

Strong Foundations Sustainable Futures

Using the New Housing Co-operative Code of Governance

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How is governance working in your co-operative?

Thinking about governance in your own co-op:

- What do you think you do well?
- What do you find more difficult?

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What is the Code for?

The Code is intended to help co-operatives:

- Recognise what is working well
- Identify where governance could be stronger
- Ask the right questions
- Demonstrate accountability
- Continually improve
- Meet regulatory standards

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How the Code works

Governance Principles

The underlying principles of good governance.



Governance Standards

The governance outcomes the Governing Body should achieve.



Provisions

The arrangements, practices and behaviours that support achievement of the Standards.



The areas of the Code

- Governance framework
- Leadership and strategy
- Capability and information
- Recruitment, renewal and review
- Decision-making and delegation
- Senior employees or managing agent
- Accountability, openness and member democracy
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Assurance
- Ethics and conduct

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Applying the Code

- Get into groups of 3 or 4.
- Each group will be assigned a different Governance Standard.
- For each co-operative represented in your group, choose one or two Provisions from that Standard and discuss:
 - How well do you think your co-op currently meets the Provision? Fully / partly / not currently
 - Why do you think that? What evidence do you have?
 - Is your current approach appropriate for the size and circumstances of your co-op?
 - What, if anything, could you do differently or improve?



The Governance Review Workbook

The Governance Review Workbook is available in the Member Resources area of our website

- [Code of Governance Review Workbook 2026.xlsx](#)
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- **Code of Governance** - What should good governance achieve?
- **Good Governance Guide** - What does this mean in practice?
- **Governance Review Workbook** - How are we doing?
- **Model governance documents** - What arrangements do we need in place?
- **Active Membership Guidance** - How do we make democratic membership work in practice?



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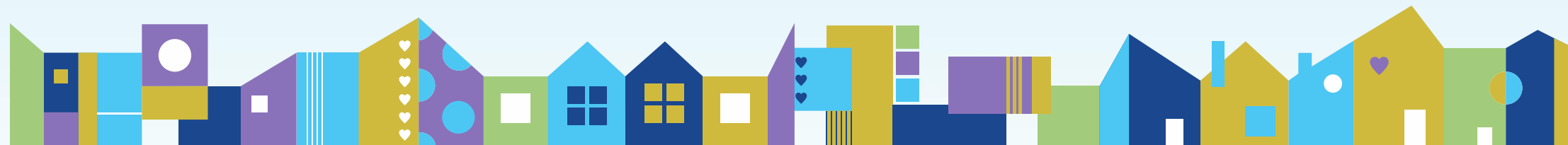
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