

Good Governance

For the mayor and councillors in a council or across various councils | 1 day

*Can also be completed in a half-day, or over 1 day together with training in other areas, e.g. community leadership

When numerous councils were dismissed some years ago, the key reasons related to poor governance. It is vital for all councillors to recognise and abide by the principles of good governance, and learn from the past.

Objectives

Upon completion of training, participants will be able to:

- know why governance is important, and what constitutes good governance
- differentiate between governance and management
- identify the governance responsibilities of councillors
- learn from the key governance issues linked to corporate failures and significant problems/issues in councils in recent years
- identify the ethical values that underpin good governance
- demonstrate familiarity with the governance components of the Charter
- complete and address issues in a council governance review checklist

Key Content

- What is good governance?
- Governance and organisational success
- Governing with an open mind
- The governance framework for local government
- Charter requirements
- Governance versus management
- Issues in private sector governance
- Issues in public sector governance
- Ethical values in governance
- Code of conduct for council officials
- Conflict of interests
- Advocacy and community
- Decision making
- How do we know if a council is well-governed?
- Council governance review checklist

Comments by Participants

- It helped me to understand what governance means for me as councillor.
- Good presentation and content which was relevant
- Current information, adult learning environment, and sharing experiences, ideas and visual information was great
- Input from participants gave a practical real-life illustration of each topic