



CASE STUDY

Construction Consultancy Building Futures with Frontier Technology

Organisation Profile:

Multi-award winning and long established partnership Robinson Low Francis (RLF) offers an array of services to clients across the whole built environment, with an extensive track record in Cost Management, Project Management, Health & Safety, Construction Management and Building Surveying.

Business Situation

The existing deployment had a single Exchange 2010 server running Client Access, Hub Transport and Mail box roles hosting approximately 120 mailboxes. Although RLF has in-house technical skills it was decided that expert help would be beneficial for this once-off but crucial project which would require migration of all the user and resource mailboxes to the Office 365 platform and then decommission the on-premise Exchange server.

The Solution

Frontier Migration Services

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Building Futures

Neil Cannon, Head of IT at RLF approached Frontier Technology early in 2017 to discuss migrating from on-premise IT systems to a predominantly cloud based platform. Neil had first worked with Frontier's Dale Hyde some thirty years earlier so there was already a long and trusted relationship in place. It was agreed that the first step to take would be to transition the primary email system from a traditionally deployed Microsoft Exchange 2010 to Office 365 for email and Skype for Business services.

Key Benefits

The outline project plan comprised the following key stages:

- Audit of existing Microsoft Exchange environment
- Identify and document any potential risks associated with the migration
- Development of a detailed implementation plan.
- Configure and test Azure AD connect
- Integration of existing Exchange 2010 environment with Office 365.
- A Proof of Concept involving migration of 10 mailboxes to Office 365
- Development and execution of migration and mail flow test plan
- De-commissioning of existing Exchange 2010 server

The project was completed on time and within budget and we look forward to further engagement when other applications and systems will transition to their modern platforms.

