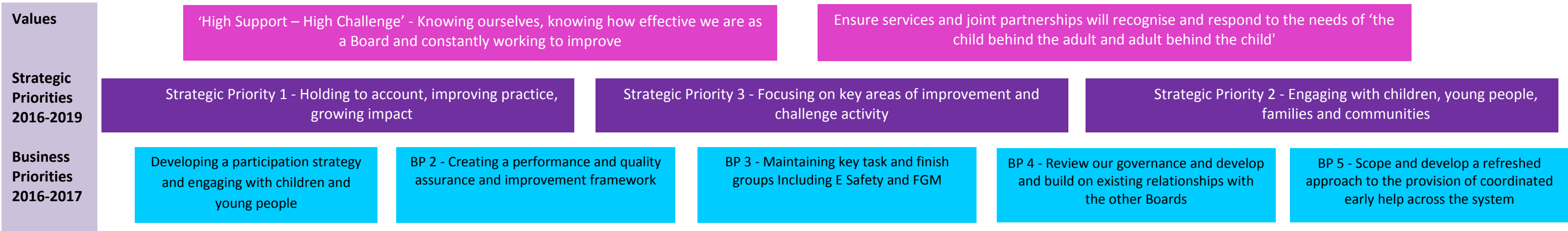


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What's working well?

- The size and unitary nature of the Borough provides for strong operational, middle and senior management relationships, a can-do attitude to working through problems and flexibility and responsiveness.
- The Board is known primarily for its training offer and the extensive programme provided by the Board training capacity which is very widely used, valued and provides a huge range of training opportunities.
- It has sound processes in relation to developing, managing and updating procedures.
- There is a sound and recently refreshed threshold document which is widely understood, applied and used.
- The Board provides a forum for new areas of multi-agency development work in terms of service design, development and response for areas of emerging need, such as CSE and e-safety.
- Membership is seen as important, and there is a stable core membership.

Components of an effective board



What are we worried about?

- The Board cannot demonstrate a strong understanding of safeguarding need, prevalence or having had any strategic impact on the way partners plan and provide services together or as individual agencies.
- The Board has a very underdeveloped performance framework and limited (if well managed) quality assurance activity.
- The Board focusses on process rather than impact and outcome – it does a lot of stuff but it is hard to see what difference it makes.
- Engagement with children, young people, families and communities is limited and does not inform the Board's work.

What needs to happen?

- BP1 – We will establish a task and finish group; engage with young people; visit schools and communities; develop a participation strategy and agree a participation strategy and framework.
- BP2 – We will establish a performance group; identify a model to use data to inform practice and decision making; revise and refresh our Learning and Improvement Framework; develop a risk register and implement our challenge log.
- BP3 – We will maintain our key working groups including E-safety, neglect, FGM, CSE (missing children); develop a strategy for Modern Slavery and Trafficking; revise our challenge and scrutiny arrangements with Oakhill Secure Training Centre.
- BP4 – resolve the question of what we can do collectively across the two "safeguarding" partnership bodies in MK; Review all partnership agreements (HWB/MKSAB/Safer MK); Revise all Governance arrangements for MKSCB.
- BP5 – scope and develop a whole family approach, and early help model; Create a clear understanding of how best to provide early help services; agree a new Early Help strategy, procedures, toolkits and protocols.