



Governance Framework Schematic

Adapted from the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016)

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The Governance Framework Schematic on the next page shows the main features of the governance framework relationship between the government and the Heritage Council. The diagram does not purport to cover all aspects of this relationship, which will vary and are dynamic depending on the different nature scale and responsibilities of the Heritage Council and the Heritage Council Acts 1995 and 2018 which govern the Heritage Council.

The Heritage Acts 1995 and 2018 provide for the:

- appointment by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of members to the Board of the Heritage Council
- appointment by the minister of the chairperson of the Heritage Council
- approval of the annual report and financial statements
- appointment of auditors
- furnishing of any such information that the minister may require.

The functions and duties of the board are also set out in the Heritage Acts 1995 and 2018. The Heritage Council uses its high-level functions and duties, as set down in the acts, as a guide to prepare customised terms of reference for the board.

The chairperson of the Heritage Council makes themselves available to the appropriate Oireachtas select committee to discuss the approach they will take to their role as chairperson and their views about the future contribution of the Heritage Council.

The Heritage Council is accountable to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) through the secretary general of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. This is on the basis that the financial statements are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General and laid before the Oireachtas in accordance with the Heritage Council Acts 1995 and 2018.

The Heritage Council also uses the *Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies* (2016) as its corporate governance framework.

