



Online Finance Training for Local Government

Do you need to provide training to help your budget holders to be more effective? Do you want to raise financial awareness in your council?

- Learning Pool Finance will help you to create greater understanding of the importance of robust budgeting and expenditure monitoring in your organisation.
- Online finance training lets you give your budget holders the training when they need it, not just when you have enough delegates to run a classroom session.
- E-learning can cost 80% less than face to face training and lets you reduce classroom time whilst providing a more engaging blended learning programme.
- You can ensure your audience receives consistent messages about sound financial management that they can revisit as often as they need with Learning Pool Finance.

“These are challenging times in local government finance and we consider it essential that budget holders and members have a full awareness of the funding context, their financial management responsibilities and the importance of robust financial management.

Learning Pool Finance offers a highly cost effective way of training significant numbers of individuals, ensuring that they receive consistent messages, communicated in an accessible and engaging way.”

Marion Kelly, Deputy Director of Finance, London Borough of Camden

All non-finance staff who are budget holders, as well as others who are responsible for administering budgets in local authorities, will benefit from Learning Pool Finance.

What topics are covered?

A Year in the Life of the Budget Holder

Learn about the role of the budget manager, how budgets are set, best practice budget management and preparing for year-end. Featuring 5 modules plus a separate quiz assessment, see reverse for full details.

Local Government Finance Explained

Learn where a council gets money from, how it agrees a budget and how it monitors spending. Featuring 5 sections plus a quiz, more details over.

Local Government Finance Explained for Councillors

Explaining local government finance from an elected member's perspective.

For further information and to view the courses call 0207 101 9383 or email hello@learningpool.com

A Year in the Life of the Budget Holder Modules

Introduction

Learners are introduced to the main topics of the course, given an overview on financial management and introduced to their virtual online mentor.

Where the money comes from

How council services are funded is covered in this module.

With sections on revenue and capital, income and expenditure and an assessment to check learners understanding of the key points.

Putting a budget together

An introduction to budgeting, outlining the key stakeholders and the activities that budget managers will complete throughout the financial year.

Learners will explore what to consider when calculating their budget and the tools that they can use.

Managing a budget

The importance of managing a budget and budget profiling is explored in this module.

Learners will also discover the importance of accurate forecasting and will look at their role within the budget monitoring process.

Preparing for Financial Year-End

How to prepare for the financial year-end.

Learners explore the transaction lifecycle and examine the tasks they will need to compete at the year-end.

Plus they'll learn about accrual rules, look at some year-end queries and decide the best way to deal with them.

Knowledge Check – How well did you do?

The end of course quiz will test learners' knowledge of all the subjects covered.

Local Government Finance Explained Modules

Introduction

Explaining how local government is funded and the rules around spending. Learners are introduced to the processes that need to be in place and who is involved.

Revenue

The main sources of a council's revenue funding and how the levels of each are set are covered in this module.

Capital

The main sources of capital funding and when they are available and appropriate.

Budget setting and monitoring

The financial management processes and the aspects they need to consider when setting up a budget.

Summary

A summary of the information contained within its modules and sources of further information.

Knowledge Check – How well did you do?

This quiz will test the knowledge gained from the subjects covered in Local Government Finance Explained.

Pricing

No. of learners*	Price per council**	Price per learner
up to 100	please contact us	
101 - 200	£3,000	£15
201 - 400	£4,000	£10
401 - 1000	£6,000	£6

*This column refers to the number of staff accessing the learning, rather than the total number of employees

**This is a minimum 2 year subscription. Prices quoted are for one year

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