

# Governance Policy

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## Head of Power

Corporate Plan 2018-2023 – Outcome 8 Inclusive and Ethical Governance

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*

*Local Government Regulation 2012*

*Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003*

*Whistle-blowers Protection Act 1994*

*Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*

*Queensland Audit Office and Risk Management Framework for Local Governments.*

## Policy Objective

To achieve overall outcomes, enhancing confidence in the organisation, Council decisions and actions through working within our governance principles.

## Policy Statement

Redland City Council, through its Corporate Plan, is committed to enriching community lifestyles and making a positive difference in our customers' lives through the services we provide. We are forward thinking, engaged and strive to maintain the highest standards of service to ensure we are delivering real value.

Council is committed to:

- Good corporate governance practices. Our governance systems and processes are intended to:
  - Contribute to our overall performance and the delivery of our goods, services and programs.
  - Ensure that we meet the requirements of the law, regulations, published standards, and community expectations of probity, accountability, and openness.
- Recognising the following Governance Principles for the organisation:
  - Strong Leadership
  - Accountability
  - Transparency and Openness
  - Integrity and Ethical Behaviours
  - Stewardship
  - Performance Driven
- An internal Compliance Questionnaire to assess compliance with governance requirements is undertaken annually by Council and action plans are developed for improvement where necessary.

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## Definitions

Term	Definition
Governance	The way in which our organisation is controlled and governed to achieve our strategic and operational objectives. The control environment makes our organisation reliable in achieving our objectives within an acceptable degree of risk.

## Associated Documents

Councillor Briefing Sessions and Workshops Guideline ([A2841316](#))

Acceptable Requests Guideline ([A316496](#))

Councillors Nominated in State Elections Guideline ([A2571906](#))

Caretaker Period Guideline ([A3803839](#))

## Document Control

Only Council can approve amendments to this document by resolution of a Council Meeting, with the exception of administrative amendments which can be approved by the relevant ELT member. Refer to *Policy Instrument Development Manual* for an explanation on administrative amendments ([A4063988](#)).

Any requests to change the content of this document must be forwarded to relevant Service Manager(s).

Approved documents must be submitted to the Corporate Meetings and Registers Team for registration.

## Version Information

Version number	Date	Key Changes
1	January 2008	New policy
2	November 2019	Administrative amendments resulting from policy framework review.