

Open consultation: Review of the Scottish Code of Good Higher Education Governance

April 2017

Context

In 2016, the Committee of Scottish Chairs (CSC) of Scottish higher education institutions launched an evidence-based Review of the Scottish Code of Good Higher Education (HE) Governance (henceforth 'the Code'). The review was entrusted to a Steering Group whose membership includes all major stakeholder groups. Independent consultants from the [Leadership Foundation for Higher Education](#) were commissioned to collect and analyse evidence from an open public consultation, a survey of governing body members and extensive consultation with stakeholders at each institution and at national level. Full details of the Steering Group and the evidence-gathering process can be found at scottishuniversitygovernance.ac.uk.

The Steering Group has now completed its review and has produced a draft revised Code. This seeks to recognise and reflect the continuous evolution of best practice in governance and to accommodate changes that follow from the [Higher Education Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#). Views are now sought on the draft revised Code.

How to respond

Please complete these questions using the online response form before **21 June 2017**.

Alternatively, please email a response to the consultation, including your completed respondent information details, to dan@universities-scotland.ac.uk or send a written response to the consultation by post to:

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Respondent information

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This consultation is an open invitation to comment, not limited to a specific set of questions. We welcome your views on any aspect of the *content* or *structure* of the draft revised Code. (Please do not comment on superficial presentational issues. This draft does not show the final formatting of the document, which will be finalised following the consultation.)

If your response contains multiple comments and/or covers different elements of the Code, please structure your response accordingly, separating different points clearly. Please refer to paragraph or page numbers where possible.

We welcome this draft as a logical development of the existing Code which is concise, clearly presented and helpfully structured. It takes account of the requirements of the new HE Governance Act, delivering a greater degree of transparency whilst further strengthening the sector's commitment to high standards of governance. Edinburgh Napier University already complies with the vast majority of the draft Code's provisions and will work swiftly to be fully compliant with the remaining elements following publication and adoption of the final Code.

Thank you for responding to the Review