Strategic Decision Gate

Test a proposed option against the evidence from phases 1 through 6 before advancing to implementation.



Project / team: _____ **Community / setting:** _____ **Date:** _____

Proposed option: _____ **Validated barrier / baseline finding:** _____

For each component, note supporting evidence and gaps. Mark one assessment: Ready, Revise, or Unknown.

1 Causal fit

Does this option address a verified root cause? Could a different cause better explain the observed problem?

Evidence / remaining uncertainty

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Assessment

- ☐ Ready
- ☐ Revise
- ☐ Unknown

2 Opportunity fit

Is the need a priority for affected people? Is meaningful, equitable improvement plausible?

Evidence / remaining uncertainty

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Assessment

- ☐ Ready
- ☐ Revise
- ☐ Unknown

3 Feasibility fit

Are funding, partners, authority, staff, time, and ongoing support sufficient? What dependency could fail?

Evidence / remaining uncertainty

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Assessment

- ☐ Ready
- ☐ Revise
- ☐ Unknown

4 Technology fit

Will the technology work for the intended tasks, users, places, accessibility needs, and lifecycle?

Evidence / remaining uncertainty

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Assessment

- ☐ Ready
- ☐ Revise
- ☐ Unknown

5 Safeguard review

How are privacy, accessibility, safety, trust, language, community voice, and unequal burdens addressed?

Evidence / remaining uncertainty

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Assessment

- ☐ Ready
- ☐ Revise
- ☐ Unknown

Decision

☐ Advance ☐ Revise and retest ☐ Pause / do not implement

Decision owner: _____ **Review date:** _____

Reason and required next action: _____

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