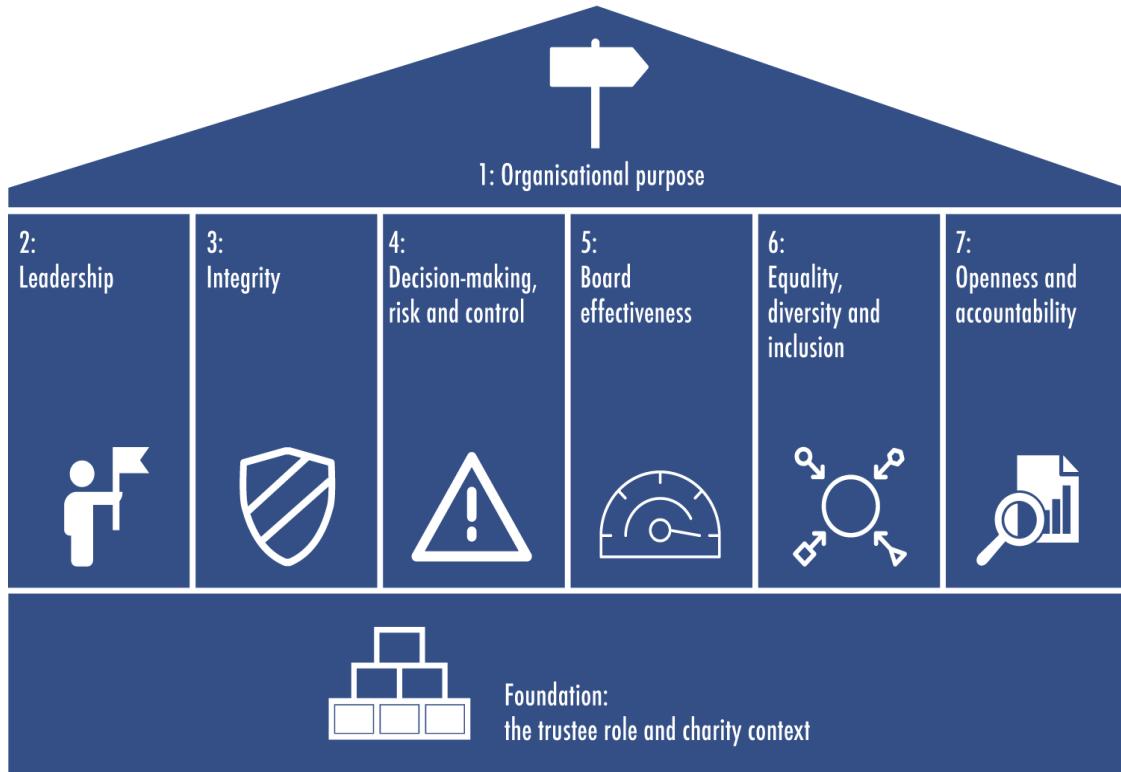


## Charity Code of Governance

### The principles

There are seven principles which make up this Code. These seven principles build on the assumption that a charity is meeting its legal and regulatory responsibilities as a foundation.



#### 1. Organisational purpose

The board is clear about the charity's aims and ensures that these are being delivered effectively and sustainably.

#### 2. Leadership

Every charity is led by an effective board that provides strategic leadership in line with the charity's aims and values.

#### 3. Integrity

The board acts with integrity, adopting values and creating a culture which help achieve the organisation's charitable purposes. The board is aware of the importance of the public's confidence and trust in charities, and trustees undertake their duties accordingly.

#### 4. Decision-making, risk and control

The board makes sure that its decision-making processes are informed, rigorous and timely and that effective delegation, control and risk assessment and management systems are set up and monitored.

#### 5. Board effectiveness

The board works as an effective team, using the appropriate balance of skills, experience, backgrounds and knowledge to make informed decisions.

## **6. Equality, diversity and inclusion**

The board's approach to diversity supports its effectiveness, leadership and decision-making.

## **7. Openness and accountability**

The board leads the organisation in being transparent and accountable. The charity is open in its work, unless there is good reason for it not to be.