



# Applied Governance Essentials

## Programme overview

This workshop provides a tool for your council to better understand how you will work and govern together effectively.

## Purpose

As a group you will consider the role and fundamental responsibilities of a council in a governance setting. By distinguishing between governing and managing, you will recognise the purpose and differing roles, and add value to your own governance. Participants will leave this workshop with a good knowledge of a range of topics relevant to their own council and have an action plan for future council success.

## Target audience

This workshop is ideally suited to be run as an in-house workshop for your council.

## Learning objectives

- › To raise governance standards and capability within the NZ local government sector.
- › To improve decision making within the NZ local government sector.
- › To strengthen governance structures within the NZ councils.

Circumstances differ widely among councils and the scale of what may suit one council can be inappropriate for another. This means that governance best practice principles are implemented to suit the size of the council and the resources it has available.

The workshop preparation starts with an initial conversation between the facilitator and the mayor and chief executive, where they will define some key areas of interest that they would like to focus on. The workshop will then support and build their own effective governance culture to oversee these issues.

Councils may choose from a range of modular sessions similar, but not limited to:

- › Governance - What is good governance in a council context?;
- › Governance - How do we do it?;
- › Creating an effective governance culture;
- › Management and Governance - Understanding each other's roles;
- › Strategy – Prepare to determine ‘what are our strategic priorities?’;
- › Values - What are our values?;
- › Code of Conduct – How do we use this effectively to hold us all to account?;
- › LTP/AP - How do we get our ideas onto the LTP?;
- › Effective compliance; and
- › How to work with CCOs?

## Learning outcomes

After this workshop, the participants will be able to:

- › become part of a more effective council;
- › define collective leadership and how it is represented in local government;
- › have a common set of values which underpin behaviours;
- › use governance processes to get better outcomes;
- › identify how elected members influence council culture and levels of risk;
- › create an effective strategy for the term of council;
- › define how to balance representation and governance roles;
- › outline how governance and management can best work together; and
- › start your own plan for governance success.

## Workshop fees

\$7950, excl. GST for up to 20 participants as part of in-house workshop.

## Workshop timings

9:30am – 4:30pm