

# AI Governance Operating Model Canvas

A one-page framework for how AI governance runs day to day. Free resource from AI Act Ready - [aiactready.co.uk/ai-governance/operating-model-canvas/](https://aiactready.co.uk/ai-governance/operating-model-canvas/)

## 1. Accountable owner

Name the executive who owns AI governance outcomes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Decision rights

- Who can approve a new AI use case at minimal risk?
- Who can approve a new AI use case at limited or high risk?
- Who must be consulted before a new AI tool is adopted?

## 3. RACI for core activities

- AI inventory upkeep - Responsible / Accountable / Consulted / Informed
- Risk classification - R / A / C / I
- Policy exceptions - R / A / C / I
- Incident response - R / A / C / I

## 4. Workflow: proposal to approved use

- Step 1: Proposer logs the AI system in the AI inventory.
- Step 2: Governance lead classifies risk.
- Step 3: Relevant approver signs off (see decision rights above).
- Step 4: System added to register with review date.

## 5. Escalation path

- Working level -> Governance lead -> Executive owner -> Board / risk committee.
- Define what triggers each escalation step (e.g. incident, regulatory change, high-risk classification).

## How to use this canvas

Run it as a 60-90 minute workshop with the people who will operate governance, not just the policy authors. Fill every box with names and thresholds. Revisit after your first quarter of use.