

Circular to Councils

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Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / All council staff
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Action required	Information

Accounting and Financial Reporting Fundamentals – Information session

What's new or changing

- The Office of Local Government (OLG) has developed a 1-hour information session about the fundamental aspects of accounting and financial reporting.
- The recording is available on <u>OLG's Council Portal</u> and on OLG's <u>YouTube</u> channel.
- OLG encourages councils to widely circulate this recording to councillors and staff.

What this will mean for your council

- Councils manage significant finances on behalf of their communities.
- Many staff and all councillors play a key role in council financial decision making and it is vital decision makers hold an adequate level of financial literacy.
- To support this, OLG has developed a 1-hour information session on the fundamental aspects of accounting and financial reporting.
- The information session is delivered via an audio recording and PowerPoint presentation.
- This back to basics financial information session adds to OLG's growing suite of financial and accounting resources.

Where to go for further information

- The recording is available on <u>OLG's Council Portal</u> and on OLG's <u>YouTube</u> channel.
- Further financial guidance for councils is available on <u>OLG's website</u> and <u>OLG's Council Portal</u>.
- OLG will provide additional, more detailed training sessions for general managers and councillors during 2021-22.

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