

ALBs: Driving better results through better relationships and understanding

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John Manzoni, Chief Executive of the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary for the Cabinet Office has called for the development of a “total delivery system” he said, “an effective partnership [between ALB’s and sponsoring departments] must be based on trust, clarity of accountability, and a shared understanding of purpose and outcomes.”

The aim of this one-day workshop is to get the relationship right, to build a true partnership. Participants will get practical help in creating good relationships between departments and bodies they sponsor and how to deal with common problems and ensure good governance. The workshop will also provide introduction to the role and nature of the varied arm’s length bodies and the role of sponsors in government departments.

Who should attend this course: people working in arm’s length who work with government departments, and those working in departmental sponsor teams, finance and communications teams who work with arm’s length bodies. This course would suit those new to these roles as part of their induction and established staff who want to explore ways of improving relationships.

This workshop can be combined with the *ALBs: Reviewing, Reforming and Navigating Change* workshop over a two-day period.

Start 9.30am

Welcome and introductions –this will include an opportunity to raise specific issues where support is needed

Understanding the diversity of arm’s length bodies and which differences really matter

(group exercise)

Break

Overview of current Cabinet Office and Treasury guidance, and NAO recommendations

(tutor led discussion)

The importance of good working relationships

(case study based exercise in pairs)

Break for lunch

Facing challenges: difficult relationships and public scrutiny

(tutor led discussion)

Break

Putting ideas into practice

(Practical exercise using case study and examples from the group, and support to develop achievable actions to put into practice)

Close at 16:00