

Data Governance – Key Insights from Anthony Fawkes, Actually Data Ltd

This session highlighted the critical role of data governance in AI adoption within local government. With increasing reliance on AI and predictive analytics, robust governance frameworks are essential to ensure data security, privacy, and ethical decision-making.



Key Learnings:

- **Data Privacy and Compliance:** AI solutions must align with GDPR and emerging regulations to protect sensitive data.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** AI-driven decisions should be explainable and auditable to maintain trust and fairness.
- **Standardisation of Data:** High-quality, structured data is essential for AI accuracy and reliability.
- **Cybersecurity Measures:** Strong data security frameworks mitigate risks associated with AI-driven systems.
- **Governance Best Practices:** Clear roles and responsibilities must be established for AI oversight within councils.



Key Takeaways for Local Authorities:

Regularly review and update data protection measures to align with evolving legal and ethical requirements.

Standardise data collection and quality assurance practices to enhance AI effectiveness.

Develop and enforce AI-specific data governance policies.

Ensure transparency and public accountability in AI decision-making.