

## BEST VALUE GUIDE RELEASED



The Best Value Practitioners Interest Group, a working group of the LG Pro Victorian Corporate Planners Network, has released the first edition of 'A Guide to Implementing of Whole of Organisation Approach to Best Value' to assist Councils in Victoria.

It is founded on these principles:

1. an organisation wide improvement framework is critical to sustaining a culture of performance and improvement;
2. organisational improvement frameworks can be strengthened and made more relevant to local government by incorporating the Best Value principles, and
3. the Best Value principles can be implemented most effectively when they are built into an organisation wide improvement framework.

The Guide examines how each of the Best Value principles can assist councils in carrying out a range of responsibilities, and how the principles can be integrated into a performance management framework for local government.

The Interest Group has carried out extensive consultation in the development of the Guide, including metropolitan and regional councils and sector peak bodies. Importantly, the Best Value Commission has worked with the Group to review and advise on the Guide, and the document aims to reflect the direction the Best Value Commission and Local Government Victoria wish to see Best Value headed in the future.

ACIG Senior Consultant Rachel Powning worked extensively with the Interest Group, developing content, reviewing drafts and providing general advice. The Guidelines are available on the LGPro and Local Government Victoria websites for downloading. Alternatively please email [rachel@acig.com.au](mailto:rachel@acig.com.au) and she will send you a copy.