

				ROLE PROFILE					
				Lead Architect - Enterprise					
Reports to:		SAFe Role: Senior Practice Manager (Architecture)							
Grade:		Lead Professional / Technical			Job Family:		IT Architecture		
Leadership Responsibility:		Direct Reports:	0	Indirect Reports:	0	Regulatory Information:		Not Applicable	
Location:		Binley, Coventry. Team-led hybrid working arrangements apply.				Working hours:		35	
Effective Date:		21.06.23				WD Job Code:		JC_0556	
ABOUT THE ROLE									
As the second largest Building Society in the UK and the 8th largest lender, we know a thing or two about Savings and Mortgages. The Society has grown significantly over the past decade in particular and now has over 2500 employees and 1.8 million members. The Society is a Which recommended savings provider and we're proud to be rated as a Great Place to Work. This is a key role in the Enterprise Architecture team, providing an exciting opportunity for someone with extensive experience of Enterprise Architecture and ideally financial services, who can confidently act as a subject matter expert, engaging positively with key business leader stakeholders and where required represent the CBS Technology team internally and externally. You will be responsible for providing expertise and leadership in: 1. Collaborating with the Business Owners & Sponsors to translate the Enterprise strategy into your portfolio (i.e. manifest in Portfolio Strategic Themes, Portfolio Vision and Guardrails) 2. Establish the portfolio technology strategy and roadmap that a. enables a portfolio to support current and future business capabilities, b. manages fragility (NFRs) and identifies retiring solutions (horizon 0) c. advances the Architectural Runway via Enabler and Explorer Epics as the basis for developing business initiatives more quickly on appropriate technical foundations 3. Contribute to helping the portfolio and value streams adhere to the budget guardrails. 4. Drive the architectural design for the solution in the portfolio which includes: a. capability build, sequencing, reuse & design patterns b. create Enabler Epics (architecture initiatives or building blocks) for the architectures that comprise the solutions in a portfolio 5. Conduct research and identify prototyping needs, understanding applicability and scope, and assessing the maturity of innovative new technologies 6. <i>Define cross-cutting Enabler Epics, typically spanning multiple value streams and Programme Increments (PIs) leading to:</i> a. Providing strategic intent and technical direction across Solution Trains b. Define high-level capabilities for new technologies and support the technology selection c. Identifying Solution Demo/Hot Housing of Solutions for new capabilities or enablers d. Synchronising Portfolio Epics across business, information, application and technology domains across Solution Trains. 7. <i>Facilitative lead the architectural aspect of the portfolio by</i> a. relying on continuous feedback, fostering adaptive design and drive programmes and teams to rally around a shared technical vision b. offering architectural governance i. working with the Solution Architects to ensure that individual programme and product strategies align with business/technical objectives and architecture principles. ii. ensure emerging 'local' solutions are either consistent with the overall enterprise strategy or explicitly articulating the impacts of misaligned decisions on future enterprise strategy.									

ABOUT YOU	
You will: • Be highly effective at both written and verbal communication with substantial experience of writing committee papers and developing working relationships with key stakeholders at all levels, especially business leaders. • Have an excellent understanding of architecture, associated strategies and frameworks. • Have well developed interpersonal, analytical, planning and organising skills, an attention to detail, a high level of accuracy and the ability to work on your own initiative. Ability to think and talk to abstract, logical or theoretical concepts in a strategic and business context	
REQUIREMENTS:	
You will: • Be educated to degree level or equivalent and architecture certified e.g. TOGAF • Have significant relevant strategy, enterprise architecture experience gained preferably in FS industry Have previous experience in-direct influencing and consulting with senior business leaders	

YOUR KEY RESPONSIBILITIES. (Additional detailed performance objectives will be set by your manager)	
General Profile	• To develop and deliver business technology strategies, roadmaps and materials to help the wider CBS staff know where we're heading technologically • Have a positive 'can do' attitude encouraging others to have a positive outlook and proactively seek and work with people on developing and socialising consistent strategic materials.
People & Relationships	• Motivate business and technology teams to understand and adopt strategy • Develop and maintain effective working relationships with key stakeholders including executive and senior management, enterprise leaders and peers. • Play an active role in the development of the senior leadership team within Enterprise Architecture.
Governance, Risk & Controls	• Governs the design of services and solutions being implemented by other IT teams to ensure their compliance with Enterprise Architecture • Participates the internal and external governance processes to ensure that solutions are designed, developed and (where within own span of control) delivered according to the agreed guardrails and to agreed quality.
Impact, Scale & Influence	• Demonstrating capability in the presentation and discussion of enterprise architectures. • Deputising for the Head of Enterprise Architecture at key meetings including project governance steering committees; providing an active contribution to those meetings.
Decision Making / Problem Solving	• Keeps up to date with best practice methodologies within the enterprise architecture arena and consider how the Society might embrace these strategies in the future to improve the development lifecycle and development standards. • Proactively drives self and others to look for continuous improvements in line with industry best practices • Mediate between IT functions, business community and partners where areas of conflict arise. • Provide timely decision-making, taking material risks into account
Comparable Roles	Domain Architect, Lead Business Architect