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New councillors - what you should know

The Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) today launched an updated 2005 version of its successful induction pack for newly elected councillors - Now you're a councillor, what you should know.

The pack, first launched last year, was compiled with expert contributions from the LGIU's policy team and contains tips from existing councillors all over Britain. It consists of 16 user-friendly factsheets under headings such as "Managing your workload", "Representing your constituents" and "Where the money comes from". They give advice on how to organise life around being a councillor, the basics of how local government works and what important issues councils will face over the next year.

Now you're a councillor, what you should know is being published in time for this year's local elections on 5 May and the expected intake of new local authority members.

Tracy Gardiner, a Policy Officer at the LGIU and editor of the councillors' induction pack, said: "The LGIU's new councillor pack was a real success when we launched the original version last year.

"It clearly met a need for giving new councillors basic, user-friendly information to get them started in the role, while avoiding the information overload that they have been confronted with traditionally."