

Managing to Collaborate

"The overwhelming conclusion from our research is that seeking collaborative advantage is a seriously resource-consuming activity so is only to be considered when the stakes are really worth pursuing.

Our message... is don't do it unless you have to."

Chris Huxham & Siv Vangen (2005), p. 13

21st Century Workplaces

Management practices
Work processes
IT systems
Learning, training &
knowledge
Physical environment
Psycho-social environment
Orientations to work
Retirement cultures
Flexible working-time
arrangements
Competition, regulation &
governance



Inclusive Design & the Ageing Workforce

User characteristics:

sensory, motor, cognitive, emotional/aesthetic

Design outputs:

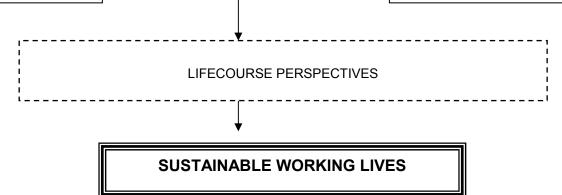
processes, products, environments

Domains:

urban, architectural, interiors, work station, tools

Health, Well-being & Workability

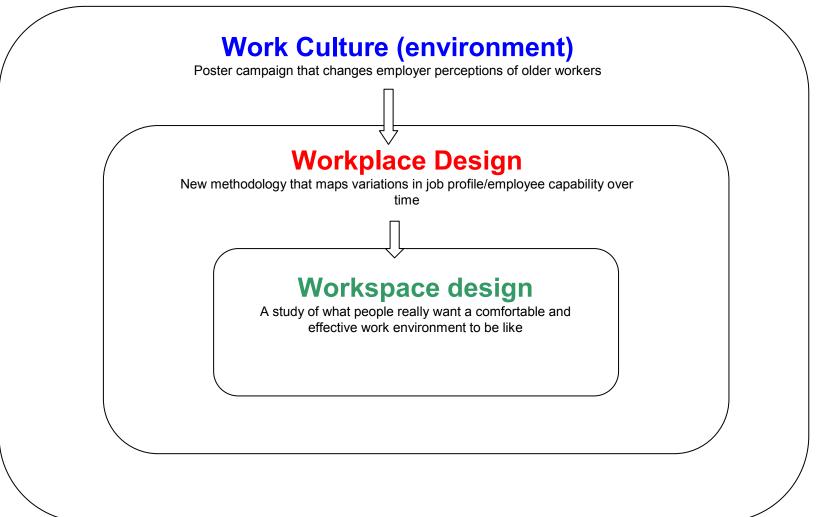
Individual functional capacity
Safety & accidents at work
Sickness & absenteeism
Rehabilitation
Mental & physical loads
Occupational overload/productivity
Ergonomic diagnosis
Occupational health interventions
Assistive technologies



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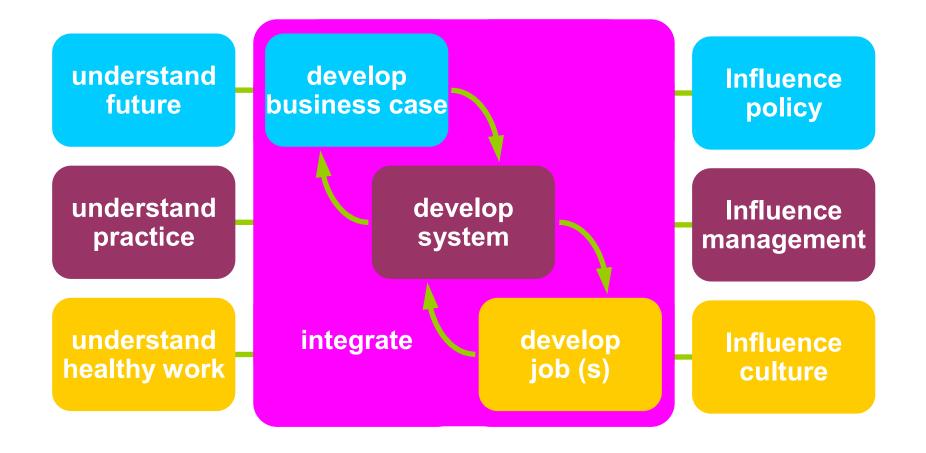


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Work Package structure







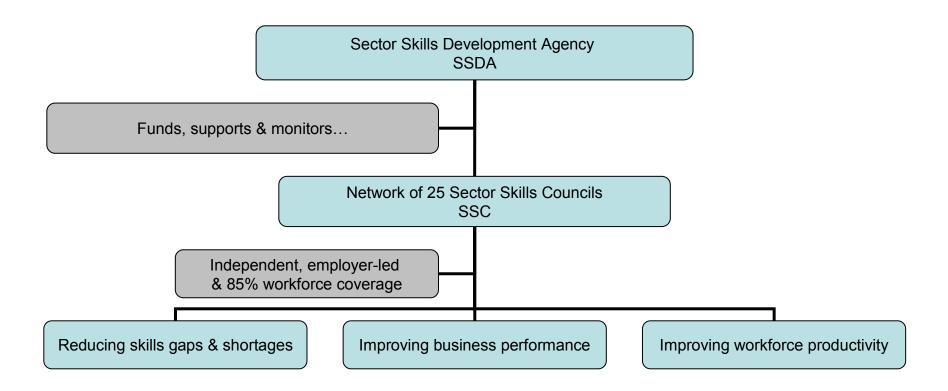


- A long-term strategic partnership
- The identification of collaborative advantage
- Realising (& releasing) potential in the ageing workforce
- Improving well-being & the quality of longer working lives
- Helping UK PLC to position itself strategically to succeed in a global economy





A business-led rationale



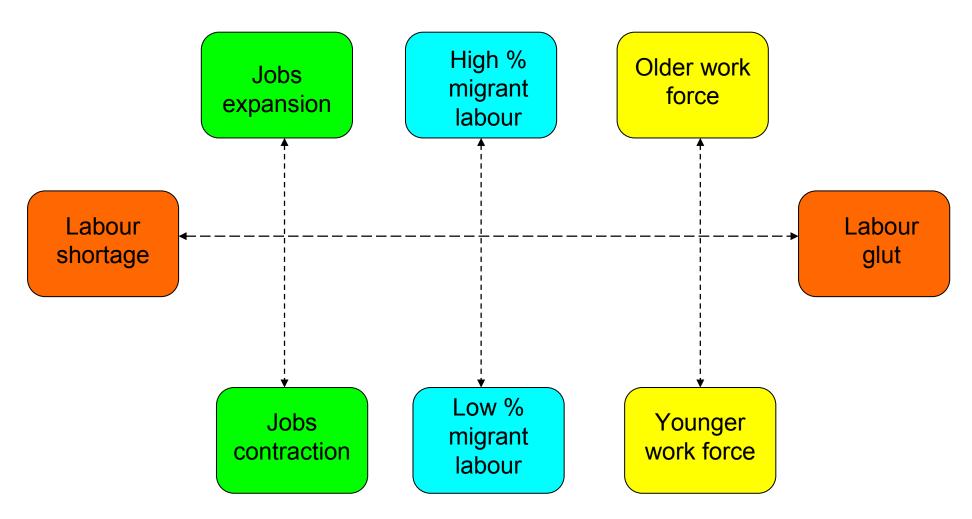


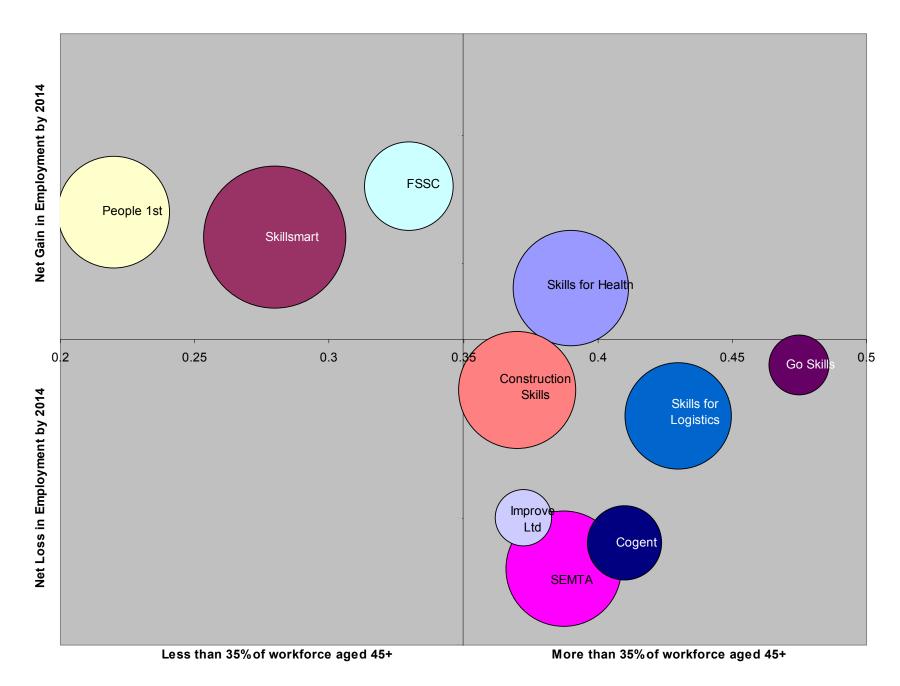
SSC examples

- Cogent: oil, gas, chemical manufacturing
 - 850,000 workers
- GoSkills: passenger transport
 - 555,000 workers
- People1st: hospitality, leisure, tourism
 - 1.9 million workers (30% staff turnover p.a.)
- Financial Services Skills Council
 - 1.2 million workers

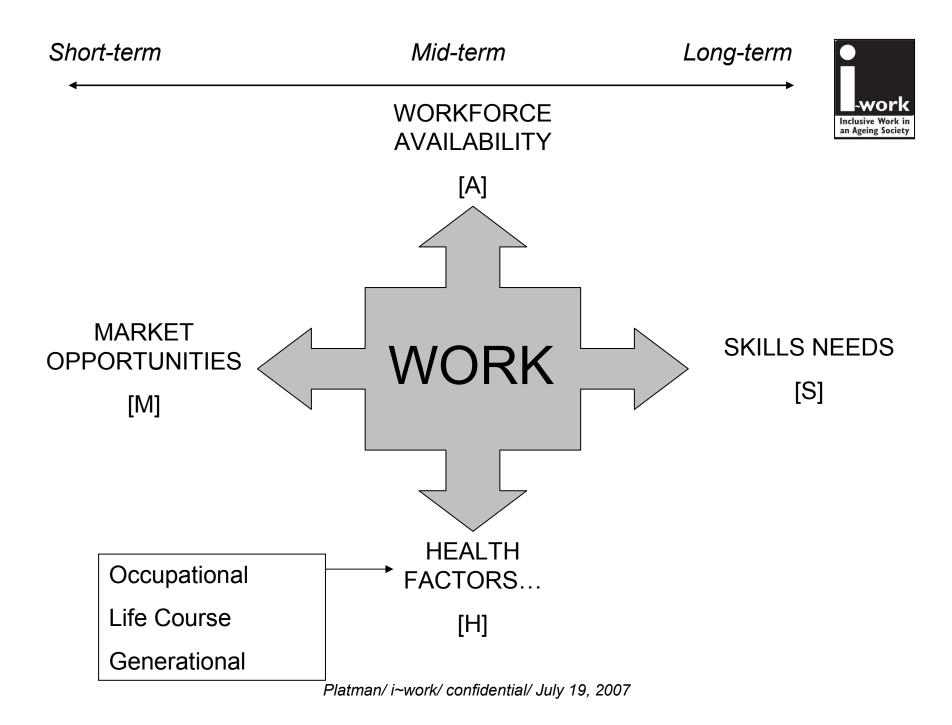
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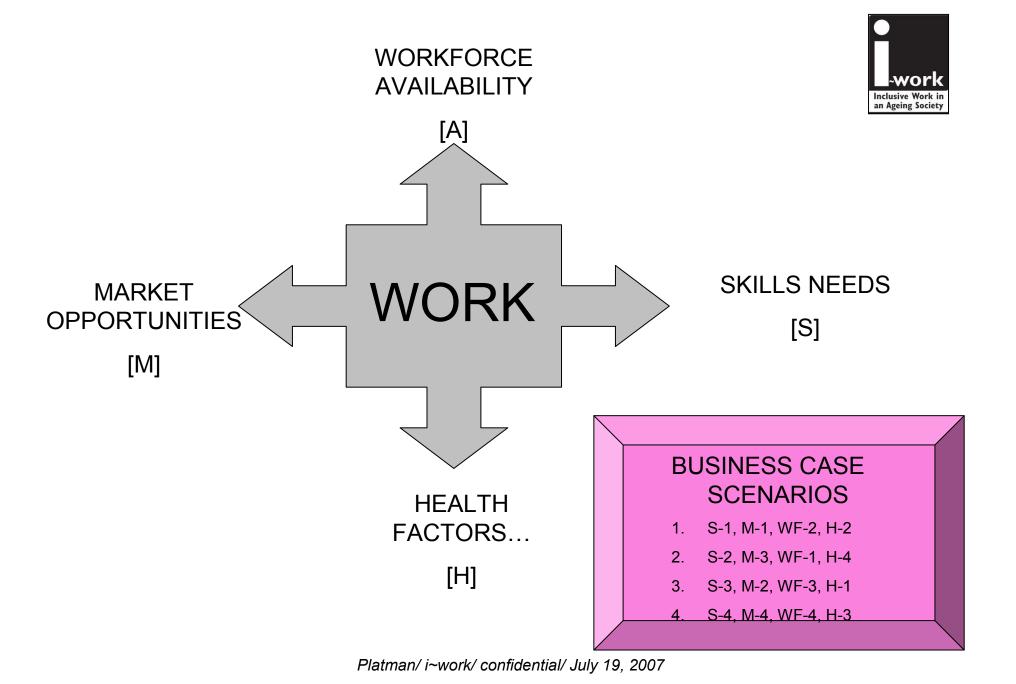






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Consultations



Host institution	User group	Potential Participants	Date
Cambridge	Human resources & business groups	Employers Forum on Age, CIPD, SMEs, Equal Opps Commission	June 19
Warwick	Employment intermediaries	TAEN, Prime, TUC, Business Link, ACAS	June 21
ILC-UK	Policy & government	DWP Extending Lives Division, Age Concern	June 21 & 29
RCA	Architecture & design community	Design Council, architects, interior designers, engineers	July 17
Surrey/ Notts/ HSL	Health, ergonomics & human factors	NHS Institute for Innovation & Improvement, Health & Safety Executive, occupational health experts, Engineering Employers' Federation	July-Sept

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Key messages

- Wealth of existing research
 - Best practice guidance, business case arguments, challenges to age stereotypes
- Resistance to change
 - Small & Medium-sized Enterprises
 - Fears over the ending of fixed retirement ages
 - Poor use of labour market information
 - Case study banks rarely applied
 - Scepticism of cost-benefit trade-offs in workplace adaptations

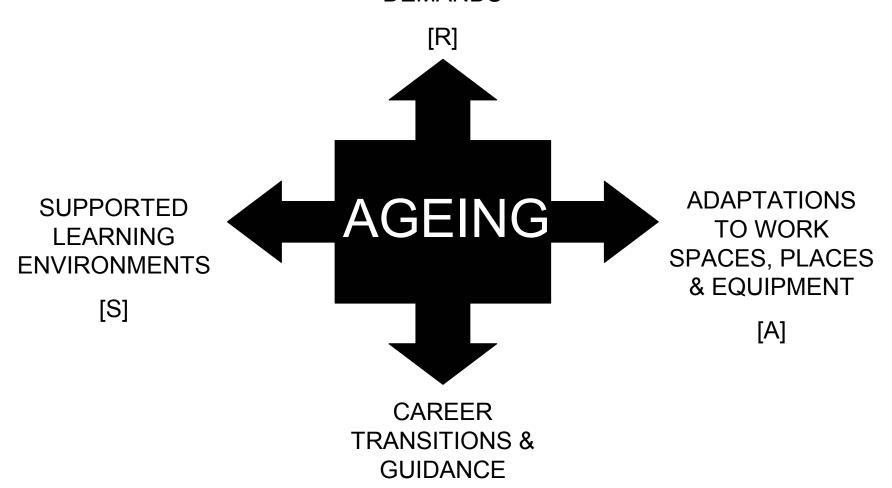


Key messages

- The need for a holistic approach
 - Employers... looking to the design community
 - Design Council... applying design thinking in the broadest of ways
 - linking inclusive design (disability) & well-being
- Metrics & processes for organisations to make informed decisions about work & workspace change
 - Cost-benefit & risk analyses

RE-EVALUATION OF MENTAL & PHYSICAL DEMANDS



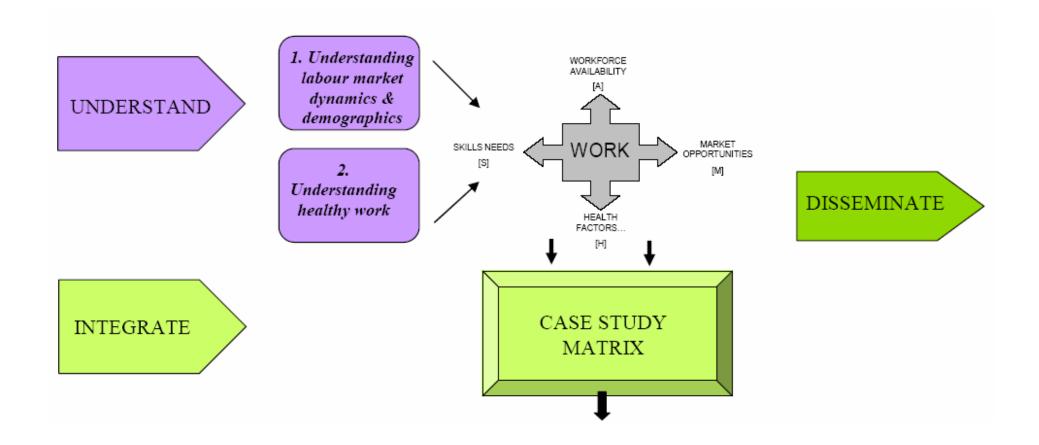


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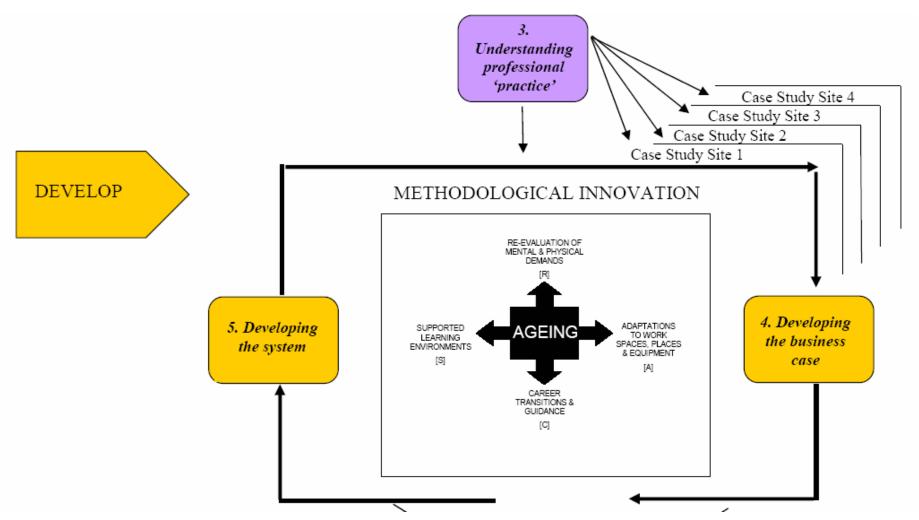
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APPENDIX 6.2: I~WORK'S INTEGRATED STRUCTURE









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