

1. Applied Governance Essentials



Programme overview

This workshop provides a tool for your council to work together 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.

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
- › To enable the preparation of an action plan for the council for improved governance processes

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.

Learning outcomes

After this workshop, you will be able to:

- › describe what good governance is in a council context;
- › define the value of an effective governance culture;
- › separate the governance and management roles;
- › focus on your council's strategic vision; and
- › create an action plan for improved governance process.

This is delivered as a full day workshop. For a customised in-house workshop solution please contact us for a quote at equip.pd@lgnz.co.nz