

PUBLIC SECTOR BOARD ASSURANCES

A FRAMEWORK OF STATEMENTS TO
SUPPORT CLIMATE GOVERNANCE (V1)

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CLIMATE GOALS

Is the Board satisfied that ...

1. the organisation's attention to climate matters is adequately referenced in its mission, vision, values, and cultural aspirations
2. its agreed strategy includes specific goals and indicators of progress regarding its climate responsibilities and targets
3. its goals and indicators of progress are aligned with relevant national strategy, policies, legislation, and regulation inter alia in the areas of buildings, transport, waste, energy usage, emissions, and procurement
4. it is being kept informed of developments in its regulatory and legislative climate responsibilities.

IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE GOALS

Is the Board satisfied that ...

5. an internal management and governance structure has been developed to ensure that the executive (staff) of the organisation can implement climate goals in a holistic manner
6. when agreeing its budget, it has been confirmed that the necessary resources have been put in place to meet its climate goals
7. the risk of not achieving its climate goals is represented in its risk register and controls have been put in place to seek to address barriers that may arise and to avail of unforeseen opportunities
8. the agreed climate goals and indicators of progress, and their rationale, have been adequately communicated across the organisation and codified in policies and procedures
9. the training required to implement the agreed climate goals has been assessed and a plan has been developed to provide this training
10. the organisation is keeping abreast of good practice in climate governance nationally and internationally
11. the organisation is collaborating effectively with other organisations, institutions, partners etc. to achieve its climate goals.

REPORTING ON AND VALIDATION OF PROGRESS AGAINST CLIMATE GOALS

Is the Board satisfied that ...

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| 12. | the reports received by the Board are enabling it to oversee progress against its climate goals and agreed indicators of progress |
| 13. | the organisation, through its Annual Report and otherwise, is providing a clear and transparent public record of progress against its climate goals |
| 14. | the benefits of external verification and / or accreditation of the organisation's performance of its climate responsibilities has been considered. |

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