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What is Governance Essentials for Local Government?

_Governance Essentials for Local Government_ provides a comprehensive overview of what good governance looks like in local government organisations.

This interactive course provides an in-depth look at the critical elements of corporate governance and leadership, including:

- The duties and responsibilities of councils and councillors
- Strategy and risk
- Financial performance and analysis
- Effective corporate leadership

How can it help you, your board and your business?

You will be among a growing list of councils looking to enhance their governance knowledge and capability.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the role and key functions of the council and councillors, including their liabilities, related protection and rights
- Explain the purpose and essential features of good governance within Local Government organisations
- Understand strategic leadership within the context of Local Government
- Recognise leadership competencies and behaviours and know how to use them to positively influence their council
- Create an individual leadership development plan
- Identify and recognise risk, including councillors’ personal risk and the links between risk management, risk culture and effective leadership
- Manage risk avoidance, reduction and transfer
- Examine and appreciate the major elements of financial statements and understand the councillor’s role in assessing these statements
- Explain how to monitor the financial and non-financial indicators of the organisation’s performance

How is the course delivered?

Participants will benefit from a series of short activities, interactive case studies and facilitated discussions driven by their own experience inside and outside your council.

The program is delivered by expert facilitators who are selected on the basis of their directorship experience in a similar organisation or industry.

Course outline

Over four comprehensive sessions delivered in-house across two days, Governance Essentials for Local Government will cover:

- The Role of the Council and Councillor
- Leadership: The Councillor’s Role
- Risk: Issues for Councillors
- Introduction to Financial Statements for Councillors