

Preparing for Councillor Elections Part 2: Finance Professionals Panel

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So... what happens after elections?

- There will be dates... they might change
- It's a program – be aware of the other parts
- Some drinking from the firehose (others refreshing)
- Document control

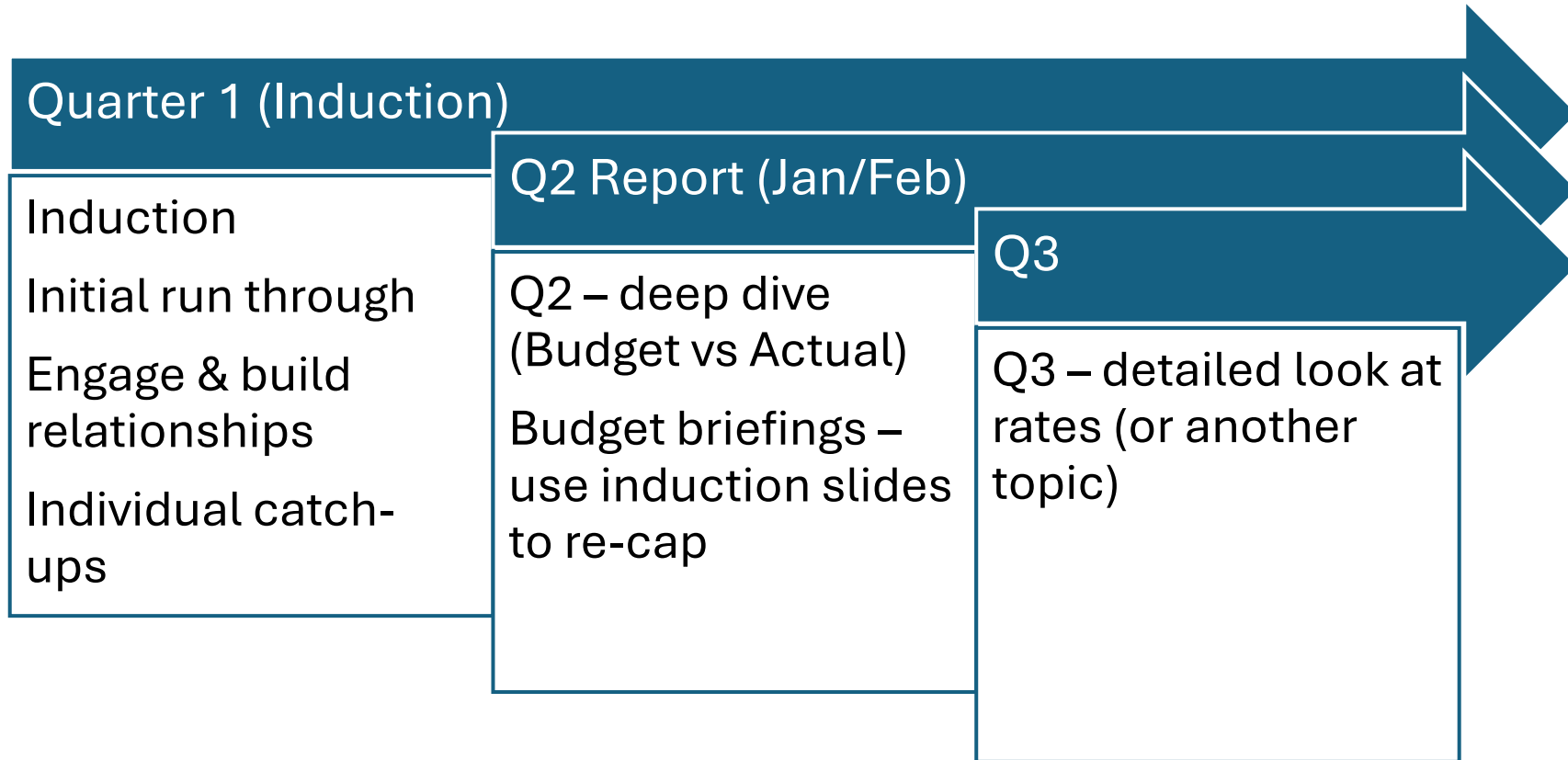
The screenshot shows a SharePoint page for a private group named 'Council 2020-2024'. The page features a navigation sidebar on the left with 12 chapters. The main content area displays an 'Induction Program' with a list of dates from Monday 16 November 2020 to Friday 27 November 2020. The date Monday 23 November 2020 is highlighted. To the right of the date list, there is a section for 'Monday 16 November 2020' with the venue 'Reception Room - Town Hall' and a table of session details.

Time	Officer	Description of Session
8.45am	Tiff/April	New Councillor to have photo's taken for Fountain passes
9.30am	Aleisha	Media/Comms

Finance agenda (sample) for initial Induction days

TOPIC	OUTCOME	PRESENTER
Council's financial position – opportunities & challenges	Council's financial context and drivers: delivering services & the Council Plan	Director
Financial overview	Introducing structure of Council's income and expenditure & legislative principles (Financial Management Principles)	Director / CFO / Manager
The rates system	Introducing the rating system and how rates work, understand rate capping	Manager and/or Rates Coord
Managing our finances	Council's financial obligations and how they're managed Council reports quarterly (high level run through of Q1 quarterly financial management report)	Manager / Management Accounting / Capex
Budget planning & financial strategy	Budget key elements & timeline for 2021/2022, including operational expenditure; new, upgrade and asset management driven renewal capital works.	Manager / Management Accounting / Capex
Steps from here	Discuss follow-ups Councillors may like to have, and any next steps.	CFO / Director

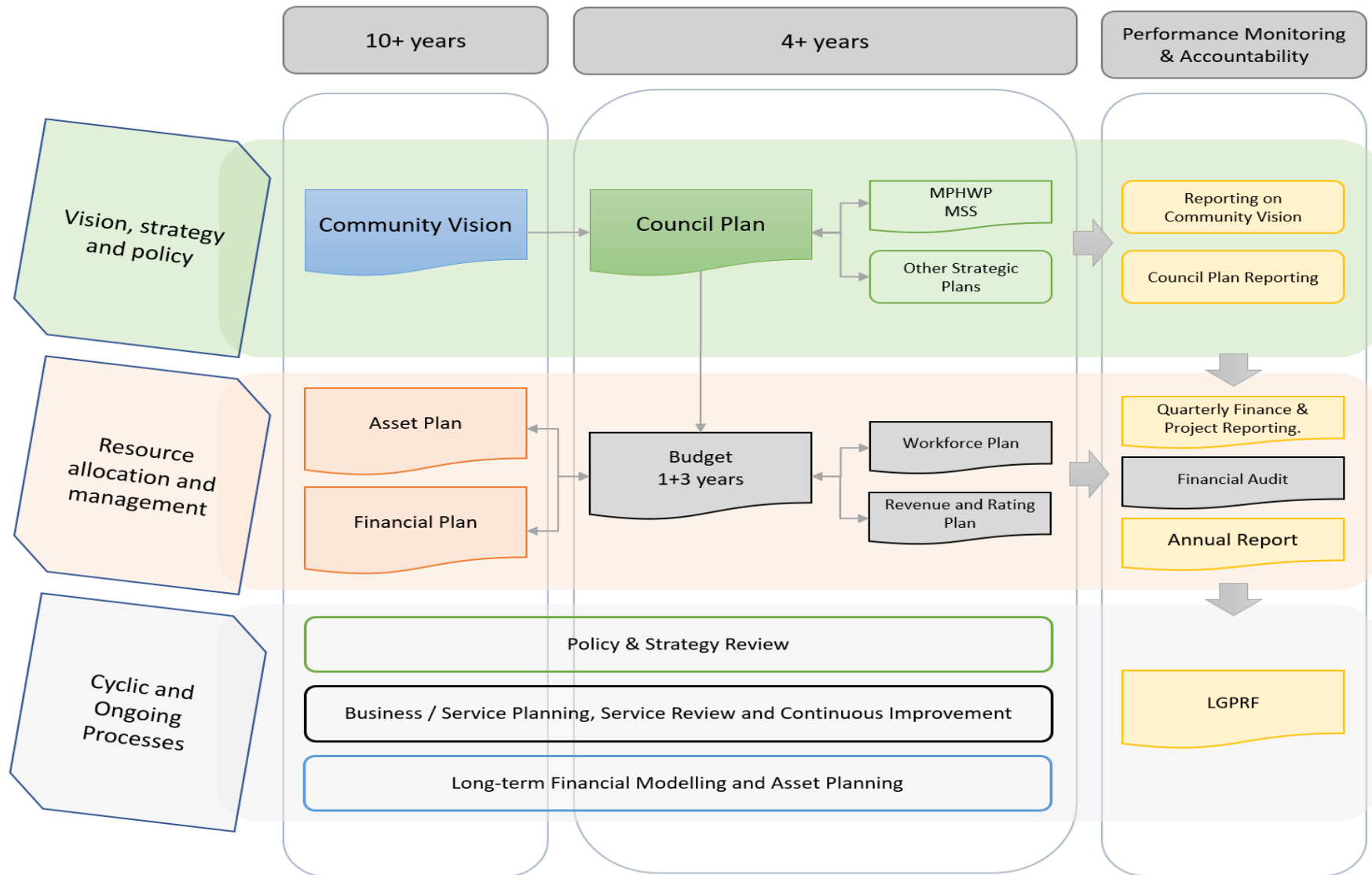
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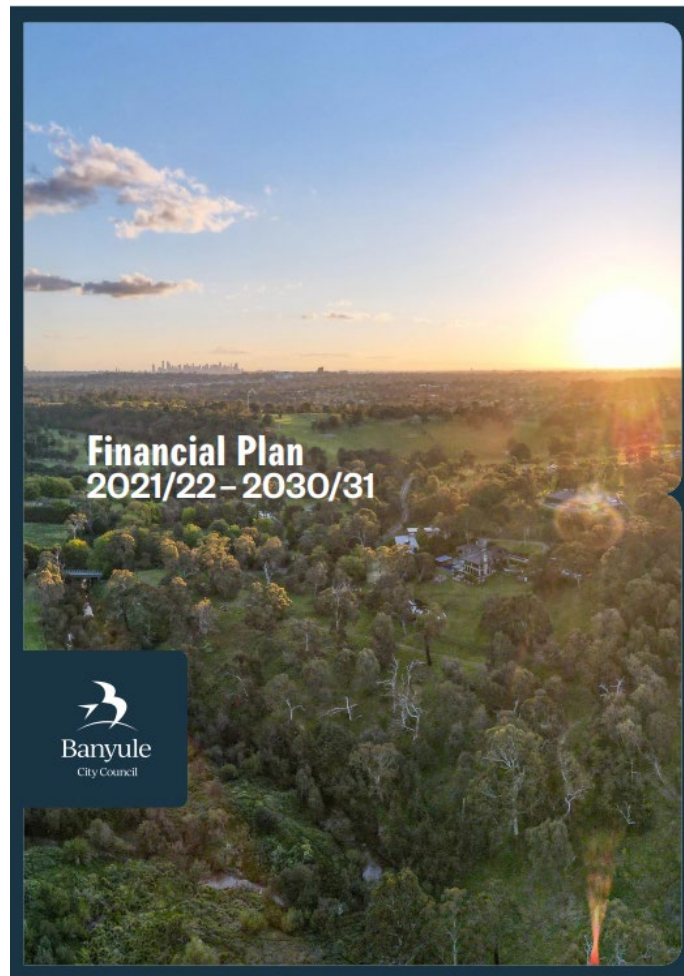
Rates, Rates, Rates – quick other resources

- How rates “work” [LGV Video](#) around rating review time (just note this doesn’t cover rate-capping)
- Rates explainers - including rate capping works; MAV [short video](#).
- LGV summary [here](#)
- Short YouTube's on rates notices [here](#)

Integrated Planning Framework



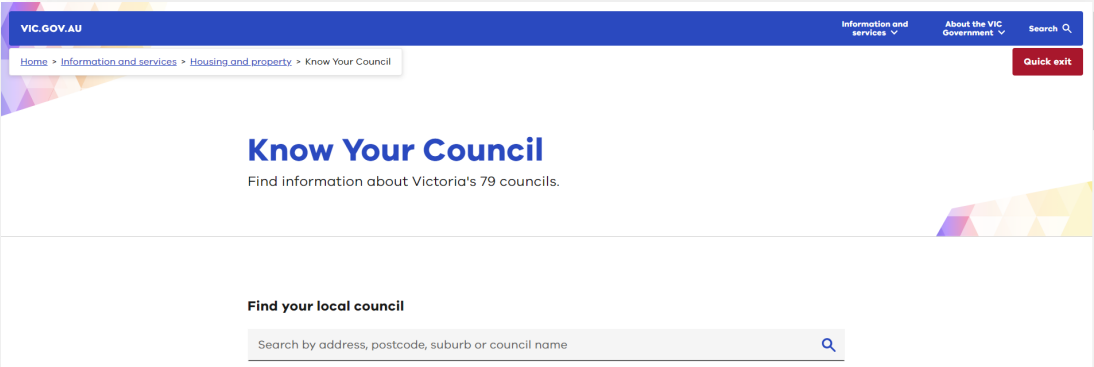
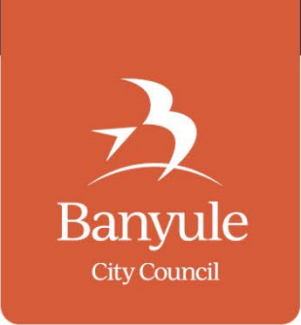
Integrated Planning



Financial Management



LG Monitoring Oversight & Integrity



Councillor Induction



When	What	Why
11-15 Nov	Informal meeting CEO and Councillors elect	Understand priority aspirations
17-Nov	Councillor team building	
18-Nov	Induction Session 1	Integrity, handling enquiries, support, decision making and meeting protocols
21-Nov	Council meeting	
25 Nov - 30 Nov	Informal getting to know you meetings	
28-Nov	Induction Session 2	Council Plan and Budget Overview
5-Dec	Induction Session 3	Council as a Planning authority
9-Dec	Mid-month council meeting	
12-Dec	Induction Session 4	Integrated strategic planning, budget, directorate overviews
16-Dec	Council meeting	
18-Dec	Induction Session 5	Directorate overviews, regulation and enforcement, engagement, equality
23-Jan	Induction Session 6	Refresher/recap
3-Feb	Council plan development workshop	

Communicating Key Financial Information

- Gaining confidence and **trust** of councillors through the initial phases of the induction process
- The art of explaining complex financial issues in a digestible and understandable format
- Key financial information will vary based on each council's individual circumstances
- Potential rate cap exemptions – Ministerial Guidelines Service Rates and Charges