

Conform™ - Communicating Good Governance

Good governance is a key responsibility for the office of the Chief Executive and the preparation and publication of an Annual Governance Statement is now necessary to meet statutory requirements.

All Authorities have to provide assurances that:

- Governance arrangements are adequate and can be demonstrated to be operating effectively in practice.
- Where reviews have revealed gaps – actions are planned to ensure effective governance in the future.

To achieve good governance, each Authority must be able to demonstrate that it is complying with the core and supporting principles contained in the Good Governance Framework.

As Local Government continues to be subjected to reform, the challenge faced by Authorities is how to implement cost effective clear channels of communication and to ensure that new and updated governance arrangements are understood throughout the Authority.

Conform is designed to communicate good governance across the Authority, in the most cost effective method possible. Using Conform to manage the process of creation, audited electronic delivery and, where appropriate, understanding measurement of all governance arrangements ensures that everyone is fully aware of the best practice requirements.

Alternative methods of communication, such as the use of the Authority intranet, relies on the employees visiting the website and being able to locate the latest publication. The Authority is then left to hope that staff have read and understood the content – this is unreliable and unauditible. Equally seminars, meetings and training sessions are expensive to arrange and host, tend only to concentrate on specific topics and consume a large amount of employee and management time.

Conform provides the Senior or Monitoring Officer with the proof and certainty that all governance arrangements have been delivered and are understood by everyone across the Authority.

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