

Elected Life: The Role of a Councillor

For all relatively new councillors who have not had similar training | 1 day

Councillors will learn the key elements of the Code of Conduct, Code of Meeting Practice and the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, as well as the key components of their twin roles as member of a governing body and as an elected representative/community leader.

Course objectives

On completion of the training, participants will be able to:

- Be familiar with the provisions of the Act in relation to their role and other key stakeholders
- Recognise their twin roles as member of a governing body and as an elected representative
- Differentiate governance from management, and their roles as community leaders
- Know the key components of the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework
- Be familiar with the Code of Conduct and its key components
- Know the key elements of the Code of Meeting Practice and council meeting procedures
- Learn from past infringements of others in the public and private sectors
- Know the range and purpose of the various council committees
- Identify the training & development and support available to councillors

Key content

- Councillor expectations and challenges
- The council charter and structure
- The three spheres of government and range of respective services
- Councillor and other roles
- Good governance and community leadership
- Governance lessons from the private and public sectors
- The Integrated Planning and Reporting framework
- Governance versus management
- Code of Conduct and conflict of interests
- Effective chairing and meeting skills

Participants say ...

- Excellent coverage
- Got information needed and 'more than' information was gained
- Timely, informative – excellent presenter. Thanks.
- Fantastic review of local government
- Actually Narayan surpassed the expectations I had!
- Excellent presentation. Meaningful discussions. Everyone present acknowledged benefits.
- Very informative to a newcomer
- Very good presentation
- It was interesting, well-constructed and informative
- Considerably furthered my awareness and knowledge
- I gained so much in every way – directly beneficial to my position