

Title	Good Governance Framework
Council Resolution	Item 11 (23 January 2017) as per Council Minutes
Responsible Directorate	Corporate Governance
Due for Review	22 January 2021
Strategic Plan Reference	Objective 4.1 <i>Govern in the best interests of our community</i>
ECM	Council Policy

PURPOSE

This framework provides a basis for sound governance with respect to Council's service delivery and the proper use of public monies entrusted to Council.

SCOPE

This framework applies to:

- All of Council

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) establishes Councils to plan for, develop and manage areas in the interest of their communities. Furthermore, sections 20(1) and (2) of the LG Act provides that in addition to any functions of a Council under any Act, Council has the following functions (emphasis added):

- to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- to represent and promote the interests of the community; and
- to provide for the peace, order and **good government** of the municipal area.

Of import, in performing its functions, Council is to 'consult, involve and **be accountable** to the community'.

Acts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> – Sections 20(1) and(2)
Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable
Australian/International Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS 8000:2003 Corporate Governance – Good governance principles

DEFINITIONS

Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those high-level processes and behaviours that ensure an organisation performs by achieving its intended purpose, and conforms by complying with all relevant laws, codes and directions while meeting community expectations of probity, accountability and transparency.
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GOOD GOVERNANCE

Good governance promotes public confidence in Council's dealings. According to research, the better organisations are governed, the better they will perform and the more satisfied the public will be.¹

¹ Brown, R. and Gorgens, T. March 2009, Corporate Governance and Financial Performance in an Australian Context, Australian Government Treasury Working Paper 2009-02

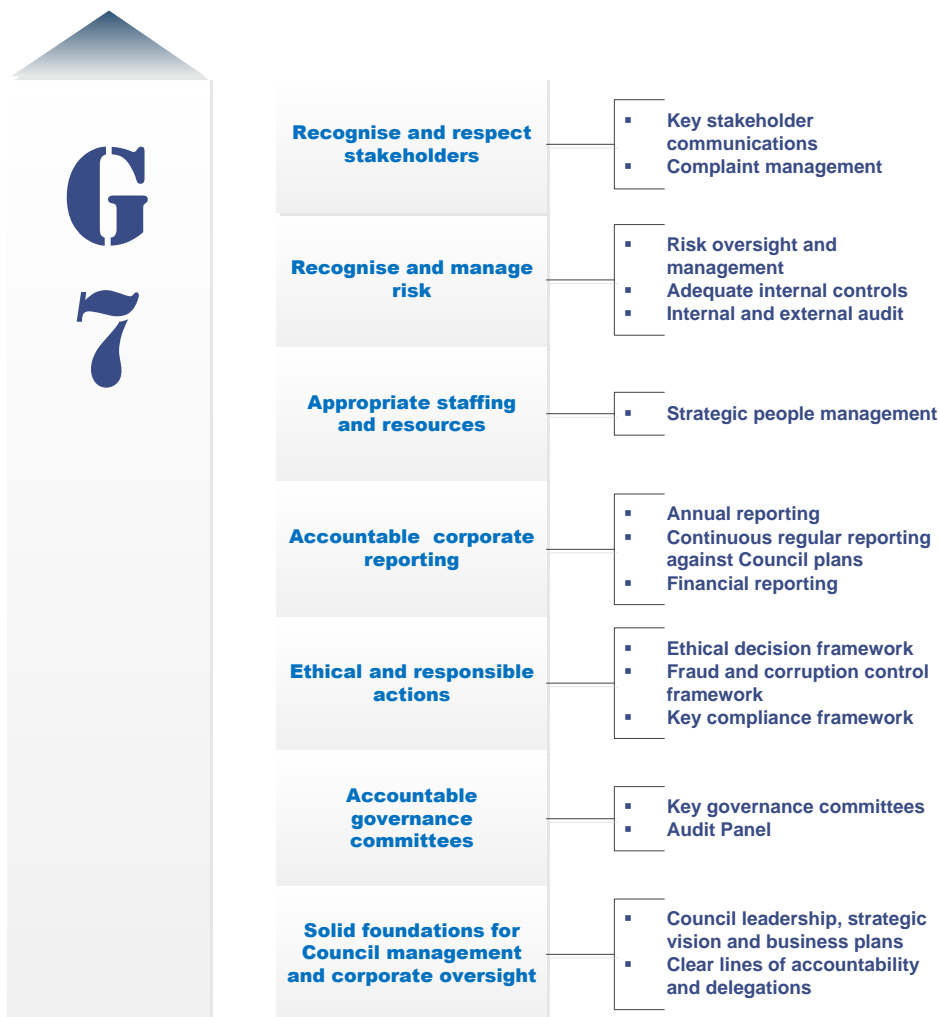
Council recognises that good governance sets a clear direction, a way to get there and tracks progress. There is independent assurance that Council management and staff are achieving this direction in an ethical and legal way. Risks and opportunities are recognised and addressed as appropriate. The rights of stakeholders are respected with open and transparent information on organisational activities and performance.

Importantly, Council embraces a whole-of-organisation governance culture that focuses on continuous achievement, accountability and ethical behaviour.

COUNCIL GOOD GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

Drawing from the NSW Audit Office’s Governance Lighthouse, Council’s Good Governance Framework is based on seven (7) key principles and 16 governance components and are underpinned by the elements of accountability, service, integrity and trust.

Glenorchy City Council Good Governance Framework



Management will prioritise ongoing activities to ensure that Council's Good Governance Framework is supported throughout the organisation.

BACKGROUND

As part of developing and implementing Council's ongoing governance strategy, it is considered prudent to encapsulate a Council Good Governance Framework: this is to provide a basis for sound governance with respect to Council's service delivery and the 'proper use' (effective, efficient, economical and ethical) of public monies entrusted to Council.