

# Governance Framework



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*A Governance Framework that supports Council to make decisions and to act in the best interests of our community.*

## What is governance?

Governance is the process by which:

- decisions are made and implemented,
- an organisation achieves its goals and produces its outputs, and
- the way organisations are directed, controlled and held to account.

Governance encompasses the system by which an organisation is controlled and operates, and the mechanisms by which it, and its people, are held to account. Ethics, risk management, compliance, accountability and administration are all elements of governance.

Good governance is necessary in local government to ensure accountability, consistency and transparency, and to support compliance with legislative and ethical obligations.

## Governance Framework

The Framework articulates the various elements of good governance, clarifies key roles between the political and administrative arms, and illustrates an appropriate relationship between governance, risk management and organisational culture.

**All elected members and Council employees must demonstrate a commitment to applying the governance principles when undertaking the duties of their roles.**

## Framework principles

The Governance Framework outlines processes and practices that enable good governance and decision-making for councillors, management and employees of Council. This includes the following governance principles:

- Vision and Culture
- Roles and Relationships
- Decision-making and Management
- Accountability

## Further information

The Governance Framework is available to view on Council's website:

<https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/about-council/governance>