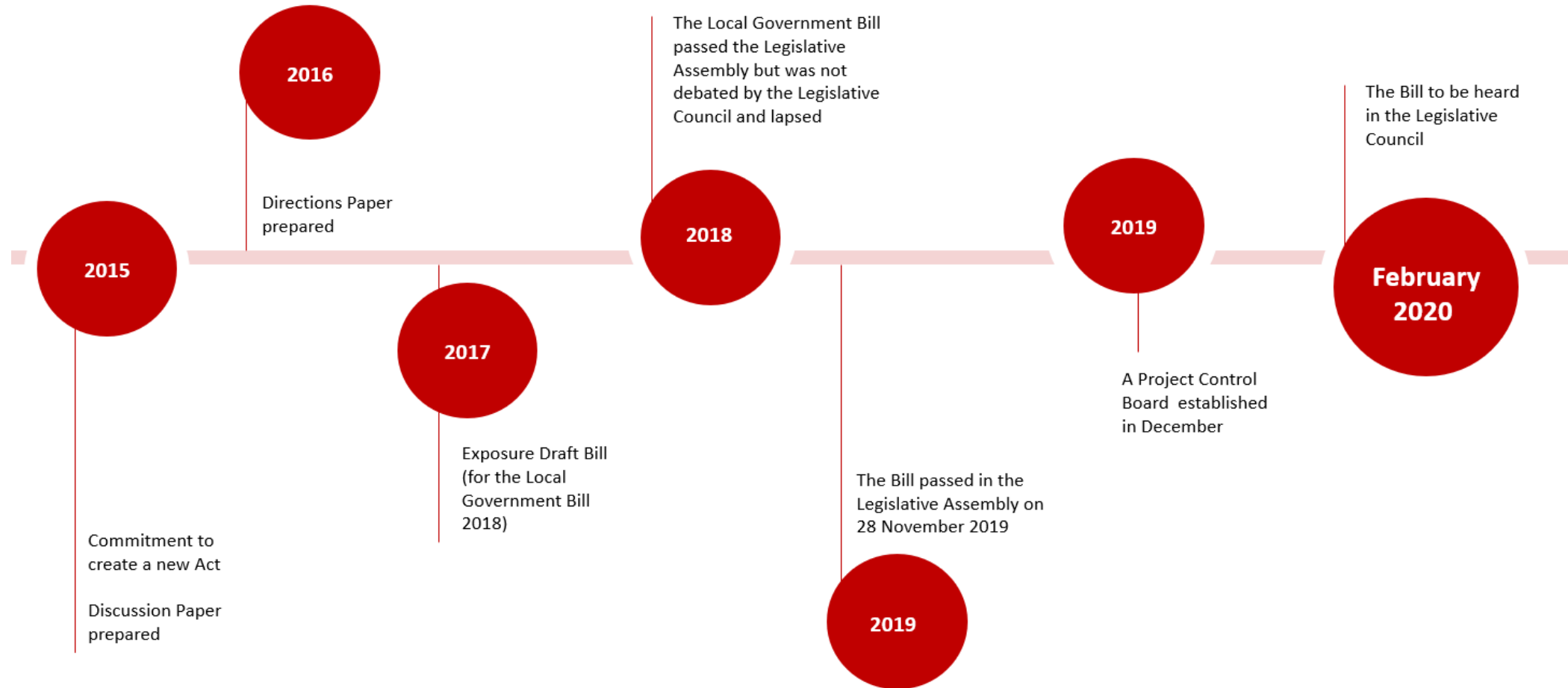


Proposed Local Government Act 2020



February 2020

The journey so far.....





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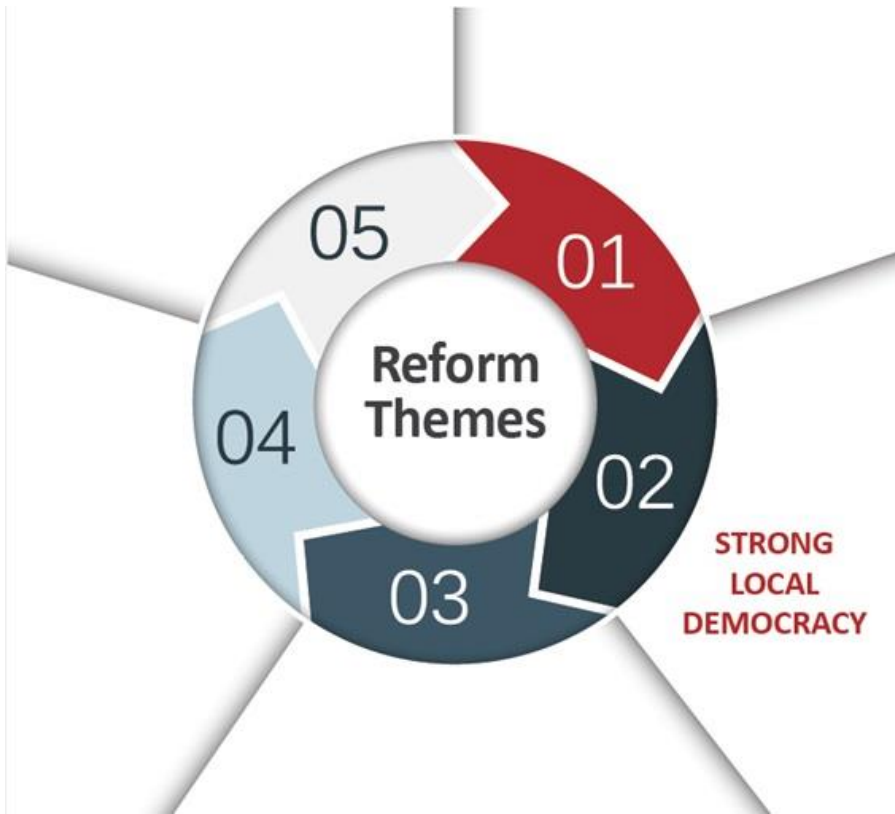
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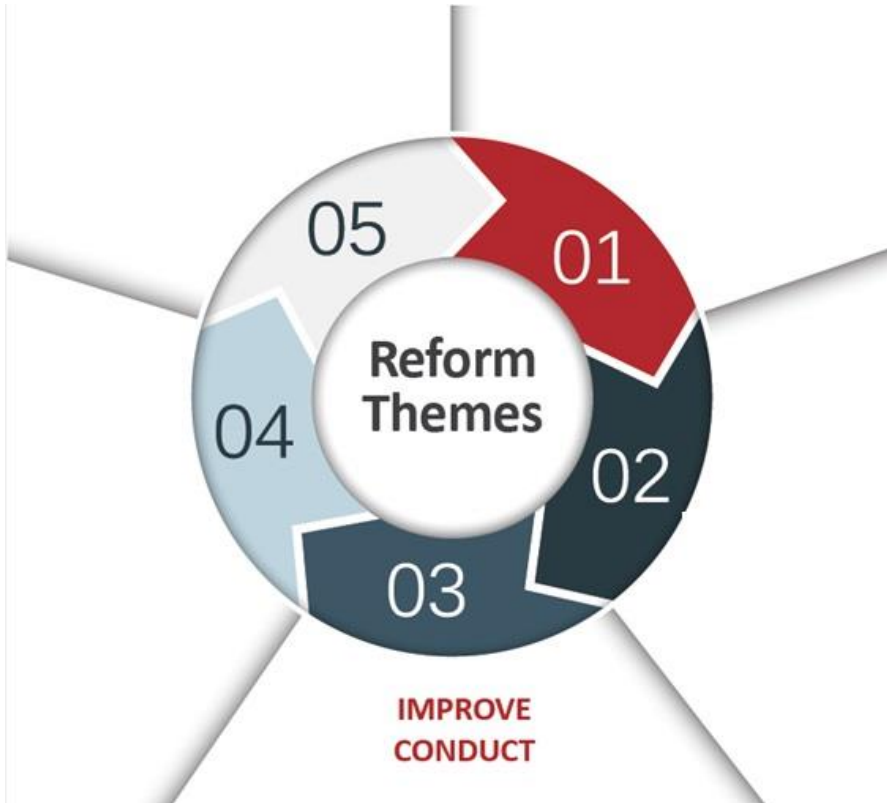
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- Councils set their own procurement and investment policies.
- Community Vision of at least 10 years.
- CEO Remuneration Policy consistent with the Victorian Public Sector Commission's Principles.
- CEOs setting out measures to ensure gender equity, diversity and inclusiveness.
- Workforce planning



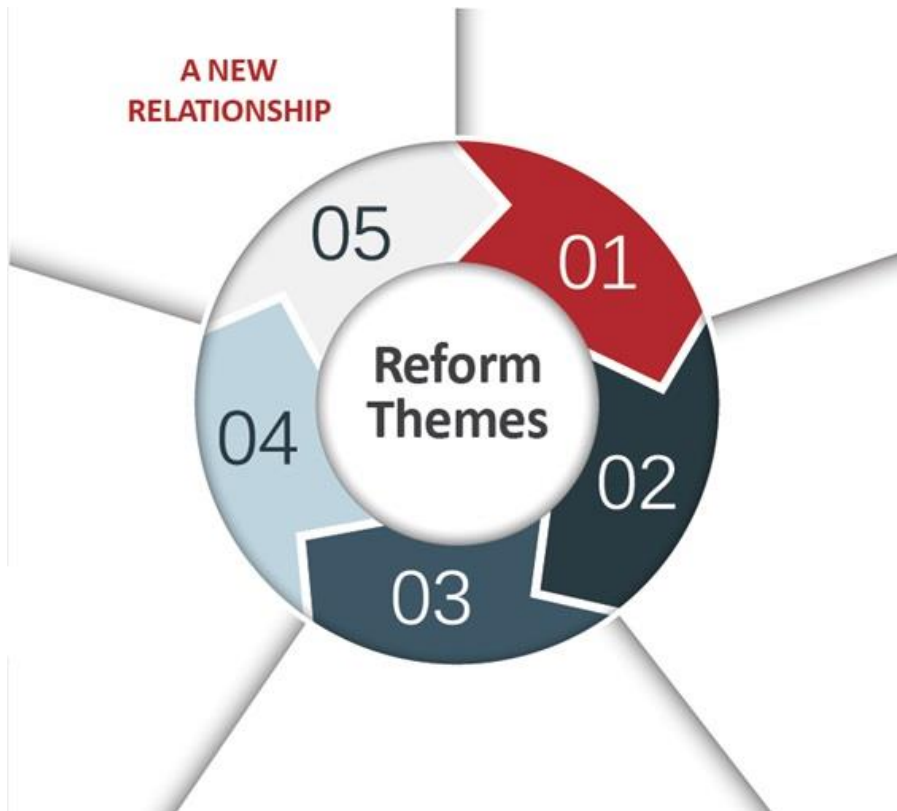
- Move to a single electoral structure model consisting of single member wards for all councils.
- Independent Electoral Representation Advisory Panel.
- Complaint to be defined in the Act and every council will have a complaints policy
- Leadership role for Mayor to publicly report annual progress against the Council Plan.



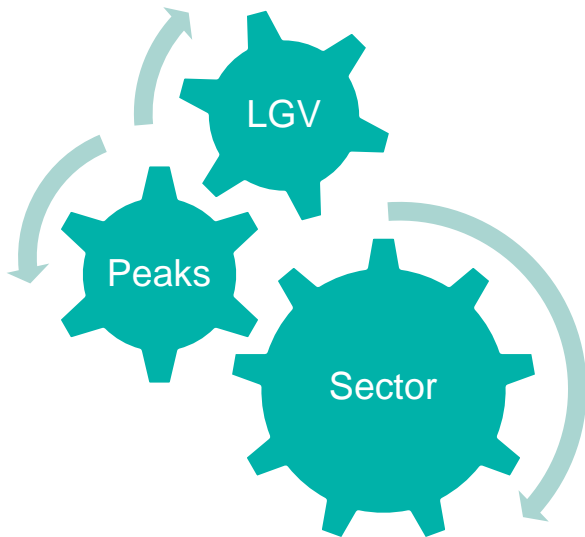
- New mandatory standards of conduct.
- Amended definition of ***misconduct*** to mean a breach of the standards of conduct.
- Arbiters to deal with matters locally and quickly.
- Definitions and types of conflicts of interest: material and general conflicts of interest are simplified.
- Mayors serve a one-year term, with an option for a second year, and council can vote out a two-year mayor mid-term if 75% of councillors agree.



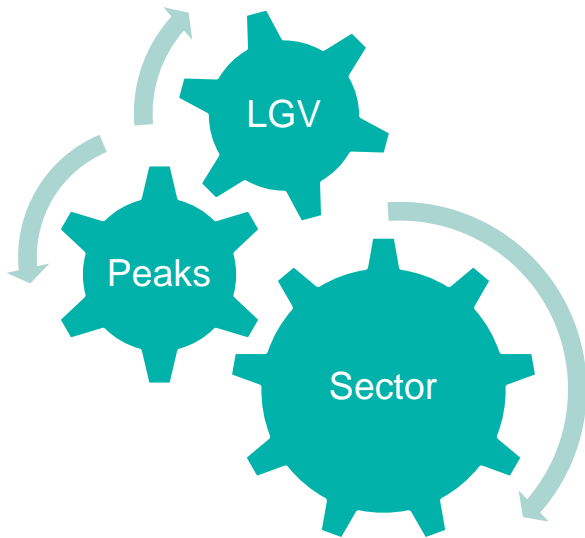
- Council electoral rolls to be more closely aligned with the State electoral roll.
- All candidates and councillors to complete mandatory training.
- Uniform election method for all councils (post, attendance or other method).



- Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor allowances will be set by Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal.
- Remove unnecessary administrative burden and Ministerial involvement.
- Councils exercise powers and perform their role in accordance with overarching governance principles.
- Ministerial good practice guidelines will assist councils comply with the Act.



- Subject to the passage of the Bill, the new Act will be phased in over four stages through to the end of 2021.
- Together we'll build guidance and other supporting material.
- A Project Control Board (PCB) has been appointed.
- Sector engagement is a priority.



Inform

- The legislation has a fixed position
- Identify and share good / best practice

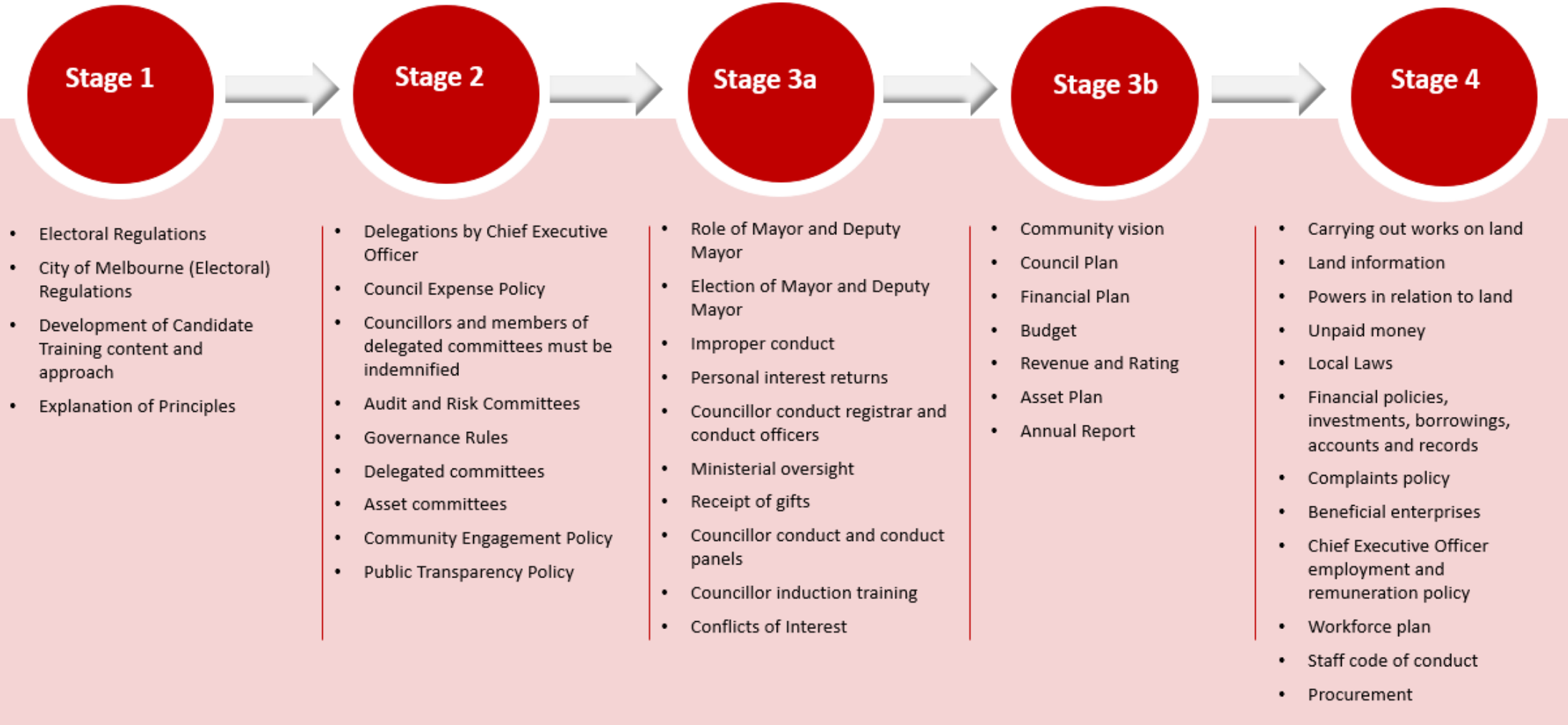
Consult

- There is already commonality
- Opportunity to provide clarification
- Opportunity to seek and provide feedback to approach
- Identify and share good / best practice

Co-design

- This is a new opportunity
- We will work on the solution together

What's included



(1 Sep 2020)

Councils	Council decision making
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit & Risk Committee Charter adopted and Committee appointed Expenses Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance Rules are adopted Delegated Committees have instruments Asset Committees have instruments Public Transparency Policy

(17 Sep 2020)

Electoral Provisions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Training - 17 September 2020

(Jan - April 2021)

Councillor integrity	Council decision making
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Code of Conduct - January 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gift Policy - April 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Engagement Policy - 1 March 2021

(30 June 2021)

Councils	Planning & Financial Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Induction Training – within 6 months after the Oath is taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget adopted Revenue & Rating Plan

(31 October 2021)

Planning & Financial Management

- Financial Plan
- Council Plan
- Community Vision
- Annual Report

(1 January 2022)

Councils

- Chief Executive Officer employment and remuneration policy
- Workforce plan
- Recruitment Policy
- Staff code of conduct

Council Operations

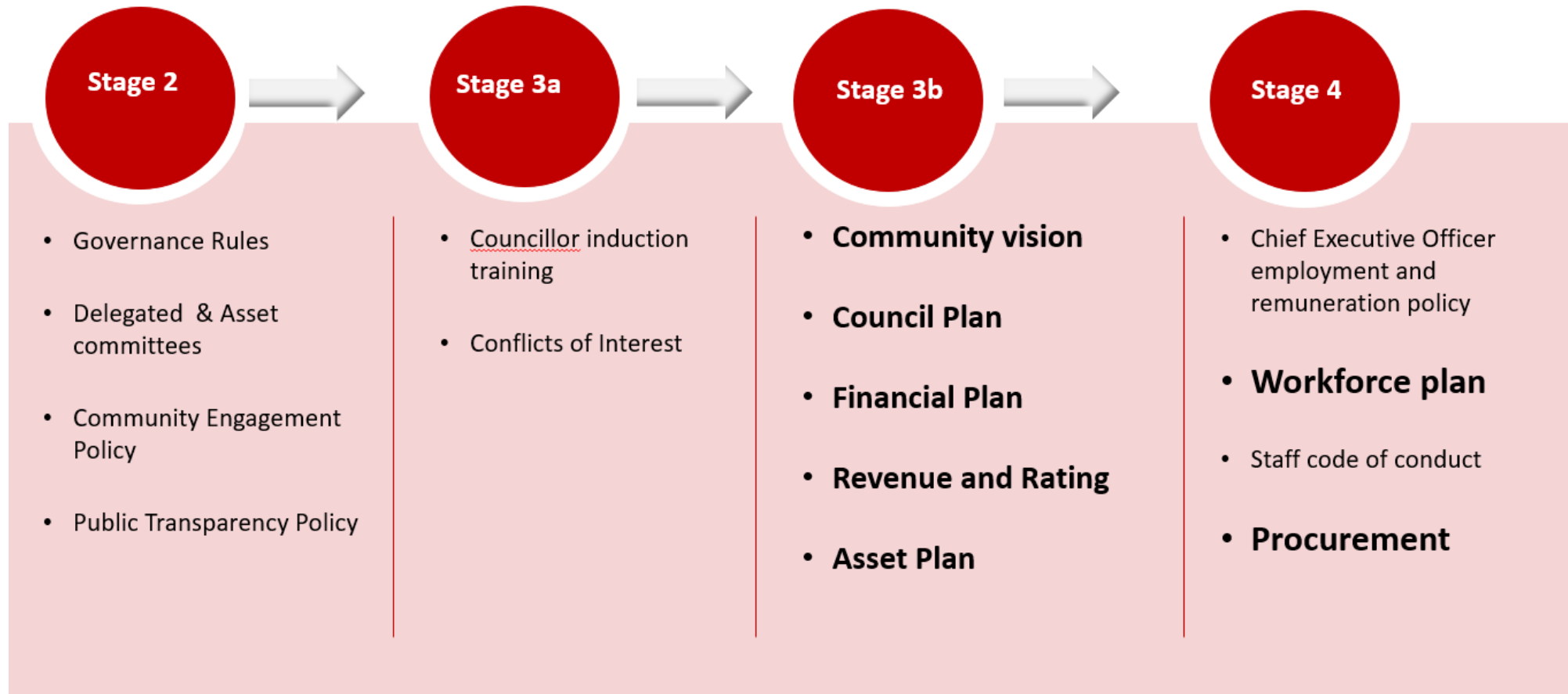
- Complaints policy
- Procurement Policy

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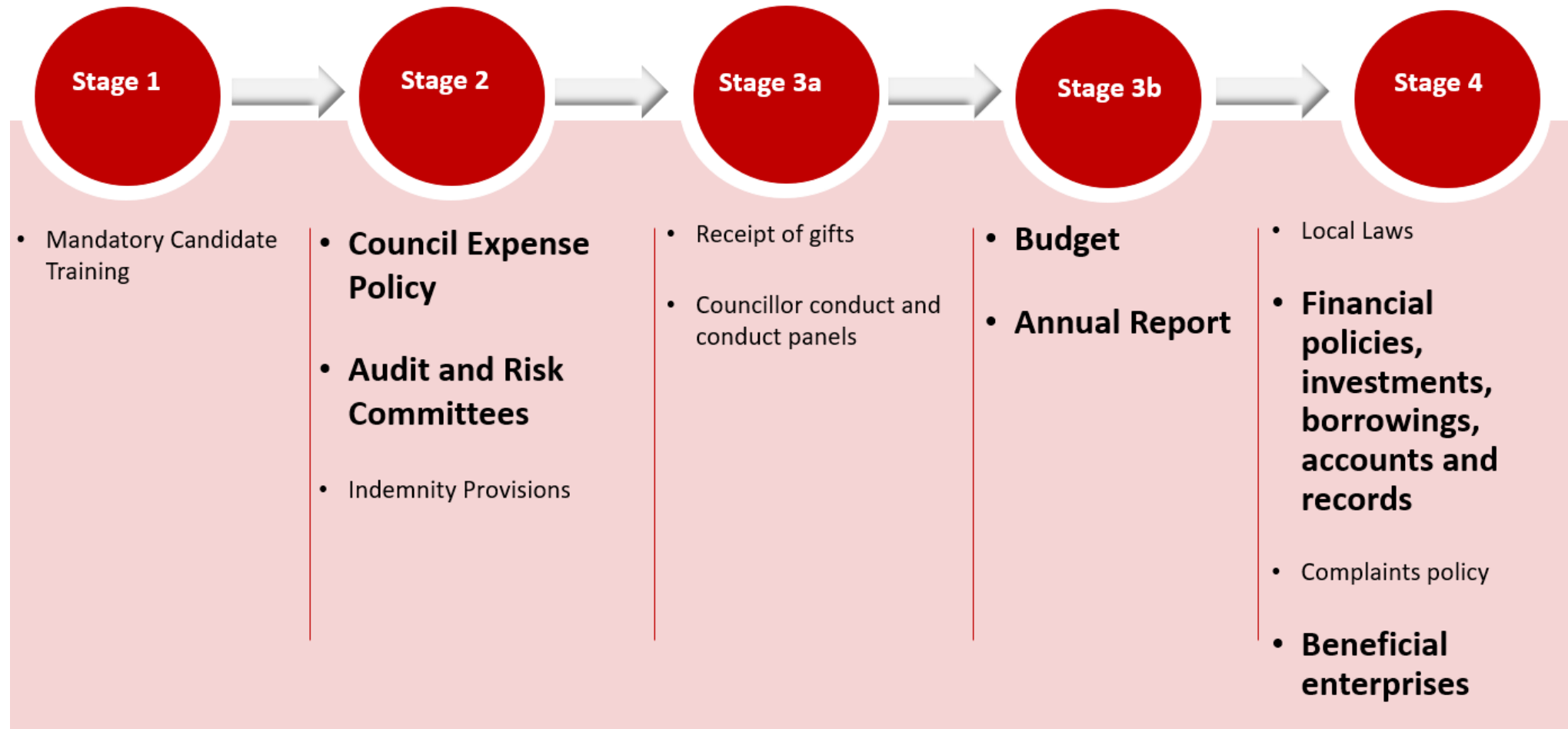
Planning and Financial Management

- Asset Management Plans

Proposed for co design



Proposed for consultation



Proposed Regulation	Objective / Overview	Existing Regulations	Proposed Commencement	Operation / transition
Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020	Largely remakes existing regulations about elections	Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2016	31 March 20	24 October 20
Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020	Prescribe matters relating to governance and integrity, including, councillor conduct standards, conflict of interest exemptions, gifts disclosure threshold, interest returns, oath of office and councillor induction training.	New	1 August 20	24 October 20
Local Government (General Management) Regulations 2021	Provides for various matters relating to council operations including, rates notices, local laws, gender equity	Local Government (General) Regulations 2015	1 September 20	2021-22 FY
Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2021	Remake existing regulations; provide for new strategic planning framework; assess governance indicators of LGPRF	Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014	1 August 20	2021-22 FY
Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations 2021	Prescribes entitlements to long service leave for council employees including long service leave portability	Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations 2012	1 Jan 2021	
Local Government (Land Information) Regulations 2021	Prescribes matters relating to Land Information Certificates and Notices of Acquisition	New	1 March 2021	1 July 2021

Once the Bill has received Royal Assent, information will be available at **www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au**

The website will have links to:

- Important dates
- Guidance material
- Engagement opportunities

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