

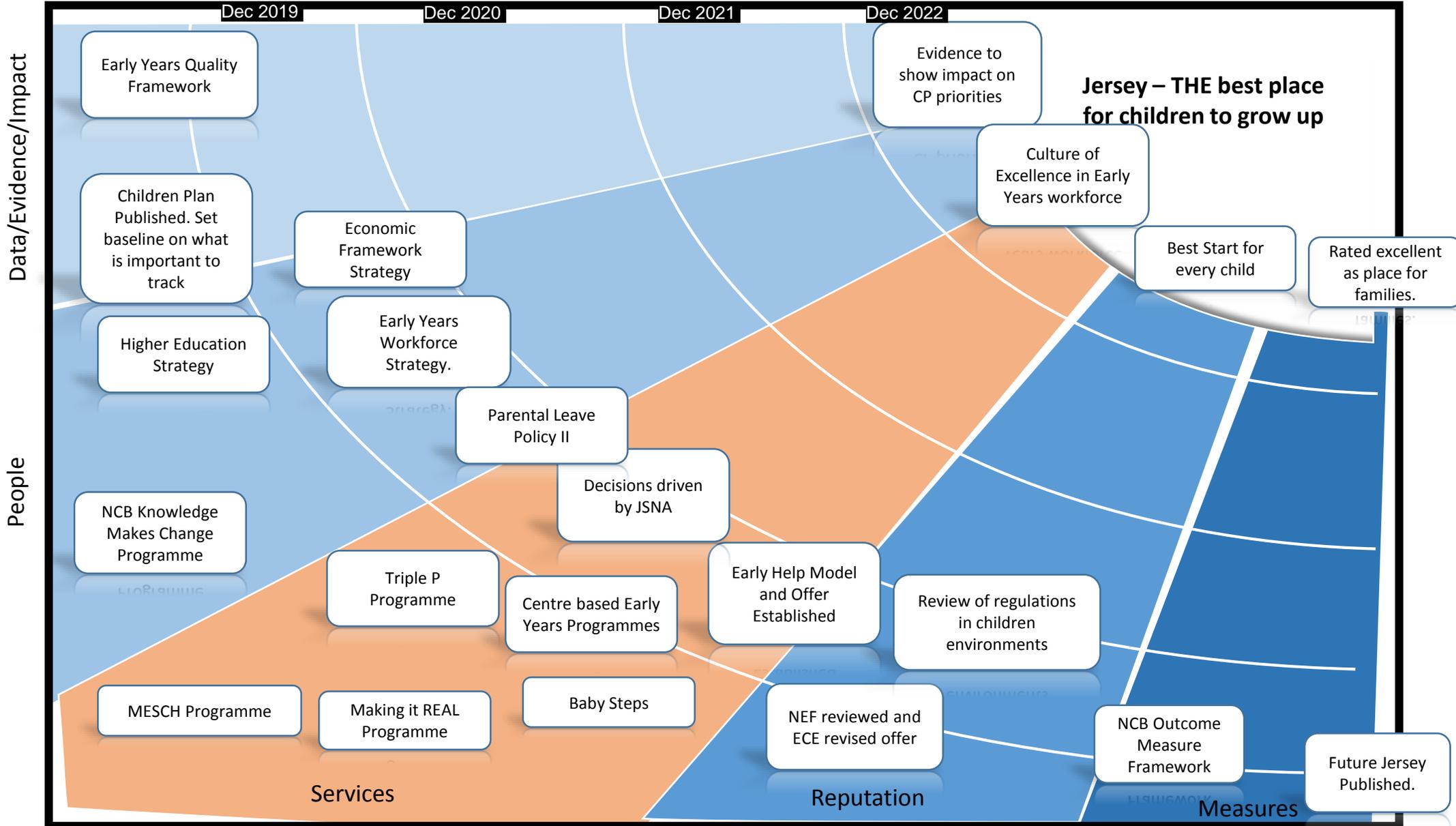
Policy Development Board

Early Years

Work completed to date

- Early Years agreed as priority in COM CSP
- Political membership for PDB agreed
- Terms of reference of PDB agreed
- Preliminary work to review policy context completed
- Design principles described
- Best Start Partnership aligned and supportive
- Business Case approved

T-MAP – Early Years Policy Context



DESIGN PRINCIPLES



**Best Start
Partnership**

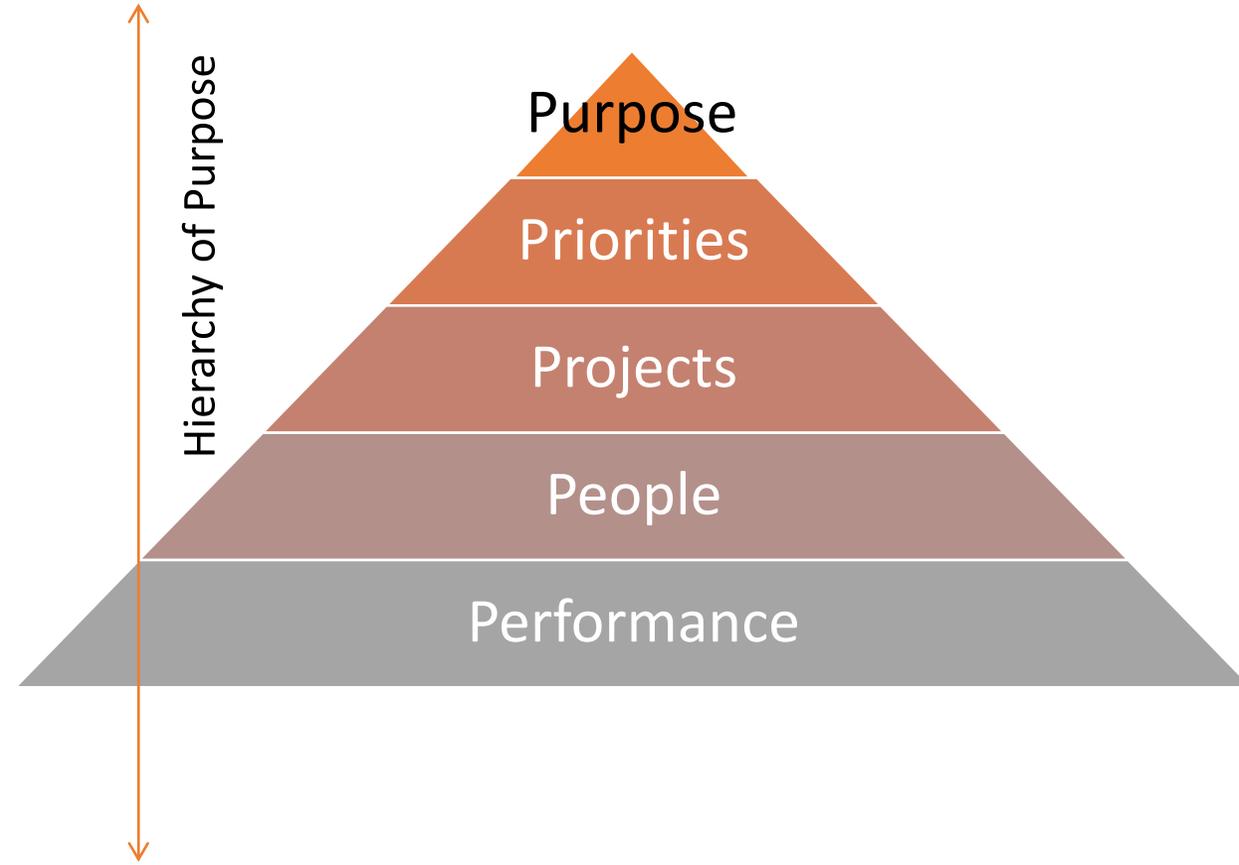
What do we want from an Early Years Service?

1. No child left behind
2. Services co-created with families and children
3. Policy will be developed using a 'think family' approach
4. Accessible physically and financially
5. Service led rather than building led
6. Focus on building capacity in communities
7. Targeted services and funding within universal provision
8. Commissioning mindset focussing on need, evidence, impact
9. Promotes effective partnership working
10. Highly motivated and world class early years workforce

PRIORITIES

In moving from talk to action we will need to prioritise.
In order to prioritise the following needs to happen:

- Reach alignment and focus on strategic goals?
- Agree the things that we want to achieve first (quick wins/strategic importance)
- Clarity on what needs to be in place for these outcomes to be delivered – includes policy frameworks or statutory guidance?
- A resourced programme to deliver that has clear governance?
- Communication!



Initial Focus – Policy problem trying to solve

- How can early childhood provision be developed to ensure all children have the best start ?
 - Consider access, choice, flexibility, affordability and quality
 - Explore approaches which enables increased support for children and families with particular needs e.g. EAL, SEN and wider social disadvantage
- Identify a local model which supports integrated early years services that can deliver an Early Help offer for children and families ?
 - Consider learning from children and family centres
 - Explore roles of primary schools
 - Consider existing community and parish network

Awareness of wider policy issues

The Policy Development Board will receive updates periodically from wider areas of work which impact on Early Years. These include but are not limited to....

- Personal Tax Review
- Early Help Programme
- Children's Legislative Programme
- Economic Framework Strategy