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| Circular Details | 16-39 / 21 October 2016 / A518410 |
| Previous Circular | 16-38 "Hit the Ground Running" Councillor Workshops for councils with elections in September and October 2016 |
| Who should read this | Councillors / General Managers / Governance staff |
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| Action required | Information |

2016 edition of the Councillor Handbook

What's new or changing

- The Office of Local Government has issued an updated edition of the Councillor Handbook.
- The Councillor Handbook has been updated to reflect developments over the last four years and recent amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993*.

What this will mean for your council

- General Managers and council governance staff should ensure councillors are aware of the availability of the Councillor Handbook on the Office of Local Government's website.

Key points

- The Councillor Handbook is designed to help new and returning councillors to be effective in their role.
- The handbook is the go-to resource for all councillors during their electoral term and includes links to other useful resources.
- The handbook provides more detail on the topics covered in the upcoming "Hit the Ground Running" Councillor Workshops.

Where to go for further information

- The Councillor Handbook is available on the Office of Local Government's website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au.
- For further information, contact the Council Governance Team on 4428 4100.



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