

CIPFA Better Governance Forum

A Practical Understanding of Good Governance in Local Government

15 January 2019 London and 23 January 2019 Manchester

The framework of good governance underpins the vision and objectives of a local authority and provides confidence that its decisions are well made. It supports ethical working and public accountability.

This workshop will provide delegates with an understanding of the framework underpinning the Annual Governance Statement: *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government* CIPFA and Solace 2016

9.30 – 10.00 **Coffee and Registration**

10.00 – 10.10 **Introductions and workshop overview**
Diana Melville, Governance Advisor

10.10 – 10.50 **The Good Governance Framework for Local Government**

This session will outline the Framework, the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Localism Act 2011, the Principles of Standards in Public Life and other key regulatory requirements and recommended practice that shape the governance of local government. It will also consider the roles and responsibilities of the leadership team.

10.50 – 11.20 **Understanding the Good Governance Principles**

The next session will examine the Framework in more detail, considering how performance against the Framework can be demonstrated in practice.

Achieving the Intended Outcomes While Acting in the Public Interest at all Times

- Principle A: Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law
 - Principle B: Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement
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11.20 – 11.40 **Break**

11.40 – 12.40	<p>Understanding the Good Governance Principles</p> <p>Continuing our examination of the Framework in more detail, the remaining Principles of the Framework will be reviewed, considering how conformance with the Framework can be demonstrated in practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principle C: Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social, and environmental benefits • Principle D: Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes • Principle E: Developing the entity's capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it • Principle F: Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management • Principle G: Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting, and audit to deliver effective accountability
12.40 – 13.40	Lunch
13.40 – 14.10	<p>Preparing the Local Code of Governance</p> <p>Whilst it is not mandatory to prepare a local code, this is the recommended approach. This session will examine the purpose of a local code and share examples for discussion.</p>
14.10 – 14.40	<p>Obtaining Assurance on Governance</p> <p>This session will examine the role of internal audit and others who can provide assurance to support the annual review of governance and the overview provided by the audit committee.</p>
14.40 – 14.50	Break
14.50 – 15.45	<p>Preparing the Annual Governance Statement</p> <p>This session will look at good practice in developing an annual governance statement and the guidance available.</p> <p>This will include a workshop session to compare examples of actual governance statements.</p>
15.45 – 16.00	Final questions and discussions
16.00	Close

The facilitator for this event will be Diana Melville, Governance Advisor

We reserve the right to alter the timing or content of sessions where circumstances require.