

Directors training programme for Gravesham Borough Council

Context

1. What is a company – how it interacts with the rest of the world

Directors' responsibilities

2. General common law duties
3. Statutory statement of directors' duties
4. Duty to promote the success of the company
5. Duty to exercise independent judgment
6. Duty to exercise reasonable care, skill, and diligence
7. Duty to avoid conflicts of interest
8. Managing conflicts of interest - examples
9. Consequences of breach of duties
10. Other legislation affecting directors

Decision making and good governance

11. Good Company Governance – UK Corporate Governance Code

Public sector influences

12. Some council influenced companies are subject to public sector requirements
 - 12.1. Freedom of Information Act
 - 12.2. Restrictions imposed by law
 - 12.3. Financial accountability
 - 12.4. Avoiding confusion – 'the Council' v 'Director appointed by the Council'
 - 12.5. Crisis management

Protection

13. Protecting directors from liability