FREE GUIDE

Technology Risk Checklist for Growing Organisations

A practical self-assessment for identifying technology risk, technical debt, cyber security gaps, cloud maturity issues, AI readiness questions and unclear ownership before they become expensive problems.

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How to Use This Checklist

Review each section and mark every statement as green, amber or red. The purpose is not to create a perfect score. The purpose is to make hidden risk visible enough for leadership teams to prioritise action.

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When to Seek External Support

- Several amber areas indicate unclear ownership, undocumented risk or emerging technical debt.
- Any red area should be reviewed before approving further technology investment.
- A structured independent assessment can help turn these findings into a prioritised roadmap.

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1. Business Systems & Technical Debt	Green	Amber	Red
Critical systems are documented, owned and supported.	■	■	■
Legacy applications, duplicated tools and unsupported platforms are understood.	■	■	■
Technology costs and renewal risks are visible to leadership.	■	■	■
There is a prioritised plan for reducing technical debt.	■	■	■

2. Cyber Security Posture	Green	Amber	Red
MFA, access control and administrator permissions are enforced.	■	■	■
Endpoint protection, patching and device compliance are monitored.	■	■	■
Backups, recovery processes and incident response routes are tested.	■	■	■
Cyber Essentials or similar baseline controls are understood.	■	■	■

3. Microsoft 365 & Identity Security	Green	Amber	Red
Microsoft 365 licensing is understood and aligned to actual use.	■	■	■
Conditional Access, Defender, Intune and Purview capabilities are reviewed.	■	■	■
Joiners, movers and leavers processes are controlled.	■	■	■
Privileged accounts are protected and regularly reviewed.	■	■	■

4. Cloud & Infrastructure Maturity	Green	Amber	Red
Cloud services have clear ownership, cost control and governance.	■	■	■
Infrastructure risks, ageing servers and support dependencies are known.	■	■	■
Remote access, performance and scalability are fit for current needs.	■	■	■
There is a roadmap for modernisation and resilience.	■	■	■

5. Data Governance & AI Readiness	Green	Amber	Red
Sensitive data locations, access and retention rules are understood.	■	■	■
AI use cases are linked to business value, not just experimentation.	■	■	■
There are controls for acceptable use, data leakage and human review.	■	■	■
Leadership understands the risks before approving AI adoption.	■	■	■

6. Technology Ownership & Roadmap	Green	Amber	Red
Technology decisions are linked to business priorities.	■	■	■
There is a clear roadmap for security, cloud, workplace and systems improvement.	■	■	■
Risks are visible to senior stakeholders, not buried in technical teams.	■	■	■
Investment decisions are supported by evidence and options.	■	■	■

Interpreting Your Score

Mostly Green	Your current controls may be working, but periodic independent review can validate direction and uncover blind spots.
Several Amber Areas	There may be unclear ownership, unmanaged technical debt or security gaps that need prioritisation.
Any Red Areas	Leadership should consider a structured review before making further technology, security, cloud or AI investment decisions.

Next Step: STP Technology Health Check

The STP Technology Health Check turns this checklist into an independent assessment and prioritised roadmap. It reviews current state, technology risk, technical debt, cyber posture, cloud maturity, AI readiness and practical next steps.

Website: stpcsl.co.uk | Use the contact form to discuss whether a Technology Health Check is the right starting point.

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