed against the probability of occurrence and the impact on the project? Have mitigation strategies (proactive) and contingency plans (reactive) been identified for high risks?
Resources	 Are resources identified, like: raw materials, equipment, facilities, and staffing? Have teaming factors, like: on-boarding, team dynamics, leadership, positive conflict been addressed? Have specific roles and responsibilities been identified for each team member (like a RACI chart)?
Cost	 Does the budget include all costs associated in achieving the project goal? Does the project budget impact the business case? Are authorities for budget changes clearly defined?
Communication	 Is there a detailed plan to ensure that all areas involved in and impacted by the project get the information they need, when they need it?
Knowledge	 Is there sufficient project documentation to capture and share organizational knowledge? Have the right people been involved in project planning to leverage past knowledge?



Project Roles & Responsibilities

Sponsor/Project Executive:

 Providing business perspective of the project need and priority



- Defining project success criteria
- Establishing project completion and budget constraints
- Working collaboratively with the Project Manager to document the Project Charter
- Identifying key resources necessary for project planning
- Supporting the collaborative planning process
- Reviewing and approving / rejecting the Project Plan
- Providing on-going support for project work
- Communicating the continued importance of the project
- Communicating organizational changes that could impact the project
- Communicating with Steering Committee and Gate Keepers (if they are being used for the project)
- Providing feedback on the project process
- Clarifying critical issues
- Actively supporting the Project Manager and project team
- Supporting project closing activities
- Determining if the project achieved the agreed upon goals
- Willingness to integrate organizational changes based on Closing stage learnings

Steering Committee:

- Providing cross functional perspective
- Working closely with the Sponsor
- Providing overall support for project planning and execution

Team Member:

- Participating in collaborative planning process by providing expertise based on past projects and organizational experience
- Identifying the work and estimating effort to complete assigned deliverables
- Identifying and assessing project risks
- Communicating with Project Manager
- Completing work assignment and producing project deliverables
- Identifying, logging and recommending issue resolutions using the Issue Management procedure
- Communicating detailed status of work effort on a predefined format to the Project Manager
- Implementing approved scope changes
- Participating in closing process by providing feedback on project process

Subject Matter Expert:

 Providing subject matter expertise based on past projects and organizational experience

Gatekeeper/Portfolio

Manager:

- Making project decisions for approval, re-scoping or rejection of project approach
- Committing resources and funding to the project
- Working closely with the Sponsor

Project Manager:

- Clarifying Sponsor expectations
- Working collaboratively with the Project Sponsor to document the Project Charter
- Facilitating the planning process and the application of project management techniques ensuring that the right individuals are involved in collaborative planning
- Documenting the Project Plan
- Working with Sponsor and Key Stakeholders (and Executive Sponsor, Steering Committee and Gatekeepers if utilized on the project) to keep them updated on project progress
- Establishing Management Plans for managing project related: issues, changes, knowledge, quality, risks and communications
- Providing leadership to the project team
- On-boarding team members
- Meeting regularly with the project team to communicate changing priorities, manage issues, resolve conflict and determine project status
- Reviewing and recognizing the contributions of each team member
- Managing risks, issues and project changes
- Keeping project documentation up to date and completing project related administrative work
- Facilitating the closing process documenting project lessons learned and best practices
- Willing to integrate changes to the project management process based on the Closing stage learnings

One person may fill multiple roles. Roles are assigned based on project need. Responsibilities can be delegated.

