



## GOVERNANCE POLICY

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**1.1 Objectives:** The purpose of this Policy is to enunciate Ipswich City Council's commitment to good corporate governance and the establishment of a Corporate Governance Framework and Statement to deliver on that commitment.

**1.2 Regulatory Authority:** *Local Government Act 2009*

**1.3 Policy Statement:** Corporate governance is established by formalising an organisation's decision-making processes thereby ensuring decisions are made in a rational, informed, ethical and transparent fashion and that those decisions contribute to the overall success, efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation. Council's commitment to good corporate governance includes:

- Commitment to achieving high standards of corporate performance, accountability and continuous improvement.
- Recognition of responsibility for fostering a strong ethical climate so that Council's activities are conducted and seen to be conducted, according to high standards of personal and corporate conduct.
- Commitment to a governance framework that enhances planning and reporting practices, assists leadership and management, and drives improved performance moving beyond compliance, to focus on meeting strategic and operational goals, which provide the best sustainable outcome for the community and other stakeholders.

**1.4 Scope:** To attain these standards and assure the people of the City of Ipswich and other stakeholders that Council is pursuing its objectives and fulfilling its responsibilities with due diligence and accountability, the Ipswich City Council Corporate Governance Framework and Statement will clearly identify and define:

- Council's key governance principles and foundations;
- The role, ethical responsibilities and values of elected representatives, the Chief Executive Officer and officers of Council;
- The relationship and interaction between Council and the people of Ipswich;
- Ipswich City Council's guiding principles for planning, performance monitoring and the management of risks and obligations of the Council

**1.5 Policy Author:** Corporate Services Branch – Finance and Corporate Services.

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