

Governance Forum

Outline programme 2017

The range of benefits for participating Forum members includes:

- Two complimentary invitations to each briefing of the forum briefing event, Training workshop and conference
- A day of governance specialist time for training and/or advice. Many members use this for in house Board or committee briefings
- Access to an expert Governance team and a network of contacts comprising sectoral and specialist personnel

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2017 Governance Forum - Draft programme of events

In addition to briefings, the draft programme includes a Conference, Roundtables and Training and Development events (T). In response to demand we have increased the 2017 programme to 15 scheduled events

March 2017

	TOPIC	CONTENT
27 January	Key governance themes for 2017	This briefing discussed key governance themes for 2017.
23 February	Meeting assurance requirements – managing the mix of professional and voluntary obligations	The briefing looked at how non-profit and other bodies delivering public benefits can meet the requirements of their funders and deliver for stakeholders.
16 March Conference	Road to better Governance	Convened in conjunction with Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
Date to be announced	Board effectiveness and reviewing the Board	Leadership, Boards as effective teams, requirements for Boards of different sizes.
4 May	Promoting Good Governance – what can research tell us?	What would we like to know? What evidence would assist?
25 May (T) Full day event	Role and responsibility of the Board and individual members	This will be a full-day event of particular value to new State Board members. It will include a review of the latest policy developments and State Body Codes.
15 June	Communications – what do stakeholders hear?	The briefing will look features of reputation management for public interest bodies.
6 July (T) Half day event	Finance for Board Members (reporting , monitoring and disclosure obligations)	This special half day event will provide an overview of financial reporting developments, public sector reporting standards and accounting policies.
21 September	Strategy – preparation and successful communication internally and externally	Why is there an implementation gap in many strategies? How flexible should a strategy be?
October date TBC (T)	Role and responsibility of the Board and individual members	A similar workshop to 25 May - a full day event of particular value to new State Board members.
12 October	Periodic Critical Reviews	How will they work? What are the lessons from international experience
10 November	Risk Management – embedding best practice in organisations	How should the Board contribute and engage with the process? Reporting risks and setting a risk appetite.
7 December	Audit Committees – key features of the effective committee	The annual discussion will provide a valuable opportunity to learn from experienced practitioners and provide updates on notable developments.

The outline programme also includes, two lunchtime roundtable events

A roundtable for **Audit Committee Chairpersons** will take place on 1st June. The annual roundtable for **Board Secretaries** is scheduled for 7 September.

Additional Topics

The Forum is committed to ensuring relevance to the members. In addition to the outline programme there will be scope to add additional events in response to feedback from members. These are likely to include one or more with a sectoral focus in areas such as Education, Health and Non-profit organisations.

