**Governance GOVN**

**The management of an overall strategy to direct, evaluate and monitor an organisation’s activities.**

**The identification of relevant internal and external stakeholders and their requirements.**

**The development and operation of strategic and operational frameworks, policies, decision-making, business processes and plans to meet stakeholder requirements.**

Guidance notes

Governance can be applied to specific activities or a single integrated framework across an organisation. Specialisms include– but not limited to – security, information, technology, enterprise IT, service management. An organisation’s obligations may be external or internal – such as, but not limited to, legislative, regulatory, contractual and adherence to agreed standards/policies. Governance is also specifically referenced in many SFIA skills.

## **Governance: Level 7**

Directs the definition, implementation and monitoring of the organisation’s governance framework.

Provides leadership, direction and oversight for an organisation’s governance activities.

Secures organisational resources to execute governance activities.

Provides assurance to stakeholders that the organisation can deliver its obligations with an agreed balance of benefits, opportunities, costs and risks.

## **Governance: Level 6**

Within a defined area of accountability, determines the requirements for appropriate governance.

Implements the governance framework to enable governance activity to be conducted with appropriate and sufficient independence from management activity.

Leads reviews of governance practices.

Acts as the organisation's contact for relevant regulatory authorities and ensures proper relationships between the organisation and external parties.

## **Governance: Level 5**

Manages implementation and adoption of governance frameworks to meet agreed requirements.

Provides specialist advice to resolve compliance issues within a specified area of expertise.

Reviews current and proposed policies, decision-making, business processes and plans for compliance with the organisation's obligations and adherence to overall strategy.

Contributes to the development of governance practices.