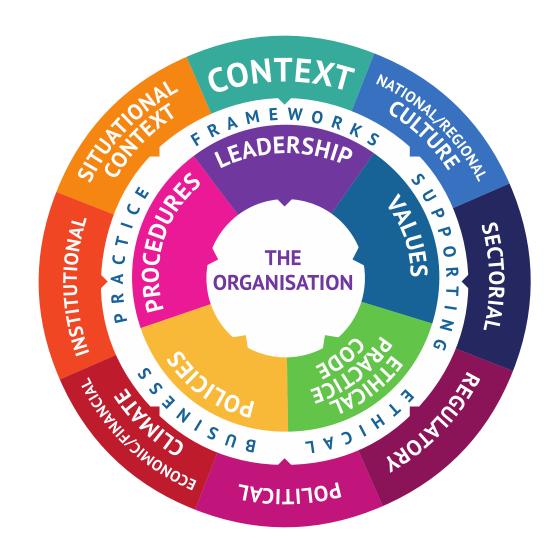
### Ethical Business Practice and Regulation:

**Culture Risk** 

**Culture Measurement** 

Building Stakeholder Trust and Sustainable Business

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## Agenda Compliance is an outcome of a healthy culture

Copenhagen London Vienna San Francisco Barcelona Milan Cairo

- 1. Culture is the key to performance & compliance
- 2. Cultural measurement and culture risk/culture health
- 3. Ethical Business Practice & Regulation
- 4. Why regulators should care too



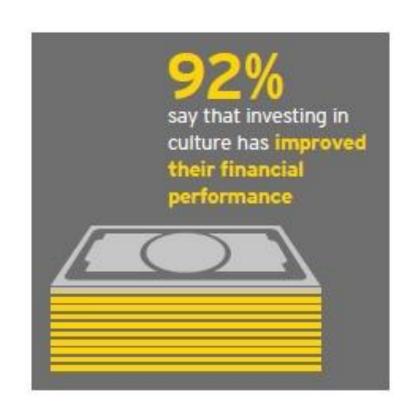
## If culture is important why aren't we paying more attention to it?

#### Duke and Columbia University 2015 90% Culture is important to improve the value of the company Culture is what it needs to be Deloitte (Human Capital Trends) 2016 86% Culture is important/key "Understand their culture" Believe their organisations are excellent and drive their desired culture PWC Culture / Change Man. Survey 2013 84% Culture is critical to success Culture needs major overhaul EY Culture and Boards Survey 2016 86% Culture is vital to strategy and performance Korn Ferry .... Institute Global Survey 2014 72% Culture is extremely important to organisational performance Say "culture is fairly aligned with strategy"



Source: Tor Eneroth, Barrett Values Centre

## "Culture is vital to overall strategy and performance"

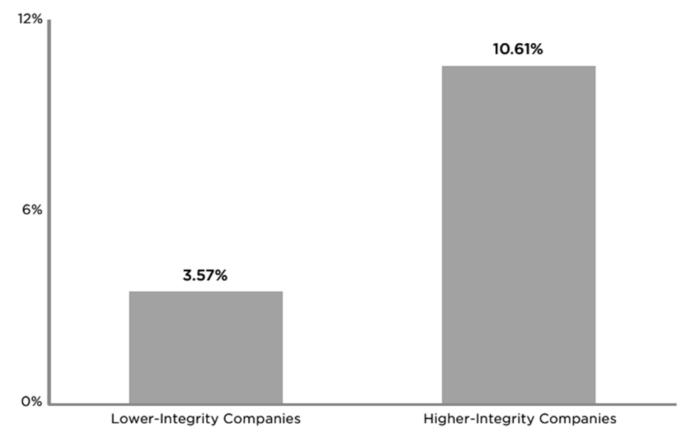




Source: EY Culture and Boards at a glance 2016. Survey of 100 board members of FTSE 350 companies.

#### **Culture Drives Business Performance**

Shareholder Return for Higher- and Lower-Integrity Companies Average 10-Year Total Shareholder Return



n = 75.

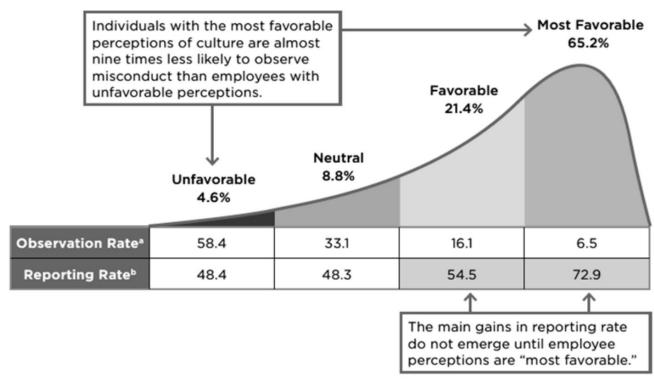
Source: CEB 2009–2016 RiskClarity: A Corporate Integrity Service™ Benchmark.

Note: Results of Pearson Correlation: r = 0.25, p < 0.05.

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#### **Culture Reduces Observed Misconduct**

The Impact of Culture on Observed and Reported Misconduct Percentage of Respondents, 2009-2016



n = 1,821,514 employees; 233 companies.

Source: CEB 2009-2016 RiskClarity: A Corporate Integrity Service™ Benchmark.

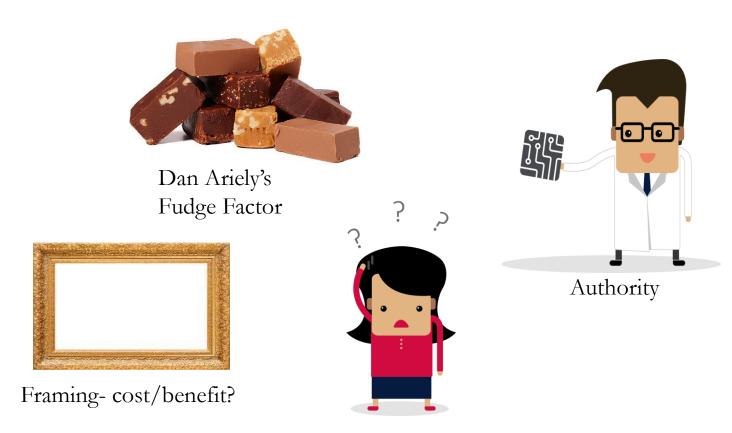
<sup>\*</sup> Percentage of employees within category who observed misconduct in past year.

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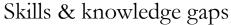
# Bad behaviour in organisations is done by good people for many reasons so punishment is a blunt instrument



It is usually the Barrel – not the apple









### MISTAKE / WRONGDOING OCCURS

Mistake admitted

Root causes explored and discovered

Mitigation/remedial action taken and potential damage is limited

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Z W Individual & organisational learning occurs

Improvements implemented

Example set; others observe

Problem/mistake less likely to reoccur

Mistake covered up

Problem deepens, additional unethical behaviour needed to hide it

No ability to mitigate or remediate

Exposure eventually occurs

Consequences severe:

- damage to reputation
- financial, personal
- possible civil and criminal actions

Lessons learned at far greater cost, or not at all

BLAME CULTURE

## Culture measurement

The role of culture health and culture risk in determining ethical behaviour

### Seven Levels of Organisational Consciousness



#### 7 Levels of Ethical Business Practice



#### **SERVICE**

Service to Others, Humanity and the Planet, Ethics, Human Rights, Social Responsibility, Long-term Perspective, Compassion, Humility, Wisdom

#### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Strategic Alliances and Collaborative Partnerships, Making a Difference, Sustainability, Collective Action, Employee Well-being (physical/emotional/mental/spiritual)

#### **INTERNAL COHESION**

Building Internal Community, Integrity, Shared Values, Shared Vision, Honesty, Fairness, Trust, Commitment, Leading By Example, Transparency, Openness, Meaning and Purpose, Clarity, Humour/ Fun

#### **TRANSFORMATION**

Continuous Improvement and Learning, Accountability, Information Sharing, Risk Taking, Equality, Diversity, Empowerment, Courage

#### **SELF-ESTEEM**

High Performance, Pride, Brand Image, Compliance Systems and Processes, Discipline and Enforcement, Policies and Procedures, Due Diligence, Ambition, Bureaucracy, Silo Mentality, Long-hours, Shame, Power, Information Hoarding, Complacency, Wilful Blindness

#### **RELATIONSHIP**

Harmonious Relationships, Open Communication, Care, Respect, Listening, Loyalty, Manipulation, Empire-Building, Being Liked, Blame, Bullying/Harassment, Conflict Avoidance

#### **SURVIVAL**

Financial Stability, Caution, Health & Safety, Licence to Operate, Job Security, Profit, Insecurity, Short-Term Focus, Greed, Corruption, Control, Exploitation,



## A Tale of Two Companies: which will comply?

Service

Making a Difference

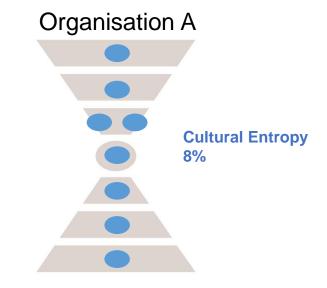
**Internal Cohesion** 

**Transformation** 

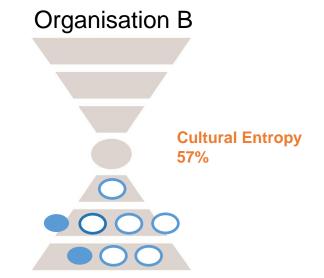
High Performance

Relationship

Survival/Viability



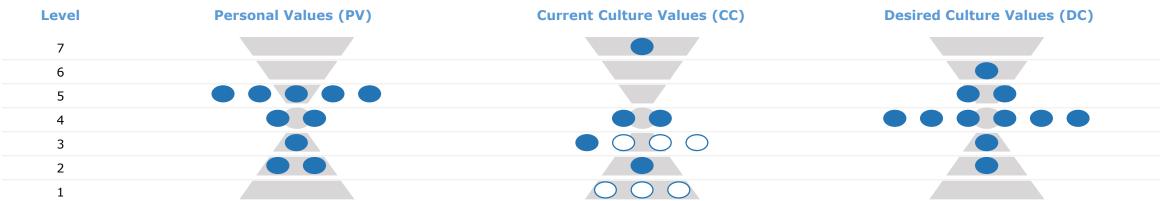
| <u>Value</u>        | Level |
|---------------------|-------|
| client satisfaction | 2     |
| making a difference | 6     |
| integrity           | 5     |
| teamwork            | 4     |
| humour/fun          | 5     |
| quality             | 3     |
| ethics              | 7     |
| financial stability | 1     |
|                     |       |



| <u>Value</u>          | Level |
|-----------------------|-------|
| blame                 | 2     |
| short term focus      | 1     |
| internal competition  | 2     |
| buck passing          | 3     |
| risk averse           | 1     |
| customer satisfaction | 2     |
| information hoarding  | 2     |
| profit                | 1     |



## Department (111)



Matches

**PV - CC 1** 

**CC - DC 4** 

PV - DC 1 new requests

Current Cultural Entropy 34%

| honesty             | 50 | 5(I) | bureaucracy (L)       | 47 | 3(0) |
|---------------------|----|------|-----------------------|----|------|
| caring              | 46 | 2(R) | silo mentality (L)    | 47 | 3(O) |
| reliable            | 43 | 3(R) | cost reduction (L)    | 45 | 1(0) |
| balance (home/work) | 40 | 4(I) | service to others     | 37 | 7(S) |
| <u>flexible</u>     | 37 | 4(I) | professionalism       | 35 | 3(0) |
| fairness            | 34 | 5(R) | confusion (L)         | 33 | 3(0) |
| trust               | 34 | 5(R) | job insecurity (L)    | 33 | 1(0) |
| positive attitude   | 32 | 5(I) | working together      | 29 | 4(R) |
| family              | 31 | 2(R) | caution (L)           | 27 | 1(I) |
| humour/ fun         | 31 | 5(I) | customer satisfaction | 26 | 2(0) |
|                     |    |      | <u>flexible</u>       | 26 | 4(0) |
|                     |    |      |                       |    |      |

#### IROS (P)=1-3-7-0 IROS (L)=0-0-0-0

|    | (-)                    |    |      |
|----|------------------------|----|------|
| )) | continuous improvement | 50 | 4(0) |
| )) | customer satisfaction  | 41 | 2(0) |
| )) | working together       | 33 | 4(R) |
| 5) | balance (home/work)    | 32 | 4(0) |
| )) | collaborative          | 27 | 6(R) |
| )) | continuous learning    | 27 | 4(0) |
| )) | employee engagement    | 27 | 5(0) |
| () | leading by example     | 27 | 5(R) |
| )  | resourceful            | 27 | 4(I) |
| )) | <u>flexible</u>        | 25 | 4(0) |
| )) | professionalism        | 25 | 3(0) |
|    |                        |    |      |

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P = Positive

L = Potentially Limiting (white circle)

I = Individual

R = RelationshipO = Organisational

S = Societal



### Cultural Entropy = Culture Risk

#### Measures the:

- Percentage of fear, dysfunction, negative and destructive energy, conflict, friction and frustration in an organisation
- Amount of energy in an organisation that is consumed in doing unproductive work

Caused by potentially limiting values and behaviours in the Foundation (Viability, Relationships & Performance)

Influences the ability to rationalise unethical behaviour and still feel good about oneself.

## Low Cultural Health increases culture risk and lowers trust

| Cultural<br>Health/<br>Entropy | Most employees are  | Potentially limiting values in current culture, for example   | <b>Culture Risk</b> |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|--|--|
| 10% or less                    | Highly Engaged      |   | Low Risk            |  |  |
| 11% to 20%                     | Engaged             |   | Relatively Low Risk |  |  |
| 21% to 30%                     | Becoming Disengaged | Bureaucracy, Hierarchy, Confusion   | Medium Risk         |  |  |
| 31% to 40%                     | Disengaged          | Bureaucracy, Hierarchy, Confusion,<br>Control, Short-term focus, Silo-mentality,<br>Long hours            | High Risk           |  |  |
| 41% or more                    | Highly Disengaged   | Bureaucracy, Short-term focus, Hierarchy, Blame, Control, Confusion, Information Hoarding, Silo-mentality | Very High Risk      |  |  |

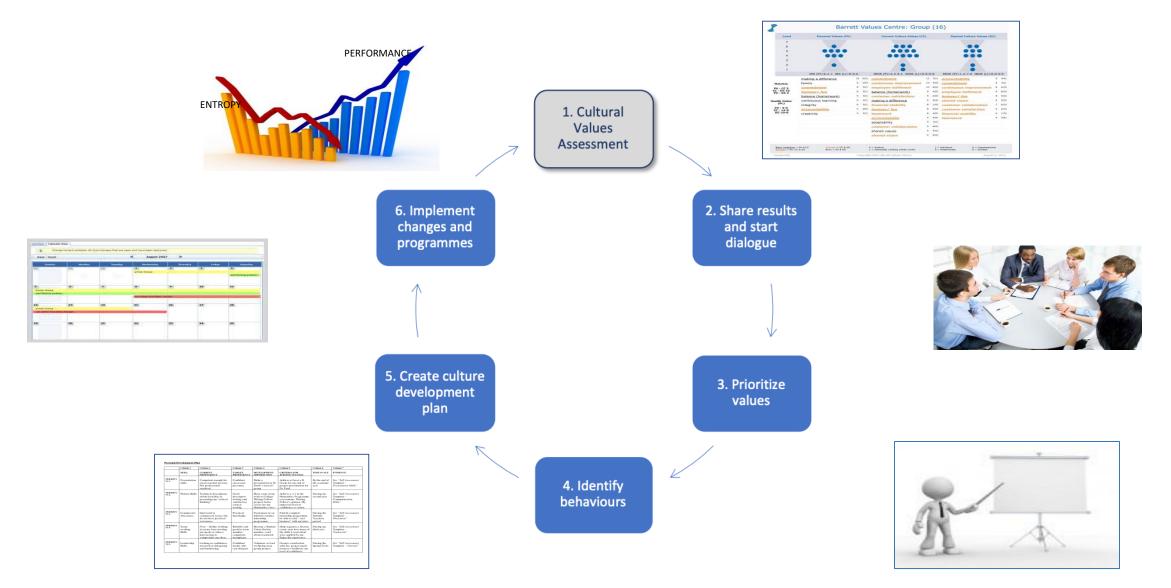




### Why use the Barrett Culture Assessment?

- Identify core values based upon a balanced model
- Verify if core values are aligned with the personal values of your employees
- Access the collective wisdom: what is needed to reach your potential
- Establish a benchmark to measure progress
- Monitor the success of your strategy and tactics (feedback) & adjust
- Provide evidence of commitment to culture and improvement (EBR)
- Ensure values, purpose and strategy are aligned
- Create a common vocabulary about culture and values
- **Pinpoint** issues/good practice, understand **causation** many factors can effect culture

## The Culture Change Process



## Regulators (finally) recognize that culture eats strategy for breakfast...

A healthy corporate culture is:

- a valuable asset,
- a source of competitive advantage and
- vital to the creation and protection of long-term value.

Directors should not wait for a crisis before they focus on company culture.

Source: UK FRC: Corporate Culture and the Role of Boards 2016

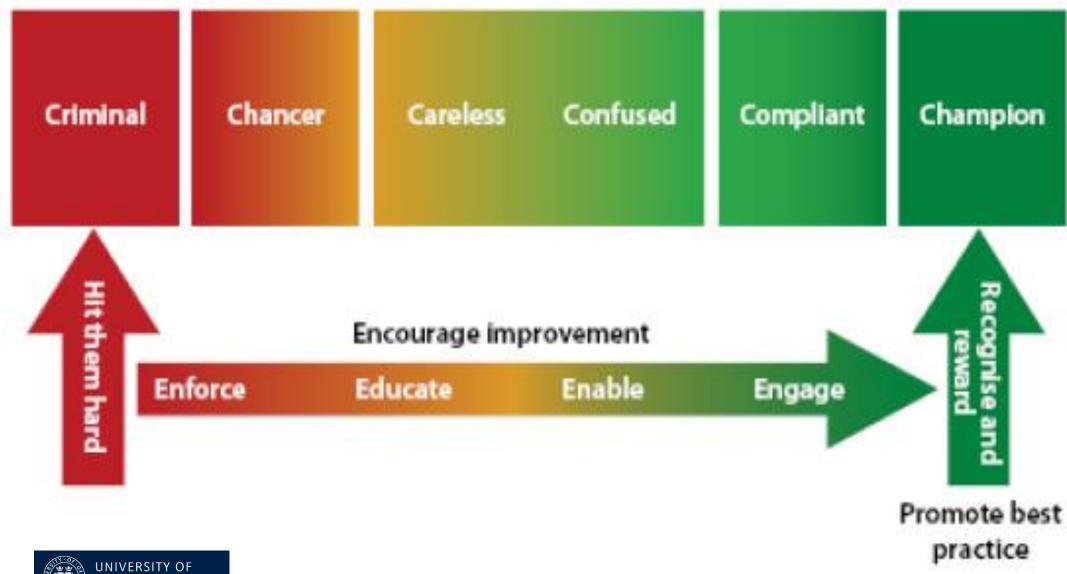
The **focus on culture** needs to be **continuous**.

Periodic reflection on whether the culture continues to be relevant in a changing environment can help the company adapt its culture to ensure it continues to support the company's success.

The board is expected to assess and monitor culture for alignment with purpose and values.

Source: UK FRC: Guidance on Board Effectiveness 2018

#### Compliance and engagement spectrum





Scottish Environmental Protection Agency

## The Essence of Ethical Business Practice and Regulation

Evidence that deterrence is largely ineffective to change future behaviour, and compliance fails often and can even be counter productive.

A relationship between a business and a regulator, in which the business produces evidence of its on-going commitment to Ethical Business Practice and the regulator recognises and encourages that commitment.





### Ethical Business Practice

- O Commitment to a holistic approach to company culture based on true core values.
- The belief that ethics is everyone's responsibility
   & an effective ethical culture is good for business.
- A learning, just culture that can face issues and deal with them effectively.
- O Compliance is balanced with ethics & integrity.
- O Evidence of culture (transformation) can be produced via values assessments & other indicators.

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### **EBP** Frameworks

#### Culture and Leadership Framework:

Foundation

People & Ethos

Aligned Systems and Processes

### Values-Based Integrity Framework:

The usual suspects, done differently!



## Values-based integrity framework



Code developed from within, based upon the organisation's values and aligned with the culture



Regular risk assessments, done by the business, with expert support as necessary and the implementation of mitigation measures in response to the risks



Clear, succinct policies and procedures that are easily accessible and kept updated



Consistent pattern of (positive) communications at all levels of management



Training and development conducted face-to-face and supplemented online or by other technological means, such as apps



A network of employee ambassadors to assist in bringing (values, etc) to life and to support dialogue and continuous improvement



## Why its important to build cultural capital across industry sectors

- Mutual interest of all actors to do so: improved regulatory relationships
- Avoid approaches based on punishment they only cause misconduct to go underground –support "just culture" building
- Hold each other to account; work with human behavioural tendencies, not against them
- Involve (truly) independent 3<sup>rd</sup> parties at all stages of the process
- Hold a major sector dialogue involving all links in the supply chain LISTEN to all stakeholders and create ownership and commitment, not resistance



### Central Government Industry Report

Prepared by Barrett Values Centre February 2015



#### Central Government Industry Report 2007-2014

**Total number of organizations: 79** 

Time Period: 2007-2014

**Countries represented: 19** 

#### **Average Entropy:**

| Year               | Average<br>Entropy |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2007-2014 Combined | 30%                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2014               | 34%                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2013               | 28%                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2012               | 28%                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2011               | 26%                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010               | 36%                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2009               | 31%                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2008               | 27%                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007               | 31%                |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### **Total Number of Organisations by Current Organisational Entropy:**

| Entropy Band | Number of Organisations |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 0-10%        | 5                       |
| 11-20%       | 11                      |
| 21-30%       | 26                      |
| 31-40%       | 19                      |
| 41% or more  | 18                      |

Industry Reports are a composite view of a specific industry using results collected from Cultural Values Assessments over time.

The values data represents the most commonly occurring top values. Percentages associated with values denote the percentage of assessments in a given industry where that value appeared among the top values.



#### Consolidated Cultural Data - Central Government 2007-2014

| _   | Level            | Personal Values (PV)   |                             |      | Current Culture Values (CC) |                                   | Desired Culture Values (DC) |                                   |     |      |
|-----|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|------|
|     | 7                |                        |                             |      |                             |                                   |                             |                                   |     |      |
|     | 6                |                        |                             |      |                             |                                   |                             |                                   |     |      |
|     | 5                |                        |                             |      |                             |                                   |                             |                                   |     |      |
|     | 4                |                        |                             |      |                             |                                   |                             |                                   |     |      |
|     | 3                |                        |                             |      |                             |                                   |                             |                                   |     |      |
|     | 2                |                        |                             |      |                             |                                   |                             |                                   |     |      |
|     | 1                |                        |                             |      |                             |                                   |                             |                                   |     |      |
|     |                  | IRS (P)=7-3-0 IRS (L)= | IRS (P)=7-3-0 IRS (L)=0-0-0 |      |                             | IROS (P)=0-2-2-0 IROS (L)=0-1-5-0 |                             | IROS (P)=1-4-5-0 IROS (L)=0-0-0-0 |     |      |
|     |                  | honesty                | 86%                         | 5(I) | bureaucracy (L)             | 80%                               | 3(0)                        | accountability                    | 71% | 4(R) |
| Mat | tches            | commitment             | 67%                         | 5(I) | hierarchy (L)               | 51%                               | 3(0)                        | continuous improvement            | 71% | 4(0) |
|     | - CC 1<br>- DC 3 | integrity              | 62%                         | 5(I) | cost reduction (L)          | 46%                               | 1(0)                        | teamwork                          | 57% | 4(R) |
|     | DC 3             | accountability         | 59%                         | 4(R) | confusion (L)               | 38%                               | 3(0)                        | open communication                | 49% | 2(R) |
|     |                  | respect                | 56%                         | 2(R) | results orientation         | 38%                               | 3(0)                        | professionalism                   | 43% | 3(0) |
|     |                  | humour/ fun            | 54%                         | 5(I) | customer satisfaction       | 37%                               | 2(0)                        | balance (home/work)               | 42% | 4(0) |
|     |                  | responsibility         | 51%                         | 4(I) | <u>accountability</u>       | 35%                               | 4(R)                        | information sharing               | 42% | 4(0) |
|     |                  | positive attitude      | 47%                         | 5(I) | silo mentality (L)          | 35%                               | 3(0)                        | customer satisfaction             | 38% | 2(0) |
|     |                  | balance (home/work)    | 46%                         | 4(I) | teamwork                    | 35%                               | 4(R)                        | employee recognition              | 35% | 2(R) |
|     |                  | family                 | 44%                         | 2(R) | control (L)                 | 34%                               | 1(R)                        | commitment                        | 34% | 5(I) |

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Service to humanity and societal contribution



External collaboration, community involvement



Sense of purpose & strong internal community



Ongoing improvement and employee participation



High performance systems and high quality output



Positive relationships that support organisation needs



Financial viability and employee safety





#### Main modes of contribution to the SDGs

#### **Being (Indirect focus)**

The degree to which organizations are living and contributing to the SDGs through their values, culture and internal practices. e.g. Paying employees fairly and looking after employee health makes a positive contribution to Goals 1 and 3

Healthy culture is one of the single most important factors that influences the ability for organizations to make a positive difference. When our basic needs are fulfilled then we can serve others.

"No development can be sustainable without including culture." UNESCO

#### **Doing (Direct focus)**

The degree to which organizations make a direct positive contribution to the SDGs through their products, services and partnerships. Use your talents and capabilities to make a positive difference.

e.g. Working on clean energy solutions would make a direct contribution to Goals 7.

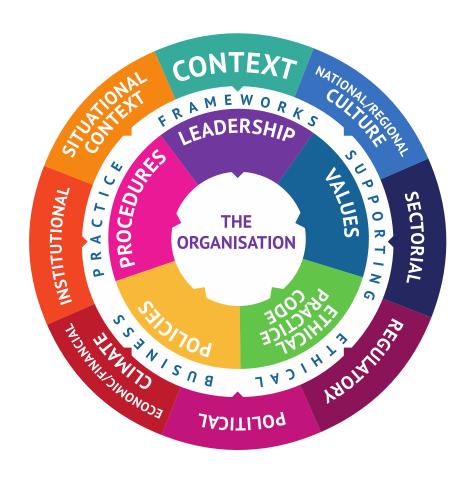
New Plastic free packing would make a direct contribution to Goals 12, 14 and 15



The culture of both regulator and business must change to increase trust and outcomes:

EBP & R provide a road map for that change

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