



SPÓRT ÉIREANN
SPORT IRELAND

Governance Code Summary

Background

Governance Code is to be adopted by all Local Sports Partnerships by December 2021.

The Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations (CVC Code), launched in 2012, has become the de-facto standard for excellent practice in corporate governance for non-profit organisations. It was developed, maintained, and promoted by a unique coalition of leadership organisations in the non-profit sector that worked together with a small number of like-minded organisations and individuals with relevant expertise from the private sector.

As GSP falls under the funding of Sport Ireland, it was deemed appropriate for all LSPs adhere to the governance code in order to ensure best practice.

Summary of actions

Governance sub-committee was set up to review the standing of GSP and what actions needed to be taken to ensure that we are fully compliant.

After an initial review of the Constitution of GSP and ratification by the wider steering group, the sub-committee assessed GSP against every principle and sub-principle of the Governance code, how these principles apply or don't apply and where we can improve our internal processes and policies in order to ensure best practice is present. The sub-committee are proposing the following documents for adoption:

- Steering Group Handbook
- Code of Conduct for Steering Group Members
- Chair's responsibilities in the form of a short job description

All documents were based on the charity regulator's best practice documents or those from best practice in UK.

Proposal:

It is recommended that the steering group adopts these documents and are comfortable with the detail.

The next steps:

Once the documents above are adopted, GSP will apply with a Public Statement of Compliance to Sport Ireland with any Comply or Explain forms where principles have been deemed not relevant to GSP.