



Candidate Strategy as a Revenue Engine

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For most of the last decade, recruitment growth followed a simple formula: more roles, more consultants, more activity. This formula has stopped working.

That's why in 2026 TRN are ensuring our members are ready to **make the shift to becoming a Superagency™** – a type of recruitment business model that is leaner, more tech-enabled, and profit focused.

Treating candidate strategy as a revenue engine is one of the key components and opportunities enabling recruitment businesses to pull ahead and create a real competitive advantage.

Leaders and teams within a Superagency™ treat candidate strategy as a revenue engine, not just a delivery function – by proactively building, nurturing, and deploying talent pools aligned to market demand.

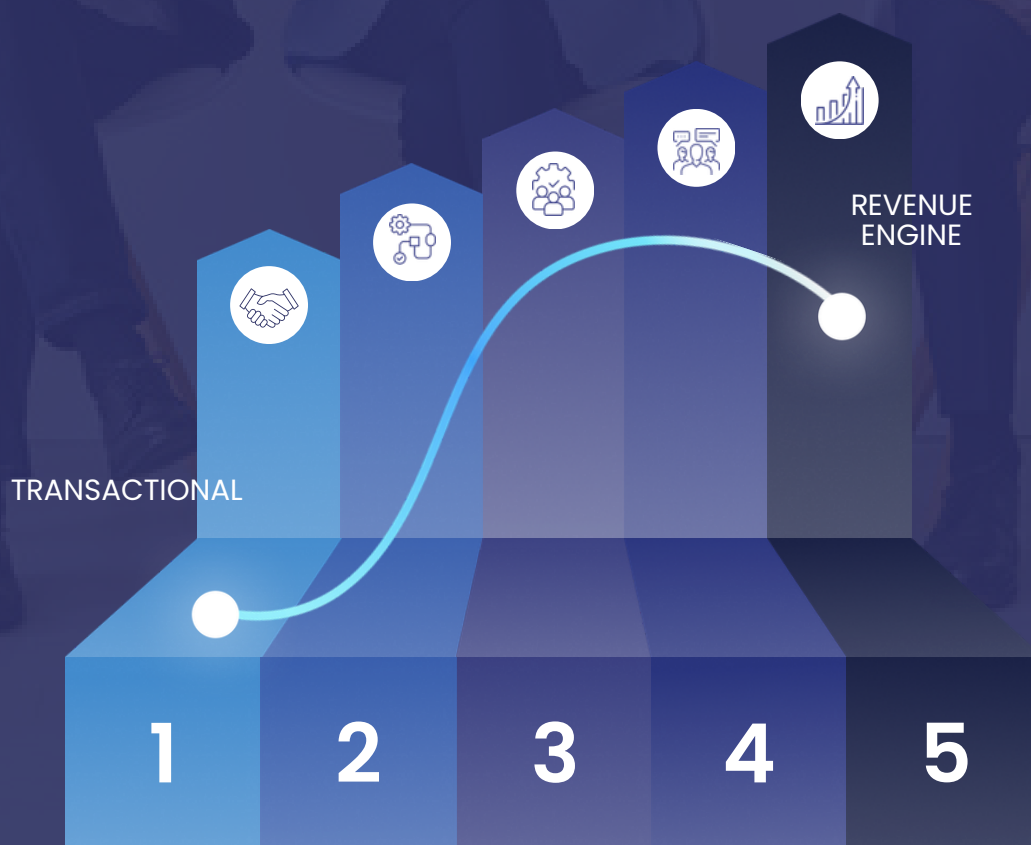
This means investing in candidate relationships, insights, and engagement to create faster placements, stronger client partnerships, and differentiated value that drives repeat business and higher margins.

Why is this so critical right now?

The market has tightened. UK vacancies have fallen to **711,000**, the lowest level since early 2021, and there are now **2.5 unemployed people for every vacancy**, the highest ratio in a decade outside the pandemic. The Office for Budget Responsibility puts the cause plainly: the labour market is weak because of subdued hiring demand. Employers are holding headcount by not replacing the people who leave, and the CIPD reports that employer hiring intentions are now at their **lowest level on record since 2014**. Permanent vacancies have fallen for **36 consecutive months**.

In a market like this, working harder rarely works. Adding headcount to chase a shrinking pool of roles only thins your margins. The leaders who pull ahead over the next eighteen months are asking a different question. Not how do we win more roles, but how do we convert far more value from the talent we can already reach.

That is what candidate strategy as a revenue engine means.



For years, candidates have been treated as a cost of doing business, sourced for a single role and then forgotten. The data shows how expensive that habit has become. Application volumes have plateaued, so spraying job adverts no longer fills the gap. Yet recruiters who place from their own database fill roles **up to ten days faster for temporary positions and more than two weeks faster for permanent ones** than those who start every search from scratch. Faster fills mean more placements per consultant from the same desk, and that is revenue you have already paid to create.

The bottleneck is rarely sourcing. It is conversion. Candidates still engage with vacancies, but significant numbers drop out before the finish line, lost to slow responses, clunky processes and weak communication. Treat your candidate database as a commercial asset rather than a filing cabinet, and the same market that feels hostile becomes a source of compounding return: candidates placed more than once, redeployed as contractors, generating referrals, introducing new clients and feeding you market intelligence.

This is where candidate strategy connects to the bigger picture. Our theme this year is the **Superagency™**: the recruitment business that combines human judgement, sharp systems and AI to produce outsized output from the same headcount. A Superagency does not win by growing headcount. It wins by being more effective at every step, and this guide is all about the asset every agency already owns but few fully use, **its candidates**.

Build a candidate engine that consistently converts demand into placements, and you have laid a foundational stone of a Superagency™: a durable competitive advantage that compounds while the rest of the market is still chasing roles.

The pages that follow share insights on what's working and give you the foundations on building your candidate strategy as a revenue engine.

Data Sources:

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3. CIPD, *Labour Market Outlook, Winter 2025/26*: employer hiring intentions at their lowest level on record since the measure began in 2014 (excluding the first year of the pandemic).

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Candidate Strategy as a Revenue Engine: Insights from TRN Members

For years, many recruitment businesses have treated candidate strategy as an operational function.

- Something owned by recruiters.
- Something measured through activity.
- Something largely focused on sourcing.

That mindset is shifting, and the discussions from TRN Member CEO Peer Groups indicate that the most successful businesses are no longer viewing candidates simply as a means of filling jobs. They are viewing candidate relationships as commercial assets capable of driving fill rates, referrals, market intelligence, repeat business and long term revenue growth.

The challenge is not just finding candidates – but engaging them, converting them, retaining relationships with them and extracting greater commercial value from every interaction.

The findings from this report are based on discussions, peer insights and benchmarking data gathered from recruitment business owners and leaders across multiple CEO Peer Groups focused on "The Candidate Strategy as a Revenue Engine".

The findings reveal five clear trends shaping the future of recruitment.

1. Candidate Experience Has Become The Industry's Strongest Capability when it comes to Candidate Strategy

When leaders were asked which element of their candidate strategy represented their greatest strength, Candidate Experience was the clear winner.

Area	%
Candidate Experience	50%
Process	17%
Marketing	11%
Team Adoption	7%
Strategy	4%
Measurement	4%
Technology	4%
Data & Insights	3%

Despite ongoing disruption from AI, automation and changing candidate behaviour, recruitment leaders continue to recognise that relationships remain central to performance.



The **strongest examples of what's working**, shared by TRN members included:

- Candidate Net Promoter Score programmes and feedback loops
- Candidate charters
- Coaching and mentoring (including post-placement coaching)
- Structured interview preparation and briefing packs
- Personalised and consistent candidate communication standards
- Candidate feedback frameworks

The businesses reporting the strongest candidate experience scores demonstrated greater consistency. Candidate experience was engineered through process rather than left to individual recruiter discretion.

What's important here is the shift in thinking. Candidate experience is being linked to outcomes like fill rate, dropouts, referrals, repeat placements and brand reputation. Not "nice to have", it's a conversion lever.



The Emerging Gap

Whilst Candidate Experience scored highly, Strategy, Measurement and Data & Insights scored amongst the lowest categories.

This suggests many businesses are delivering strong candidate experiences but lack the measurement frameworks needed to optimise and scale them.

The industry is becoming better at doing candidate experience than proving its commercial impact.



What to do next: If you have good candidate experience but it lives in people's heads, you are one resignation away from losing it. Write down your non-negotiables (response times, feedback cadence, interview prep standard, post-interview follow-up) and make them part of your process, not a personal style choice.

2. They are building communities, not just pipelines

A lot of members have moved away from transactional engagement. Instead of “find candidate, fill vacancy, move on”, they are building ongoing relationships and visibility in their niche.

Examples of what’s working included:



This represents a fundamental shift in how recruitment businesses create value.

Historically, recruiters built databases. Today, leading recruiters are building ecosystems.

Traditional Candidate Strategy Example

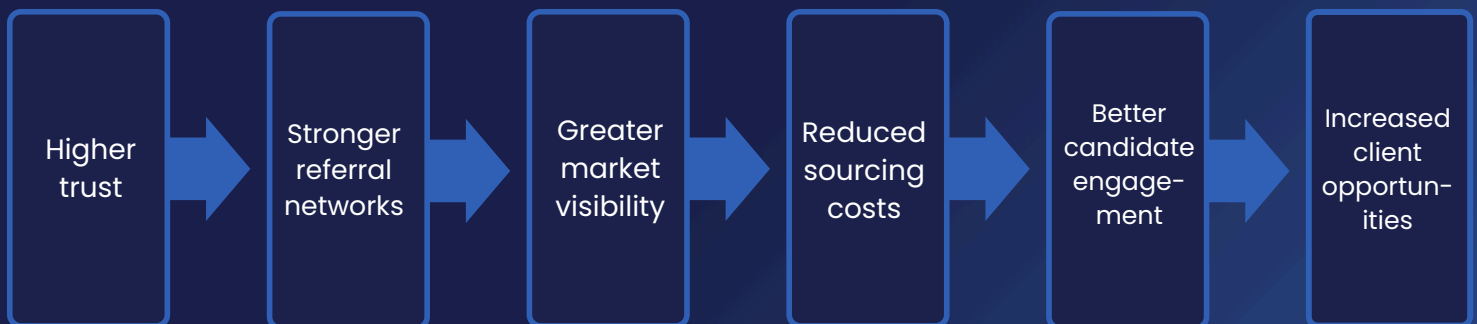
Find candidate > Fill vacancy > Move on.

Emerging Candidate Strategy Example

1. Build relationship.
2. Create value.
3. Maintain engagement.
4. Generate referrals.
5. Create advocacy.
6. Convert opportunities over time.

Why This Matters

Community-led businesses benefit from:



The objective is no longer to engage candidates only when a vacancy arises. Instead, leaders are focusing on remaining visible and valuable throughout a candidate's career journey. Resulting in stronger engagement, increased referrals and deeper market influence.

What to do next: Pick one community play you can sustain for 90 days. Keep it small and niche. If you cannot keep it alive weekly, it will die. Start with something simple like a WhatsApp broadcast list plus one monthly online event.

3. Database First is Becoming a Real Advantage

For over a decade, many recruitment businesses have become increasingly dependent on LinkedIn Recruiter, job boards and outbound sourcing.

The peer group findings suggest this trend is beginning to reverse. One of the most consistent themes from the discussions was a renewed focus on CRM optimisation. Many leaders reported actively reducing their reliance on job boards and LinkedIn Recruiter by extracting more value from their existing databases.

According to JobAdder's State of Recruitment 2026 Report – Recruiters filling from their own candidate database placed roles up to 10 days faster for temp and more than two weeks faster for permanent than those relying on external sources. Faster fills mean more placements per consultant, which means more revenue.

Many leaders reported significant investment into:

- CRM optimisation
- Data quality
- Candidate tagging
- Talent pooling
- Candidate re-engagement
- CRM-first sourcing strategies
- Segmentation

Several businesses reported achieving between 60% and 85% of placements directly from their CRM databases. The strongest businesses increasingly view their CRM as a strategic asset rather than an administrative tool. As one leader noted, **"the gold is already in the database."**

The Shift

Traditional Model	➔	Emerging Model
Job boards	➔	CRM
LinkedIn Recruiter	➔	Talent pools
Reactive sourcing	➔	Community engagement
Vacancy-led activity	➔	Relationship-led activity
Candidate pipeline	➔	Candidate ecosystem

Access to new candidates is becoming less of a differentiator. The winners will be those who understand their talent markets best, build stronger relationships and keep their communities genuinely engaged.

What to do next: Set a rule that every role starts with a CRM search. Not "if you have time", every time. Then measure CRM-sourced placements as a % of total, and make it visible on a weekly scoreboard.



4. They're using AI to speed up execution, not replace relationships

AI came up in almost every group, but most usage is still operational (matching, cleansing, note-taking, outreach automation, content).

The AI conversation has matured significantly. A year ago, the discussion centred on tools. Today, it centres on workflows.

Leaders are asking: "How do we embed AI into the business?"
Rather than: "What AI tool should we try?"

Current investment areas include:

- Candidate matching
- Candidate engagement
- CRM cleansing
- Content creation
- Note-taking
- Outreach automation
- Workflow automation

Current State

The **majority of businesses** appear to be operating at:

- Level 1 – Assistive AI
- Level 2 – Workflow Automation

Very **few examples** demonstrated:

- Level 3 – Integrated Systems
- Level 4 – Agentic AI

What This Means

The industry is moving beyond experimentation. The next challenge is adoption.

Many leaders highlighted that success depended less on technology selection and more on:

- Team adoption
- Process redesign
- Data quality
- Clear ownership

The winners are unlikely to be the businesses using the most AI. They will be the businesses integrating AI most effectively into commercial workflows.

What to do next: Choose one workflow and automate around it. If you try to “roll out AI” as a vague concept, nothing sticks. Start with a commercial problem (slow shortlists, low response, messy notes, poor CRM hygiene) and build the AI use case backwards from that.

1. *Project Automate*
2. *TRN World GPT Agents Hub – Your AI Assistants for Smarter, Faster Recruitment*
3. *GPT-Enabled Candidate Discovery: Turning the Candidate Pool Playbook into Action*
4. *AI That Actually Makes You Money: Solving Real Commercial Problems in Recruitment*
5. *Bonus Guide: Tools to Try – Content, Marketing, and Automation*
6. *Using AI to Create Better Outreach, Faster. Scripts, Sequences & Insight Assets*
7. *AI That Saves Time: The 3 Use Cases Worth Implementing First*



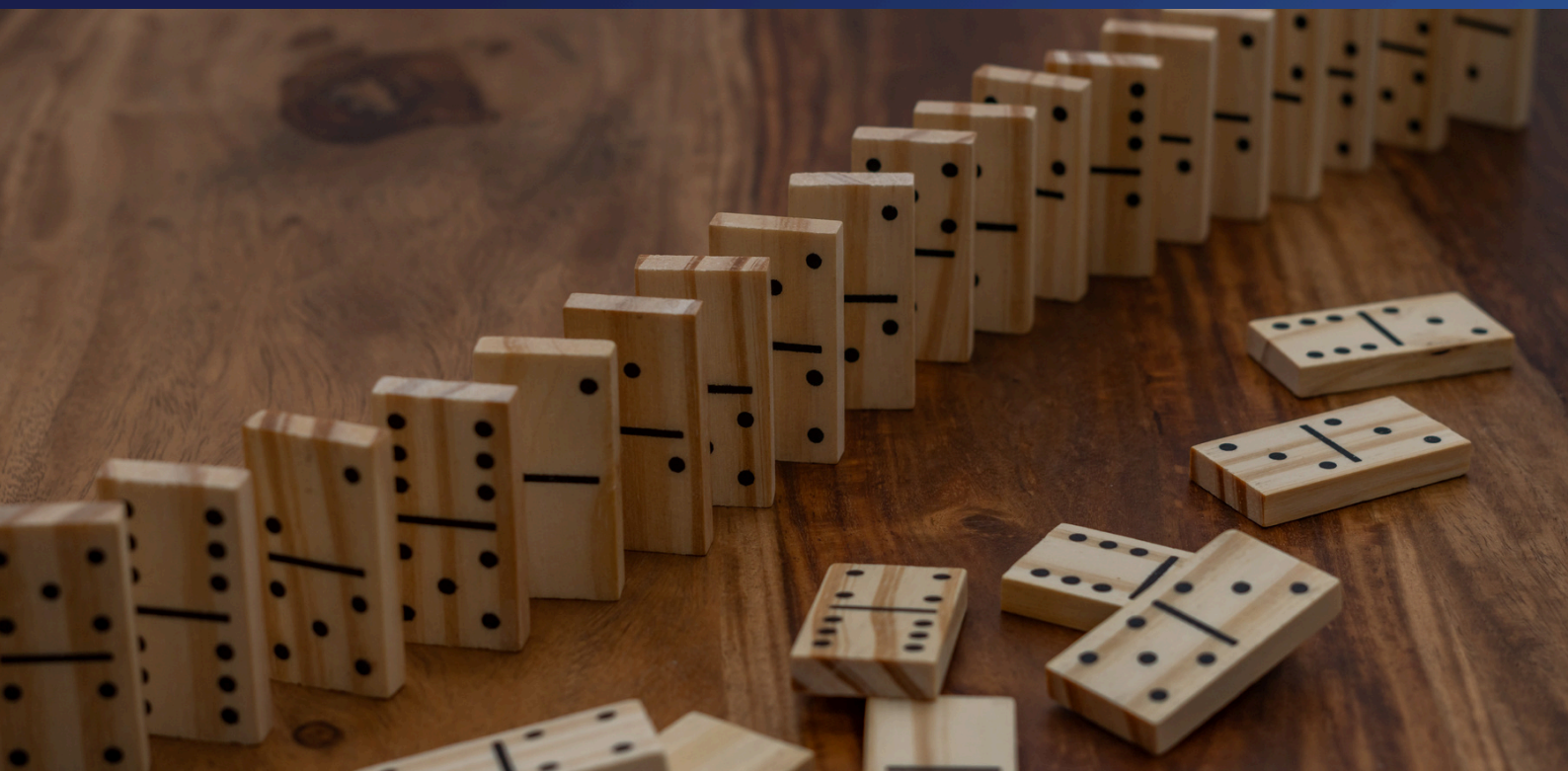
5. High Performers Are Obsessed With Process

Perhaps the most consistent finding across all discussions was the role of process. Regardless of sector, geography or specialism, high-performing businesses demonstrated greater process discipline.

Common characteristics included:

- Rigorous candidate qualification
- Better work selection
- Structured candidate journeys
- Faster feedback loops
- Cleaner CRM data
- Consistent communication
- Strong interview preparation
- Clear role ownership

Interestingly, the highest-performing businesses were often doing fewer things, but doing them exceptionally well.



The Fill Rate Effect

Many leaders connected process directly to:

- Higher fill rates
- Reduced drop-outs
- Faster hiring cycles
- Increased productivity
- Better profitability

The evidence suggests that process remains one of the most underrated commercial levers in recruitment. Whilst technology continues to evolve, operational excellence remains a significant differentiator.

Key Observation

The strongest candidate strategies are not necessarily more complex.

They are more consistent.

Process creates consistency.

Consistency creates trust.

Trust creates conversion.



6. They're more selective about the work they take on

One of the most common themes across the peer groups was discipline. The strongest businesses are becoming increasingly selective about the work they take on and Members described walking away from "unfillable" roles, prioritising retained and exclusive work and focusing on fillable vacancies.

They are prioritising:

- Retained assignments
- Exclusive relationships
- Fillable vacancies
- High-quality client partnerships

... rather than attempting to work every opportunity.

This allows them to:

- Improve fill rates
- Increase consultant productivity
- Deliver a better candidate experience
- Reduce wasted effort

The key question becomes: "**How do we create more value from every candidate relationship?**"

What to do next: Do a quick audit of the jobs you are working right now and ask, honestly, which ones you would not take on again. Then decide what you will stop doing, not what you will add.



The Candidate Conversion Engine (2x8) you can actually run

Building a Candidate Conversion Engine - The 2x8 Tool



The 2x8 is a simple framework to help you shape your candidate strategy.

The point is simple. If you want candidate strategy to become a revenue engine, you need control of the full system, not just good recruiters.

Members talked about the eight components that sit under candidate strategy:

- Strategy and strategic clarity
- Measurement and reporting
- Marketing
- Team adoption of tools and capability
- Process
- Technology
- Candidate experience
- Data and insights

Sharp truth: In the poll, Strategy, Measurement and Data & Insights were some of the lowest-rated areas. Lots of businesses are doing candidate experience well, far fewer can prove the commercial impact or scale it.

The good news? That gap is an opportunity. Most of your competitors are leaving money on the table because they cannot measure, manage and improve the engine.

What Recruitment Leaders Are Investing In – Where Recruitment Leaders Are Placing Their Bets For 2026

One of the most revealing discussions during the CEO Peer Groups was where they are investing.

The investment themes were remarkably consistent across businesses of different sizes, sectors and maturity levels.

Whilst candidate experience emerged as the strongest current capability, the areas attracting the most future investment were centred around productivity, scalability and competitive advantage.

Investment Heat Map

Area	Investment Level
AI & Automation	Very High
CRM Optimisation	Very High
Candidate Engagement	Very High
Social Selling & Personal Brand	High
Community Building	High
Data Quality & Database	High
Candidate Experience	High
Marketing & Content	Moderate
Reporting & Analytics	Low
Measurement Frameworks	Low
Candidate Lifetime Value	Very Low
Candidate Intelligence Systems	Very Low

The Five Biggest Investment Themes

1. AI Is Moving From Curiosity To Capability

Almost every business discussed AI in some form. However, investment is increasingly focused on practical implementation rather than experimentation.

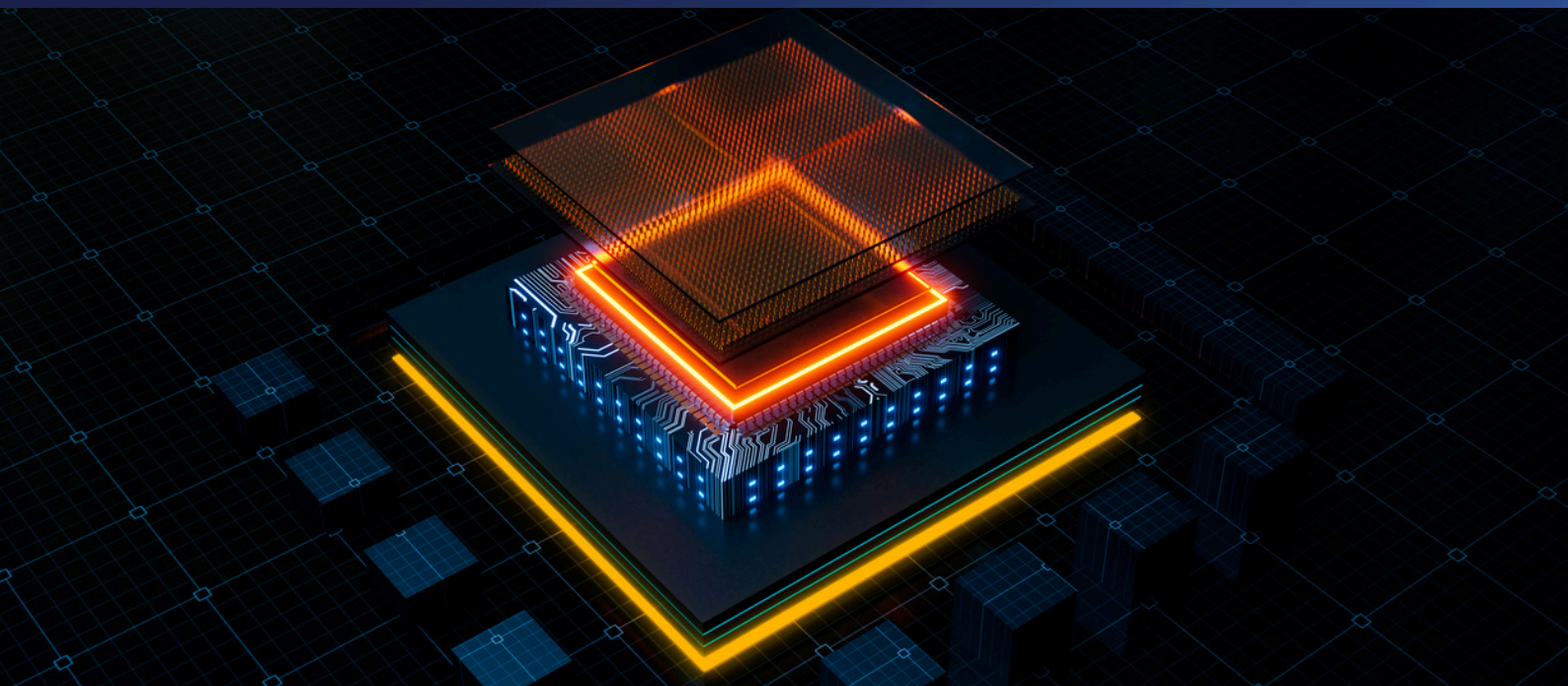
Leaders reported investing in AI for:

- Candidate sourcing
- Candidate matching
- Content creation
- CRM cleansing
- Workflow automation
- Candidate communication
- Call recording and note-taking
- Market intelligence extraction

The conversation has shifted from:

"Should we use AI?" to

"How do we embed AI into the business?"



2. CRM Optimisation Has Become A Priority

Many leaders acknowledged that valuable candidate relationships already exist within their database.

As a result, investment is increasingly focused on:

- Data quality
- Candidate tagging
- Candidate segmentation
- Talent pooling
- Re-engagement campaigns
- CRM utilisation

The strongest businesses are becoming increasingly protective of their own intellectual property rather than relying on rented platforms.



3. Candidate Engagement Is Becoming More Sophisticated

Historically, engagement often meant occasional calls or emails.

Today's leading businesses are building structured engagement strategies through:

- Candidate communities
- Content programmes
- Events
- Mentoring
- Candidate feedback loops
- Personal branding

This represents a shift from reactive engagement to proactive relationship management.

4. Social Selling Continues To Grow

Many leaders highlighted investment in:

- LinkedIn content
- Personal branding
- Thought leadership
- Community visibility
- Social engagement

The objective is no longer simply lead generation.

The objective is becoming visible and trusted within specialist talent communities.

The strongest businesses are increasingly using content to create candidate attraction before vacancies even exist.

5. Data Remains The Biggest Missed Opportunity

Perhaps the most surprising finding was the gap between investment in candidate experience and investment in candidate intelligence.

Whilst leaders clearly value candidate relationships, relatively few are systematically measuring:

- Candidate lifetime value
- Referral value
- Community engagement
- Candidate conversion trends
- Candidate-generated revenue

This represents a significant opportunity for recruitment businesses seeking competitive advantage over the next three years.

The Emerging Investment Gap

The peer groups revealed two very different types of investment.

Most Businesses Are Investing In:

- More activity
- More automation
- Better engagement
- Faster execution

Fewer Businesses Are Investing In:

- Better measurement
- Better insight
- Better reporting
- Better intelligence

This may become the next major differentiator.

As sourcing becomes increasingly automated, the businesses that can turn candidate interactions into actionable insight are likely to create a significant competitive advantage.

The TRN Candidate Strategy Maturity Model

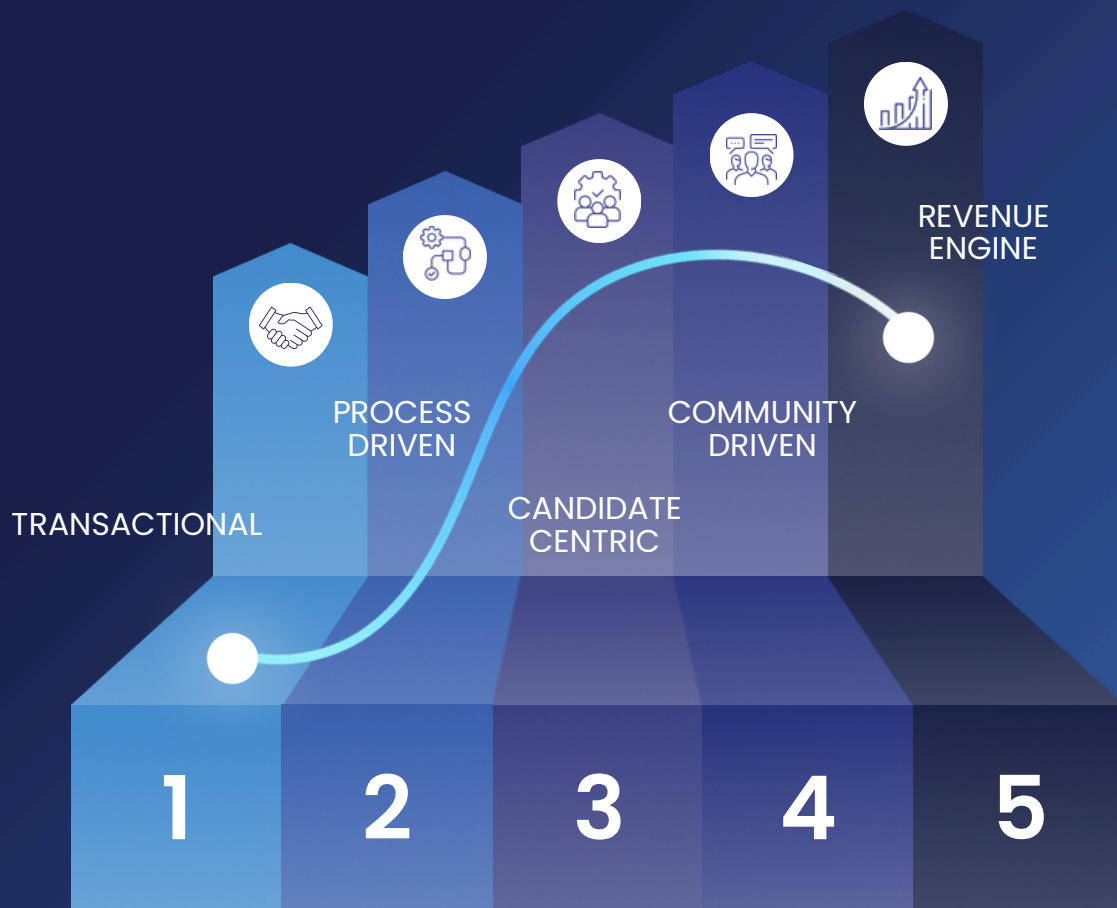
From Transactional Recruiter To Revenue Engine

The findings from the CEO Peer Groups revealed that candidate strategy maturity varies significantly across the recruitment industry.

Whilst some businesses still operate with a vacancy-first mindset, others have developed sophisticated candidate ecosystems that drive revenue, referrals, market intelligence and long-term growth.

To help recruitment leaders assess their current position, TRN has developed the Candidate Strategy Maturity Model.

The model identifies five stages of evolution.



LEVEL 1 – Transactional

Mindset

Candidates are viewed primarily as a means to fill jobs.

Characteristics

- Job board dependent
- Vacancy led
- Limited CRM usage
- Minimal candidate nurturing
- Inconsistent follow up
- Low candidate visibility between assignments



Typical Metrics

- Jobs worked
- CVs sent
- Interviews arranged

Risks

- High sourcing costs
- Low differentiation
- Heavy reliance on external platforms
- Inconsistent fill rates

Commercial Outcome

Revenue is generated through activity volume.



LEVEL 2 – Process Driven

Mindset

Candidate management is becoming more structured and repeatable.

Characteristics

- Defined candidate journey
- Improved CRM discipline
- Consistent qualification
- Better communication standards
- Reduced process variation



Typical Metrics

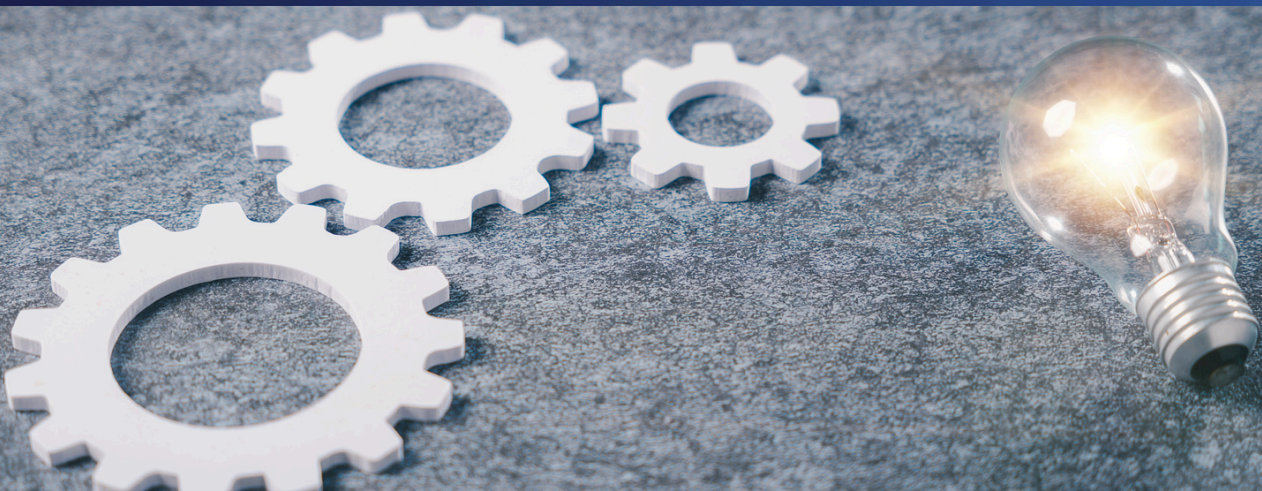
- Fill rate
- Time to fill
- Interview conversion
- Candidate response rates

Risks

- Strong process but limited engagement
- Relationships remain largely transactional

Commercial Outcome

Revenue is generated through operational efficiency.



LEVEL 3 – Candidate Centric

Mindset

Candidates are viewed as long-term relationships rather than short-term opportunities.

Characteristics

- Strong candidate experience
- Candidate feedback programmes
- NPS measurement
- Candidate coaching
- Candidate advocacy



Typical Metrics

- Candidate satisfaction
- Referral rates
- Repeat candidate engagement
- Candidate retention

Risks

- Strong relationships but limited scalability

Commercial Outcome

Revenue is generated through trust and reputation.



LEVEL 4 – Community Driven

Mindset

The business actively builds and manages talent communities.

Characteristics

- Talent pools
- Candidate communities
- Events and networking
- Podcasts and content
- Structured nurturing programmes
- Candidate ecosystems

Typical Metrics

- Community growth
- Engagement rates
- Referral contribution
- Candidate-generated opportunities

Risks

- Community value not always measured commercially

Commercial Outcome

Revenue is generated through influence, relationships and network effects.



LEVEL 5 – Revenue Engine

Mindset

Candidate relationships are treated as measurable commercial assets.

Characteristics

- Candidate strategy linked to growth strategy
- Candidate lifetime value measured
- Market intelligence captured systematically
- Candidate-generated business tracked
- AI-enabled insight generation
- Candidate ecosystem drives business development

Typical Metrics

- Candidate lifetime value
- Referral revenue
- Community-generated placements
- Candidate-generated clients
- Candidate conversion value

Risks

- Continuous innovation required to maintain advantage

Commercial Outcome

Revenue is generated through insight, relationships, influence and data.



The High-Performer Playbook: What “good” actually looks like in practice

What Recruitment Leaders Doing This Well Have In Common

Throughout the CEO Peer Group discussions, a clear pattern emerged. Despite operating in different markets, geographies and sectors, the highest-performing businesses shared a remarkably similar approach to candidate strategy.

The findings on the next page show where candidate strategy is moving. The scorecard helps leaders assess their current position. But the businesses making the most progress are not just aware of these themes. They have turned them into everyday operating habits.



The following characteristics show what high-performing candidate strategies look like in practice.


Characteristic	Average agency behaviour	High-performing behaviour	Commercial impact
1. Candidates are treated as long-term assets	Candidate relationships are usually tied to live vacancies.	Candidate relationships are nurtured beyond the immediate process, with ongoing value, follow-up and future opportunity mapping.	More referrals, repeat placements, redeployment and client introductions.
2. Communities replace one-off pipelines	Talent pools are mostly database lists.	Communities are active, niche and relationship-led through content, events, mentoring or regular touchpoints.	Lower sourcing dependency and stronger market influence.
3. Candidate experience is engineered	Experience varies by consultant.	Communication, prep, feedback and follow-up are designed into the process.	Fewer dropouts, stronger trust and better conversion.
4. The CRM is treated as a commercial asset	The database is used when needed.	CRM quality, tagging, segmentation and re-engagement are part of the operating rhythm.	Faster shortlists and better return from candidates already known to the business.
5. Conversion matters more than sourcing volume	Success is measured by activity and candidate generation.	The focus is on moving the right candidates through the process faster and with less leakage.	Better fill rates and consultant productivity.

Characteristic	Average agency behaviour	High-performing behaviour	Commercial impact
6. AI supports better human work	AI is used for more activity.	AI is applied to specific workflows such as matching, cleansing, notes, content and engagement.	More time for recruiters to spend on higher-value conversations.
7. Candidate conversations become market intelligence	Valuable insight stays in consultants' heads.	Salary trends, movement signals, hiring activity and candidate sentiment are captured and reused.	Stronger client conversations and better advisory value.
8. Work selection protects candidate experience	Consultants try to work too many roles.	Leaders prioritise fillable, committed, exclusive or retained work.	Less wasted effort, stronger delivery and better candidate trust.
9. Measurement focuses on outcomes	Activity is visible, but impact is unclear.	Fill rate, conversion, satisfaction, referral value and engagement are reviewed consistently.	Better decisions and clearer links between candidate strategy and revenue.
10. Candidate strategy is owned commercially	Candidate activity is seen as delivery.	Candidate strategy is treated as a growth lever connected to revenue, margin and market position.	A more valuable, resilient recruitment business.

TRN Candidate Strategy Scorecard – How Strong Is Your Candidate Strategy?

This scorecard helps recruitment leaders assess the strength of their candidate strategy across attraction, engagement, experience, delivery, and long-term talent community development.

Use it to identify gaps, benchmark your approach, and prioritise the areas that will have the greatest impact on candidate quality, placement success, and long-term competitive advantage.

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	<p>1 = Strongly Disagree 5 = Strongly Agree</p>
1. CANDIDATE STRATEGY - Do we have a clear candidate strategy?	0
We have a documented candidate strategy	
We have clearly defined target talent communities and candidate personas	
Candidate strategy is reviewed regularly by leadership	
Candidate strategy is directly linked to commercial objectives	
2. MEASUREMENT & REPORTING - Do we know what good looks like?	0
We consistently measure fill rate and candidate conversion metrics	
We regularly review candidate performance data and take action from it	
We measure candidate satisfaction, feedback, or NPS	
Candidate data is used to inform business decisions and improvements	
3. CANDIDATE MARKETING & COMMUNITY - Are we building relationships before jobs exist?	0
We consistently create content or insights for our candidate audience	
We actively nurture talent pools or candidate communities	
We have a clear strategy for engaging passive candidates	
We leverage referrals, testimonials, and candidate advocacy to strengthen our brand	

The 7 Day Action Plan: What to do in the next 7 days (if you want quick wins)

You do not need a six-month transformation plan to make a start.

Here is a simple and practical seven day starting point that came straight out of the CRM-first and pooling conversations:

1. Pick one repeat role type and build one pool (not a “CV dump”)
2. Pull everyone relevant from your CRM first (placed candidates, silver medallists, previous applicants, passive future movers)
3. Clean the tagging and segment by readiness, location, flexibility and relationship history
4. Re-permission the relationship (tell them why they are in the pool and what they can expect)
5. Build one simple nurture rhythm (one useful touchpoint a week for four weeks)
6. When the next role lands, activate the pool before you touch LinkedIn or job boards
7. Measure time to shortlist and outcome vs the last time you filled a similar role

If you do this once and it works, you will stop starting from scratch every time.



The candidates you already know could be the advantage that helps you pull ahead.

The opportunity sits in the relationships your business has already earned. In a tighter market, the recruitment businesses that pull ahead will be the ones that turn candidate trust, insight and engagement into faster placements, stronger client partnerships and better margin. Every candidate conversation, every community touchpoint and every well-kept piece of data can become part of a more valuable commercial engine.

This is where the Superagency™ shift starts to take shape: a leaner, sharper, more tech-enabled business using human judgement, better systems and stronger candidate relationships to create more value from the same headcount. Use this guide to tighten what is already working, fix the gaps that are leaking value and build a candidate engine that compounds over time. The candidates you already know could be the advantage that helps you pull ahead.

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