

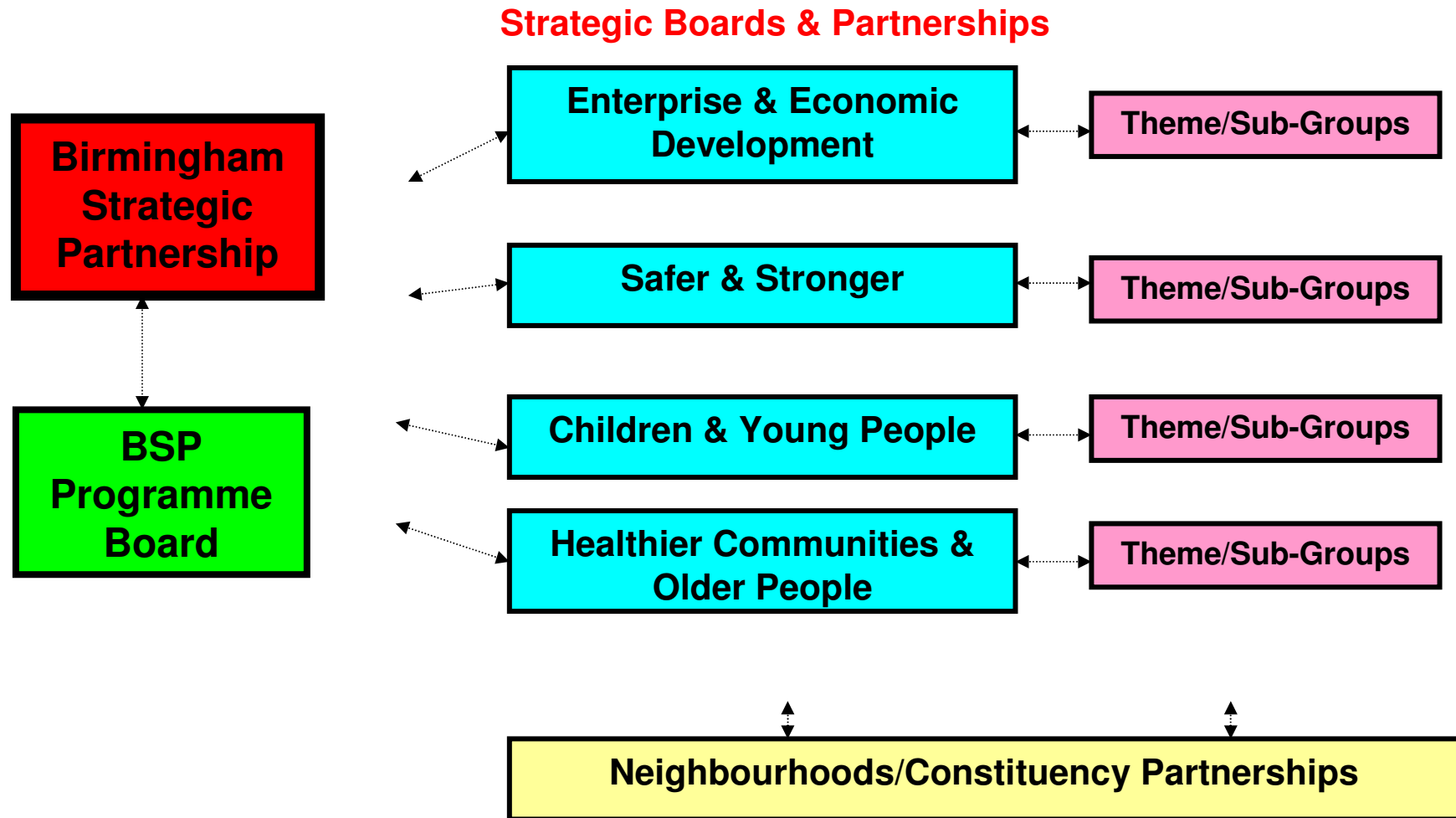
BSP Stock take

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BSP Stock take

- **BSP commissioned a stock take - help ensure that the partnership and its structures are fit for purpose in preparation for the new Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement as well as a new different funding environment.**
- **Talked to over 50 people from across the partnerships to get their views – what works well and what might be strengthened. People have been very positive wanting to focus on building on the good work and strengths of the BSP.**
- **The following is a summary of some of the headline issues and developing proposals. We would like your observations on these. Proposals reflect government guidance and recent thinking in their consultation document ‘Creating Strong Safe and Prosperous Communities’.**
- **The aim is to finalise recommendations and actions with the Programme Board during December. Need to ensure these fit with your developing LAA.**

BSP Stock take – Current partnership arrangements



BSP Stock take – Views – BSP & Programme Board

Birmingham Strategic Partnership

- Unclear about its current role – not an executive
- Has real potential to play a much stronger consultative and strategic thinking role. Helping to develop and shape the vision for Birmingham. Considering City/Region issues etc
- Together with BCC, should agree the Community Strategy and LAA and then take an overview on delivery and performance
- Representation could be strengthened – should meet less regularly

BSP Programme Board

- Has strengths and experience to build on. Has a focus on delivery and performance
- Accountabilities and links with Strategic Partnerships should be strengthened
- Important to have the right people at the table
- Needs to have clear executive accountability for the delivery of the LAA as well as related strategies and action plans

BSP Stock take – Strategic Partnerships & Boards

Enterprise & Economic
Development

Safer & Stronger

Children & Young People

Healthier Communities &
Older People

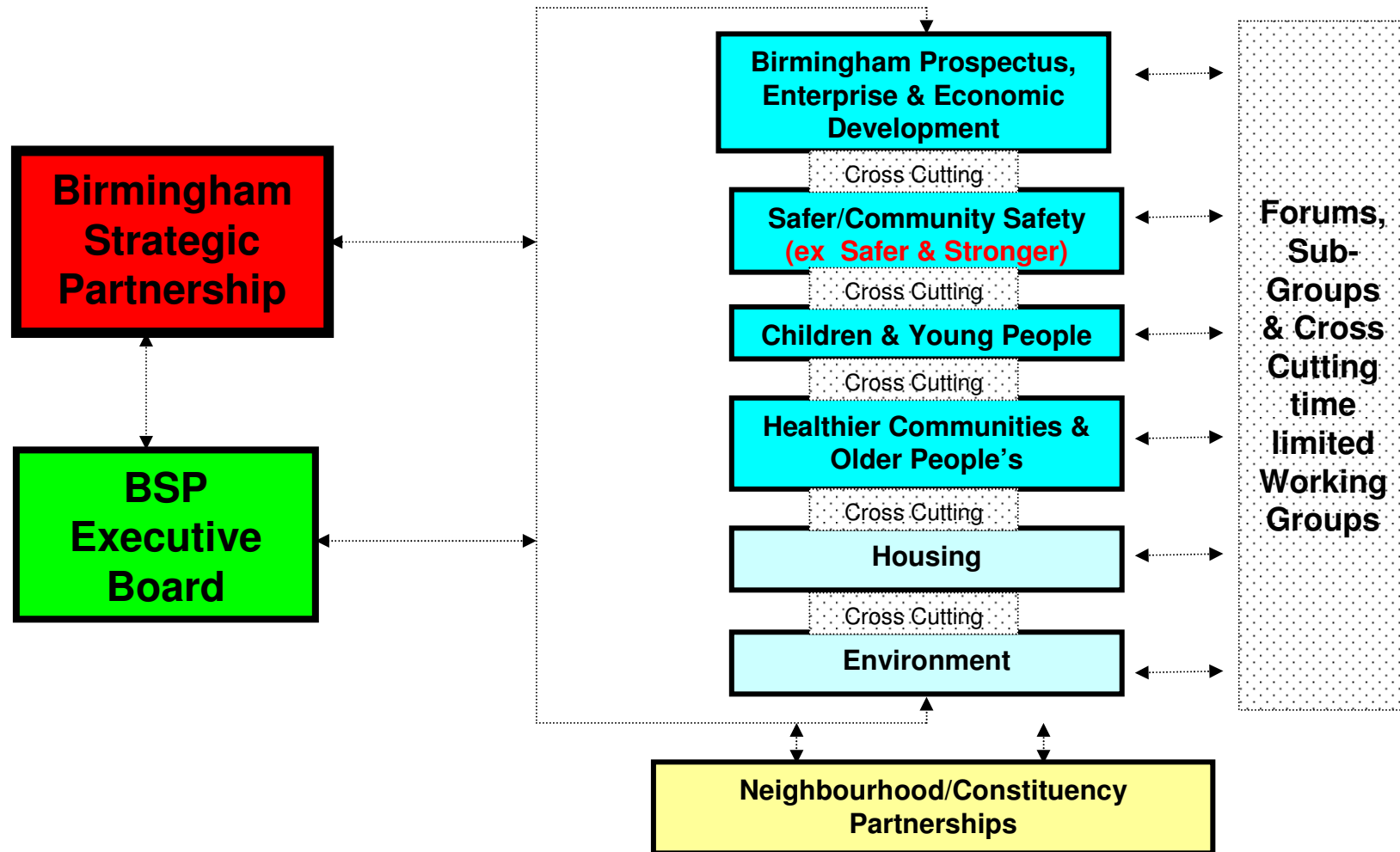
- **Enterprise & Economic Development:** *needs to reflect the role of the Birmingham Prospectus Group and the changing responsibilities for RDAs and LAs on economic development .*
- **Safer & Stronger:** *has a huge remit covering Community Safety, Housing, Environment & Leisure & Culture. Proposed that this be rationalised.*
- **Children & Young People:** *support engagement and linkages with the Programme Board and other Boards/Partnerships*
- **Healthier Communities & Older People:** *support engagement and linkages with the Programme Board and other Boards/Partnerships*
- **General:** *promote cross cutting partnership working and common operational protocols for all Boards/Partnerships.*
- **General:** *Boards/Partnerships need to be flexible and adaptive enough to respond to new challenges & issues*

BSP Stock take – Other matters

- **Neighbourhood/Constituency:** *Links between the Constituency's and the broader BSP partnership arrangements are unclear and fragmented*
- **Neighbourhood/Constituency:** *There is a need to develop arrangement that will help and support constituencies as well as the BSP partnerships with the delivery of the neighbourhood programme. Any new arrangements must add value and be clear and transparent. There is a need to develop strong and appropriate mechanisms (Board, Forum or other) through detailed discussions with the Constituencies and BSP partnerships*
- **Community Engagement & Community Cohesion:** *Important to develop clear strategies and action plans to support Boards and Partnerships in their work and to meet agreed LAA objectives.*
- **The BSP central support team:** *being reviewed to fit with the new partnership arrangements*
- **Accountable Body role:** *Being worked through with BCC. Will build in clear protocols and practices to include clear cabinet representation through the BSP, Programme Board & strategic partnerships. Reflect government guidance*
- **Communication arrangements:** *Need to be strengthened to support communication within and across partnerships as well as with the broader Birmingham community. Being picked up as part of the review of the central support team*

BSP Stock take – Moving forward

Strategic Boards & Partnerships.



BSP Stock take –BSP Moving Forward

**Birmingham
Strategic
Partnership**

Main Role:

- **Together with BCC, agrees and signs off LAA and the Community Strategy. Delegates executive responsibility for the delivery of the LAA to the Executive Board**
- **Has a scrutiny and review role on the overall delivery of the LAA/Community Strategy – An annual review of progress and performance**
- **Has a consultative role for major city issues**
- **A forum for strategic review/thinking on major city issues.**
- **A forum to consider and explore how different sectors and services work – build shared understanding**
- **As appropriate, inputs in to other city/region strategies**
- **Has a responsibility for reviewing the health and development of the BSP partnership framework**

BSP Stock take –BSP Moving Forward

Birmingham Strategic Partnership

BSP (Current Membership 35. Proposed membership 80 – 90. Meets 2 - 3 times per year).
Suggested membership to be drawn from the following:

- **Chair: Leader/Deputy Leader of Council/Independent Chair**
- **All Cabinet Members**
- **All Executive Board members**
- **AWM**
- **4 Universities**
- **3 PCTs**
- **OCU Commanders West Midlands Police (9)**
- **Others - Duty to Co-operate Organisations e.g.** Local Probation Boards, Youth Offending Teams, NHS Foundation Trusts, Learning and Skills Council, Jobcentre Plus, Health and Safety Executive, Fire & Rescue Services, Transport Authorities, Highways Agency, Environment Agency, Natural England, Homes & Communities Agency, Others
- **6 – 8 Business Sector**
- **4 – 6 Voluntary Sector**
- **4 – 6 Community Sector**
- **4 – 6 Faith Community**
- **BME Community**
- **Constituency Strategic Partnerships/Committees**
- **GOWM**
- **Observers (Non-Voting. Can contribute at open sessions)**

BSP Stock take – Executive Board - Moving Forward

BSP Executive Board

Primary Role:

- Has delegated executive role and responsibility on behalf of the BSP.
- Leads & agrees the draft LAA & Community Strategy for approval by the BSP. Contributes to other relevant strategies e.g. RDA Single Integrated Strategy
- Monitors performance and delivery of the LAA with executive authority (working with BCC as the Accountable Body) to take necessary action to ensure that the LAA objectives and budgets are met. Reports annually to the BSP on this./ Works with and supports the Strategic Boards/Partnerships with their LAA responsibilities and encourages cross cutting work by the partnerships
- Promotes the development of robust delivery arrangements for the LAA
- Supports the Accountable Body in exercising their responsibilities
- Promotes good practice and new ways of working
- Leads on communication arrangements for promoting the work and achievement of the BSP and Strategic Partnerships/Boards
- Oversees development and delivery of frameworks for Strategic Boards/Partnerships and Neighbourhood commissioning models for delivery and monitoring of LAA outcomes

BSP Stock take – Executive Board - Moving Forward

BSP Executive Board

BSP Executive Board (Membership 15 – 20). Suggested membership to be drawn from the following with the final arrangements being agreed by the Programme Board:

- Chair nominated by the Executive Board Members but ratified by the BSP annually with input from BCC
- Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council – Automatic position on the EB
- Chairs of Strategic Boards. (Substitute can be Vice-Chair) – Automatic position on the EB
- A Cabinet member/s
- Chief Executive of BCC – Automatic position on the EB
- Advantage West Midlands
- Business - Nominated by BSP
- Voluntary & Community Sector. Nominated by BSP
- GOWM - – Automatic position on the EB
- **Note:** Should the Executive Board have a significant gap in representation from a major ‘Duty to Co-operate’ organisation whose absence will impact on the work of the Board and the delivery of the LAA (e.g. Health, Police, LSC etc), the Board will be able to co-opt them as full Board members.

BSP Stock take –Strategic Boards & Partnerships - Moving Forward

Strategic Boards & Partnerships

- Board Chair to be relevant service Director or Chief Executive
- Partnership Chair to be BCC Cabinet member
- Boards & Partnerships determine membership/representation to fit with need

Primary LAA Role:

- Responsible for the delivery and achievement of the related performance standards and budgets for their respective elements of the LAA including agreed cross cutting targets.
- Preparing an annual operational plan for the Partnership
- Implementing robust monitoring systems to help with the systematic tracking of LAA delivery and performance. Ensuring that there are appropriate risk management arrangements in place for the delivery of the LAA.
- Ensuring that appropriate accountable body delivery arrangements are in place for the delivery of those parts of the LAA that the Partnership is responsible for.
- Responsible for such other non-LAA strategies, priorities, targets and objectives that the Partnership may agree to.
- As appropriate, promoting cross cutting and neighbourhood initiatives
- Promoting good practice and new ways of working
- As appropriate supporting and working with other LAA partnerships

BSP Stock take –BSP Moving Forward

It would be helpful to have any views you may have on the following so that we can development final recommendations and an action plan with the Programme Board:

- **The BSP – stronger strategic/vision setting role – overseeing the LAA. Meeting less often (maybe for ½ or a full day). Broader and larger membership.**
- **The Executive Board – having a clear executive role with a focus on delivery of the LAA . Reporting annually on delivery and performance to the BSP**
- **The proposed new Board/Partnership arrangements – Environment, Housing & Birmingham Prospectus/Enterprise & Economic Development etc**
- **Any other observations you may have on the developing proposals**