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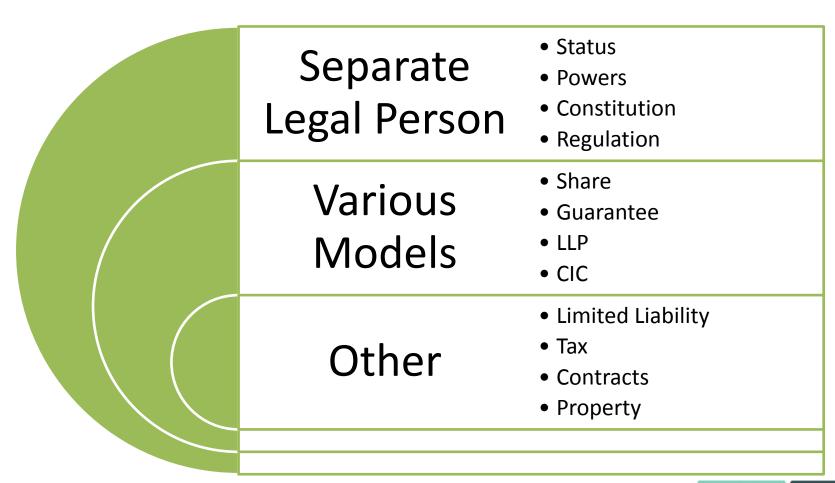
Ensuring Good Corporate Governance

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Nature of a Company





Not Local Government Rules

Directors

- Can be Councillors, Officers external or a mix of all these
- Can be changed

Meetings

- Not public
- Can be by telephone or email



.... but some Local Government Regulation

FOIA

Minutes of General Meeting open to public inspection Must provide to a Member information about the affairs of the Company

Must provide to the Council, information for accounting purposes

Must provide information to the Council's Auditors

Must mention on all business letters etc. that it is a company controlled, or, influenced, by the Council

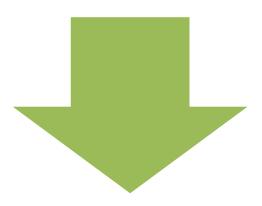
Restrictions on payments to Councillors

Must not to publish any material which is prohibited under Cection 2 of the Local Government Act 1986;

Must remove Director who becomes disqualified for membership of a Local Authority



Balance between Shareholders and Directors



Directors

- Day to day running
- Answerable to Shareholders

Shareholder

- How much control is needed?
 - Approval of business plan
 - Reserve matters to shareholder
 - Shareholder agreeement
 - "Teckal" compliance





Directors' Duties Include:

To act in the way(s) most likely to promote the success of the company

To have independent judgment

To take reasonable care, skill and diligence

To avoid conflicts of interest



Shareholder Role

Who takes decisions for the Council as shareholder? and how?

Is there any conflict arising within the Council structure from role as Director?



Other Aspects of Relationship With Council

Staff

Property

Intellectual Property

Contracts

Procurement

Funding

Reputation



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