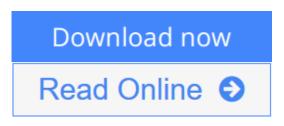


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1. Properly deploying the strategic objectives

2. Evolving a Cultural Transformation Plan

- Assessing the desired traits and behaviors vital in supporting the strategy

- Creating awareness of leadership's current traits and behaviors

- Identifying opportunities & practical actions to align differences between the desired and current behaviors

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