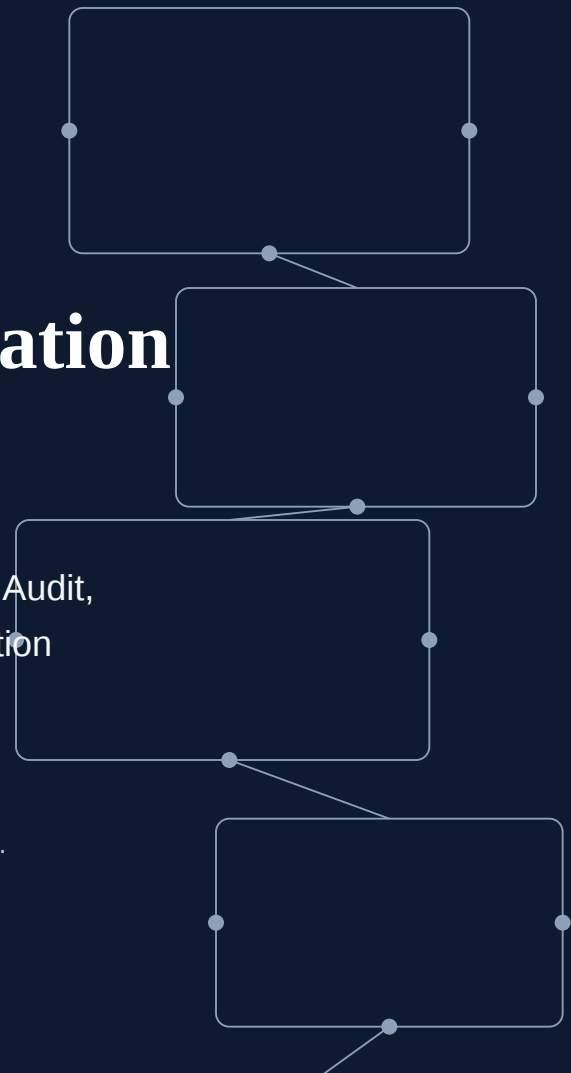


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Audits, AI rollouts, platform migrations, vendor changes, and system consolidations can change governance conditions before formal documentation catches up. This guide is a structured set of ten questions leadership teams can work through before a significant change begins — to make assumptions, ownership, and evidence gaps explicit while they are still easy to address. It is designed to be used inside a leadership meeting, not read passively.

How to Use This

Bring this guide into a leadership meeting before the change begins, not after. Assign each question to the function best placed to answer it, and treat any “we’re not sure” as useful information rather than a gap to smooth over before the discussion happens.

The Ten Questions

- 1.** Before this change proceeds, is it clear who owns governance accountability for the systems, signals, or decisions affected — and does that ownership survive the transition itself?
- 2.** What assumptions is the organisation currently making about governance conditions — consent state, identity continuity, evidence availability — that have not been explicitly confirmed?
- 3.** If this change were later reviewed or audited, what evidence could the organisation produce to show how governance conditions were handled during the transition, and what evidence would be missing?
- 4.** Where third parties are involved in this change, how does their involvement affect what the organisation can and cannot see about governance conditions once the change is complete?
- 5.** Are governance conditions — ownership, consent state, identity continuity — expected to remain stable throughout the transition, or is there a period where they are genuinely unclear?
- 6.** At which points in this change does a human need to review, approve, or intervene, and is that requirement documented rather than assumed?
- 7.** Once this change is live, will leadership be able to explain the decisions made during the transition to a board member, auditor, or regulator without relying on individual memory?
- 8.** As this change moves across functions — IT, security, legal, product, vendor management — does governance responsibility move with it explicitly, or does it risk being assumed by no one?
- 9.** As data or signals begin crossing into new systems as part of this change, is there a clear view of what happens to their meaning, consent state, and traceability at each new boundary?
- 10.** What, honestly, is not currently observable about this change — and has that gap been acknowledged by leadership, or only by the team closest to the work?

Closing Interpretation

No answer to these questions indicates failure or non-compliance. A “no” or “not sure” simply identifies a governance condition that is currently unexamined — which is generally more useful to surface before a transition than after it.

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