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From chasing approvals to planning payments

Briarford Supply × Vellora Pay · A fictional scenario

Growing sales. The same finance team.

Briarford Supply, a fictional regional distributor, processes 1,200 supplier invoices a month with a three-person finance team. As purchasing grew, its accounts payable routine became harder to manage. Invoices arrived by email, approvals lived in separate threads, and payment dates were tracked in a spreadsheet.

The problem was the handoff.

Finance manager Maya Chen spent much of each payment run finding out what was ready to pay. A missing purchase order meant another email. An absent approver could hold up an entire batch. The team still checked every invoice, but too much of its time went into locating information rather than resolving exceptions.

One place to see what comes next.

In this fictional scenario, Briarford introduced Vellora Pay, an invented accounts payable platform. Invoices entered a shared queue, approvers received requests based on purchasing responsibility, and the finance team could see the status of each bill before scheduling payments. Exceptions stayed with a named owner instead of disappearing into an inbox.

A smaller rollout made the change manageable.

The team started with its highest-volume suppliers. During the first month, it corrected routing rules and agreed who would cover approvals during absences. Finance retained final payment authorization. Once the new routine was working, the remaining suppliers moved into the same process.

More time for the decisions that need it.

By week 12 of the imagined rollout, monthly invoice administration fell from 55 hours to 23, and average approval time dropped from five business days to two. Those invented figures illustrate the story structure; they are not measured outcomes. For Maya, the practical change was a clearer payment run and more time to investigate discrepancies before they became urgent.

“We used to start a payment run by asking where everything stood. Now we start by deciding what needs our attention.”

Maya Chen, fictional finance manager at Briarford Supply. Invented quotation.

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