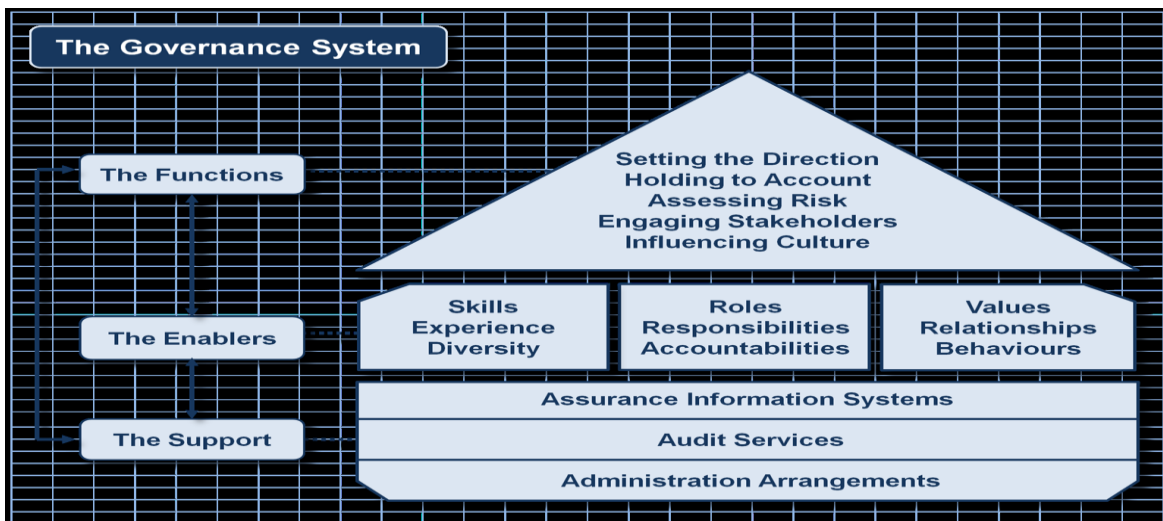


NHS 24 BOARD		27 FEBRUARY 2020 ITEM 9.1 FOR APPROVAL	
BLUEPRINT FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROGRESS			
Executive Sponsor:		NHS 24 Board Chairman	
Lead Officer/Author:		Director of Finance and Performance	
Action Required		The report is presented to the NHS 24 Board for approval.	
Key Points		The Blueprint for Good Governance emphasises the importance of good corporate governance and describes how its adoption will help NHS Boards improve their corporate governance systems to ensure consistent, effective and transparent governance approaches across NHS Scotland.	
Date presented to EMT and relevant Committee		This paper has only been presented to the Board as it relates to Board Members self assessment against the Blueprint for Good Governance.	
Summary of key discussion points/actions arising from respective Committees		N/A	
Strategic alignment and link to overarching NHS Scotland priorities and strategies		<p>Delivering and maintaining effective corporate governance across NHS 24 will support the effective scrutiny and delivery of the NHS 24 Strategy and the performance of the organisation.</p> <p>Effective corporate governance supports the NHS 24 contribution to the 2020 Vision and the National Health and Social Care Delivery Plan.</p>	
Key Risks		There are no key risks at this time.	
Financial Implications		There are no direct financial implications arising from this paper.	
Equality and Diversity		The corporate governance framework arrangements include appropriate engagement with stakeholders to ensure that equality and diversity is appropriately considered.	

1. BACKGROUND

Corporate governance involves setting strategic aims; holding the executive to account for the delivery of those aims; determining the level of risk the Board is willing to accept; influencing the organisation’s culture; and reporting to stakeholders on their stewardship.

The Blueprint for Good Governance model acknowledges the importance of how the Board approaches the achievement of its strategic aims and objectives as well as its focus on performance and outcomes.



2. SELF-ASSESSMENT – GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROGRESS

The NHS 24 Board completed a self-assessment against the Blueprint for Good Governance in March 2019 and submitted that to Scottish Government in April 2019. Annex 1 to this report sets out current progress against the actions agreed within that plan.

A return on progress was submitted to Scottish Government in December 2019 however this paper builds on that and sets out a refreshed response for Board consideration. Following formal Board approval in February 2020, this progress report will be issued to Scottish Government.