

Council Assurance Mapping

The Issue

Councils operate in a complex environment with multiple layers of oversight, compliance, and risk. While many assurance activities occur across finance, governance, audit, and risk functions, they are often disconnected or duplicated. Without a clear view of who is providing assurance over what — and where the gaps are — Councils may struggle to prioritise resources, respond to risks, or demonstrate effective governance.

What we do for you

We help Councils bring clarity and structure to their assurance activities. Our approach to assurance mapping provides a visual and strategic overview of how risks are being managed and where assurance is being provided.

We can help you by:

- a. Identifying key risks and aligning them with existing assurance activities across the organisation.
- b. Mapping internal and external assurance providers, including internal audit, external audit, regulators, and management controls.
- c. Highlighting gaps, overlaps, and areas of over- or under-assurance.
- d. Supporting the development of a coordinated assurance framework that aligns with your risk profile and governance structure.
- e. Providing tools and templates to maintain and update your assurance map over time.

Every Council has different risks and assurance structures, but the need for a coordinated and transparent approach is consistent. At UHY, we help you see the full picture and strengthen your governance.

The Benefits

The benefits to you are:

1. A clearer understanding of how risks are being managed and assured.
2. Reduced duplication and better use of assurance resources.
3. Improved coordination between audit, risk, and compliance functions.
4. Enhanced confidence for Council, management, and the community.

What's next

Contact UHY to arrange a discussion about how we can best assist you.
Connect with us and connect to possibility.