

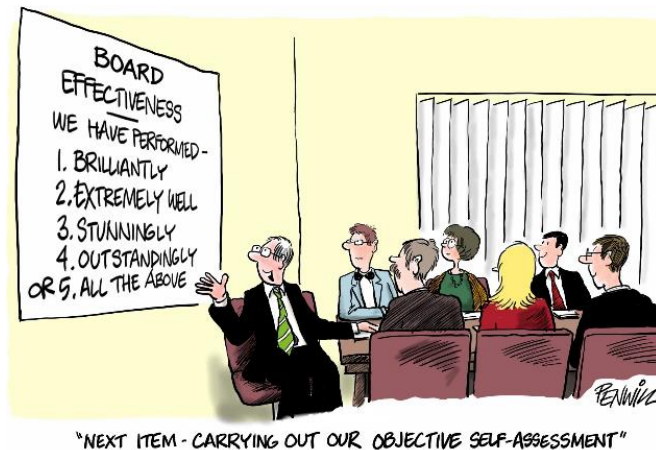
# We help boards with their internal self-assessments

**Internal reviews are about more than compliance. They help the Board to check its progress and continue to improve performance. And to surface issues that should be tackled.**

- In addition to carrying out external reviews every three years, it is good practice for a Board to perform an annual self-assessment to check-in on its continuing effectiveness.
- The task of carrying out the Board's self-assessment often falls to the Company Secretary and their team. This can be a time-consuming exercise and can lack the challenge needed.
- That's where we can help. We offer a range of tools which help your board conduct a smooth, efficient and constructive internal review, creating a more engaging process. And, most importantly, use well-structured questions to really help the board think about how they work together and cover the oversight complexities.

## Why choose Independent Audit's Thinking Board® to support your internal review

- As board reviewers, we have worked across a wide range of sectors and have seen the very best (and not so good!) boards.
- We have distilled 20+ years of experience in board reviews into our online governance platform Thinking Board®



### What clients say about Thinking Board®:

*"The Thinking Board® questionnaire engaged our board and generated meaningful insights, helping us to steer a clear course of action."* –

Company Secretary of a FTSE 100 company

## The power of Thinking Board®

- Thinking Board® is a comprehensive board evaluation tool designed to provide actionable insights in a way that minimises time and stress for all involved.
- This powerful analytics platform delivers an evaluation that goes beyond compliance. It gives you a clear assessment of how your board is performing, prioritises opportunities for action, and tracks improvement over time.
- Through its unique question structure, Thinking Board® doesn't just ask questions looking for a score. It provokes thought and engages respondents in a way few other governance tools can. And gives much more insight into what is underlying a rating.
- Thinking Board® harnesses the power of our thousands of hours spent understanding boards to help you identify elements of your governance that might not be working as well as they should – as well as recognise what's working well.
- Intrigued by Thinking Board®? Contact us to arrange a demonstration, so we can show you how it gathers meaningful insights.

**Let us create the right solution for your board. For more information, contact:**

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## How we can support your internal review

### Quick, short, fully automated

You can use Thinking Board® Evaluator®, our fully-automated self-assessment tool.

- Questionnaires cover the board and main committees.
- A board-ready automated report highlights the main strengths and areas for improvement emerging from your responses.
- Very little time is needed from you and its cost effective.

### Or more in-depth

Dig deeper with our original Thinking Board®. And possibly get us to help with the analysis.

- We can add on question adjustment and consultant support.
- We have a library of questionnaires, spanning a wide range of issues.
- We provide support from start to finish, facilitating the entire process.
- Thinking Board® allows for role-based analysis (eg NEDs vs Other), and year-on-year comparison.

- The summary report gives you a well-structured basis for compiling your own report for the board and committees.
- Or you can ask us to help. That might mean a limited analysis of the results. Or we can produce a full report for you.
- Our report is simple and straightforward, providing practical suggestions.

### Going a bit further?

- If you want to do more than a questionnaire, we can observe meetings of the Board, and review papers.
- Our library of questionnaires spans multiple committees. Either “high level” or more detailed for in-depth reviews.
- For non-standard committees (eg Sustainability, Investment, Technology ...) we have focused questionnaires.
- Thinking Board® can also help the Board assess whether it is doing enough around specific areas of oversight eg ESG, Cyber.
- Or help the Audit/Risk Committee meet their responsibilities to assess the effectiveness of risk management, internal audit and the external audit process.

## Our experience

Over the years, we have supported boards across many sectors with their internal reviews:

- FTSE 100 and 250 listed companies
- Global banks and insurance companies
- Subsidiary regulated entities
- AIM and SmallCap companies
- Regulatory bodies
- Pension trusts
- Private companies
- Public Sector and Arms-Length Bodies
- Housing associations, charities and Not-for-profit organisations... and more

A lot of our clients are in the UK and Ireland, but we work globally.



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