

Local Government Model Budget

Summary of changes 2021-22

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REFERENCE	CHANGE
Title	Updated to reflect Local Government Victoria moving from DELWP to DJPR due to machinery of government changes.
Contents	Text in Disclaimer section updated to reflect <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and <i>Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020</i> .
CFO or Executive Summary	Optional tab added to the Model Budget to allow the inclusion of a summary and overview of the budget attributed to the CFO or Executive. Example disclosure added to BPG.
Budget Influences	Optional tab added to the Model Budget to allow the inclusion of a summary of the key budget influences considered when developing the budget. Example disclosure added to BPG.
Economic Assumptions	Optional tab added to the Model Budget to allow the inclusion of the key economic assumptions used when developing the budget. Includes provision for Actual, Forecast and 4-Year Budget assumptions along with trends and notes.
Section 1	Text updated to reflect the new Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework (ISPRF) introduced by the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and reference the Community Engagement Policy and Public Transparency Policy. Diagram(s) updated to provide a visual representation of the ISPRF.
Section 2	Diagram source updated from DELWP to DJPR.
Section 2	Presentation of the cost of services in 2.1 and 2.2 adjusted to better align with Comprehensive Income Statement format and language. Service tables now present Income followed by Expenditure resulting in a surplus or deficit. The reconciliation with budgeted operating result in 2.3 has been similarly adjusted to the language and concept of surplus or deficit.
Section 3	Budget years rolled forward. Text on Pending Accounting Standards removed. References to Strategic Resource Plan removed. Line item in summary of human resources expenditure/FTE by organisational structure changed from "Casuals, temporary and other expenditure" to "Other employee related expenditure".
Section 3.1	4-Year summary of planned human resources expenditure and FTE by employment type and gender added in line with Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.
Section 4.1.1	Text updated to reflect requirements of <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and linkage to Revenue and Rating Plan. Rate cap updated to 1.5% for 2021-22 year.
Section 4 (notes to the financial statements)	Optional tab added to the Model Budget to allow the inclusion of 4-Year figures in the notes to the financial statements.
Section 4.6	4-Year summary of planned capital works expenditure by asset expenditure type and funding source in line with Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

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Section 5	<p>Additional text added, “The financial performance indicators below are the prescribed financial performance indicators contained in Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020. Results against these indicators will be reported in Council’s Performance Statement included in the Annual Report.”</p> <p>References to Strategic Resource Plan removed.</p> <p>Sustainable Capacity indicators included in template as optional.</p>
Section 6	<p>Alternative introduction text added, “This appendix presents the fees and charges which will be charged in respect to various goods and services during the financial year 2021/22. Note that this schedule only includes fees set by Council. There are other fees that are set by statute and charged by Council in addition to this listing. These are statutory fees and are made in accordance with legislative requirements. These fees are updated as of 1 July 2021 and will be reflected on Council’s website.”</p>
References	<p>Updated references throughout the Model Budget to reflect the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and the <i>Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020</i>.</p>
Throughout	<p>Update of language to Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework.</p> <p>Removal of the term “annual budget”, which has been replaced with “annual budget process” or “budget”.</p> <p>Update terminology from “Strategic Resource Plan” to “Financial Plan”.</p> <p>Optional information for inclusion by councils, at their discretion.</p>
Throughout	<p>Corrected various spelling, typographical, formatting and other minor issues with the Model Budget and rolled years forward.</p>

Better Practice Guide (BPG) – Model Budget

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BPG Word document	<p>Updated to reflect Local Government Victoria moving from DELWP to DJPR due to machinery of government changes.</p>
A message from Local Government Victoria	<p>Text updated to reflect new legislative and regulatory framework and highlight key changes since previous edition.</p>
Introduction	<p>Text updated to reflect <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 and related requirements and references.</p> <p>Working group membership updated for current year.</p>
Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework	<p>Text and diagrams updated to reflect <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 and related requirements and references.</p>
Local Government Model Budget (Overview)	<p>Text updated to reflect <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 and related requirements and references.</p>
Local Government Model Budget (Guidance)	<p>Text updated to reflect <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 and related requirements and references.</p> <p>Reference to use of Department of Treasury and Finance indicators to ensure consistent rate cap projections.</p> <p>Option of including additional financial performance indicators is noted.</p>

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Compliance checklist	Text updated to reflect <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 and related requirements and references.
Glossary	Text updated to reflect <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 and related requirements and references.
Appendices	Optional disclosures for councils to consider including in their Budget.
References	Updated references throughout the Better Practice Guide to reflect the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and the <i>Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020</i> .
References	Updated references to other related publications.
Throughout	Corrected various spelling, typographical, formatting and other minor issues with the BPG.

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