**Governance and Accountability in the Public Sector**

Part 1

**0945 Welcome and introduction**

* Course objectives

**1000 Governance and accountability in context**

* Governance and accountability quiz
* Where does your public body fit in, in the public bodies’ landscape?
* Ethical standards framework – the Nolan (Nine) Principles
* Funding
* Accountability - Role of the Accounting (Accountable) Officer etc.

**1045 Break**

**1100 Scandal and how to avoid it – The Nolan Principles in practice**

* Nolan Principles in Practice (Group Exercise)
* Conflicts of interest
* Gifts, hospitality and sponsorship
* Spending public money (incl procurement and contract management)
* Other Code of Conduct issues
* How to raise (and handle) concerns properly!

**1200 Fundamentals of good governance**

* Getting the basics right (Group Exercise)
* Key elements of an effective governance framework

**1330 Close**

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Part 2

**0945 Good governance in practice – roles and responsibilities**

* The role of the Board
* The role of the Chief Executive and the Leadership Team
* Fundamental principles of good governance (Group Exercise)
* What is your role in ensuring good governance?

**1115 Break**

**1130 Common causes of governance failure**

* Learning the lessons from real cases
* Sources of assurance

**1315 Wrap up and close**