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Project Management of a new Planning Scheme

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A Project Management approach will assist in the delivery of a new planning scheme.

The process commences with the preparation of a Project Management Plan to provide a guide as to how the project will be delivered by answering the following questions:

What?
- What is the projects background?
  - The amalgamation of LGA's in 2008
  - The introduction of SPA and QPP
- What are the project's aims?
  - New Council policies
  - User friendly with innovative solutions
  - Community planning for long term
  - Certainty for developers
- What is the project scope?
  - Policy development, strategic framework and scheme drafting
  - Scheme consultation and implementation

Who?
- Who will deliver the new scheme?
  - Project Sponsors and Project Owner
  - Project Manager
  - Team Leaders (Scheme, Policy, PIP)
  - Planners, Consultants, Other Branches
- Who controls Project Governance
  - Elected Councillors, Committees
  - Executive Management
  - Project Steering Group
  - Project Director

When?
- How long will the project take?
  - Drafting concurrent with QPP development
  - Commence policy development immediately
  - Identify precedent studies
  - Concurrent scheme and PIP drafting
  - Plan for Quality Assurance and Approvals

Why?
- Benefit realisation
  - Achieve goals
  - Save time and cost
  - DA efficiencies
- Complexity
  - Major corporate undertaking
  - Large number of stakeholders
  - Subject to considerable scrutiny
- Obligations
  - Legislative
  - Community

How?
- How will the project be managed?
  - High level and detail programs, WBS, resources planning
  - Project Management, meetings and actions, status reporting and risk management
- How will communication and consultation operate?
  - Consultation strategy
  - State Agency interface, coordination, and progressive reviews

How much?
- How much will the project cost and how much will be saved?
  - Business case for time and cost assessment
  - Time saving, efficiency savings, direct costs

Strategic Framework

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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

PURPOSE

- Sets the policy for the Planning Scheme Area
- Identifies future development intent
- Demonstrates consistency with SEQRP
- Used in assessment of impact assessable development
- Used where developed does not comply with appropriate code

CONTENT

Themes → Policy Statement

↳ Strategic outcomes (refinement for LGA)

↳ Elements

Specific Outcomes express planning outcomes sought for the elements identified

↳ LAND USE STRATEGIES provided direction to achieve outcomes and application within the Scheme

Forward Planning

MAPS

Planning Scheme Map

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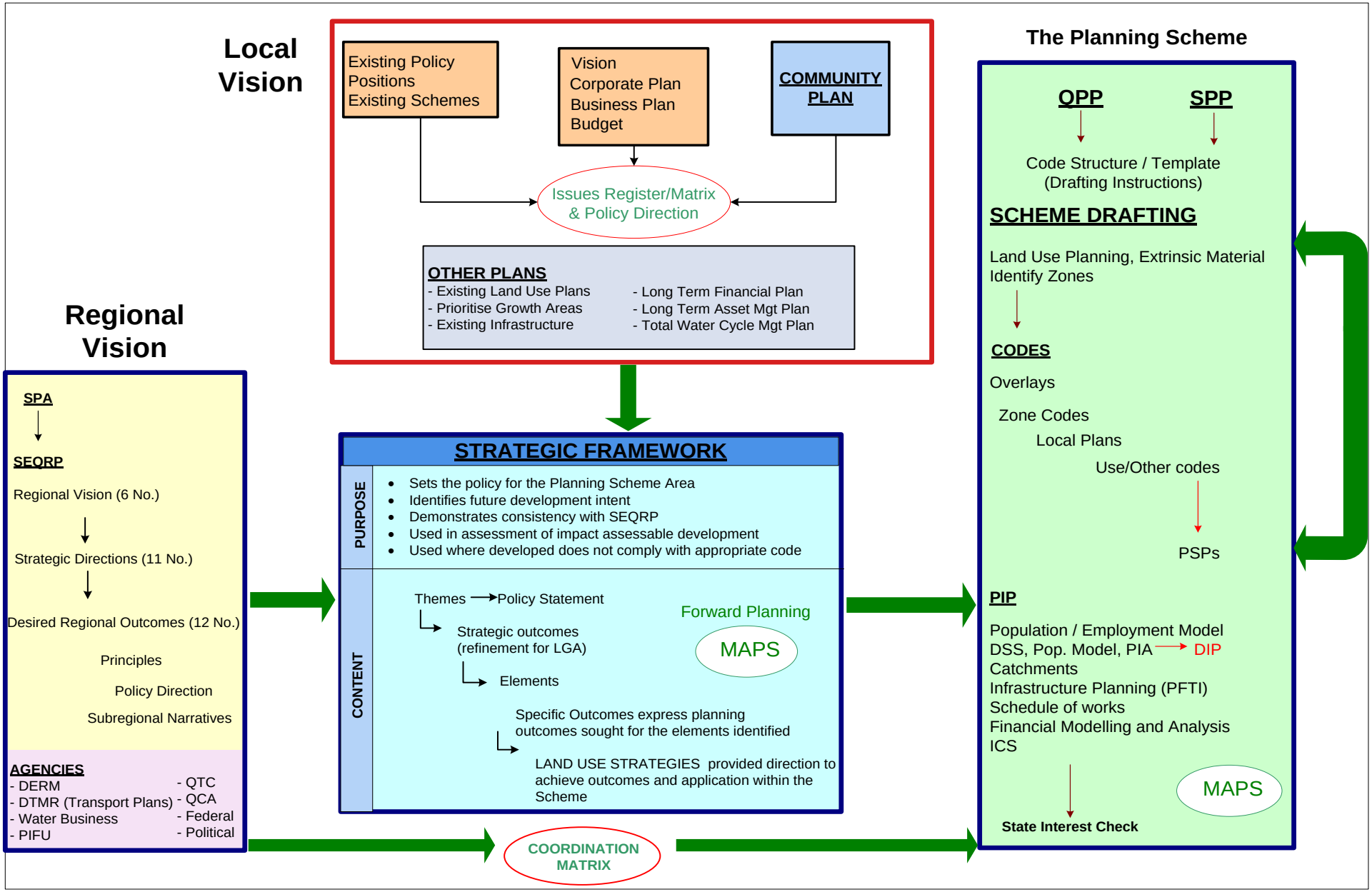

New Planning Scheme Governance / Organisation Chart

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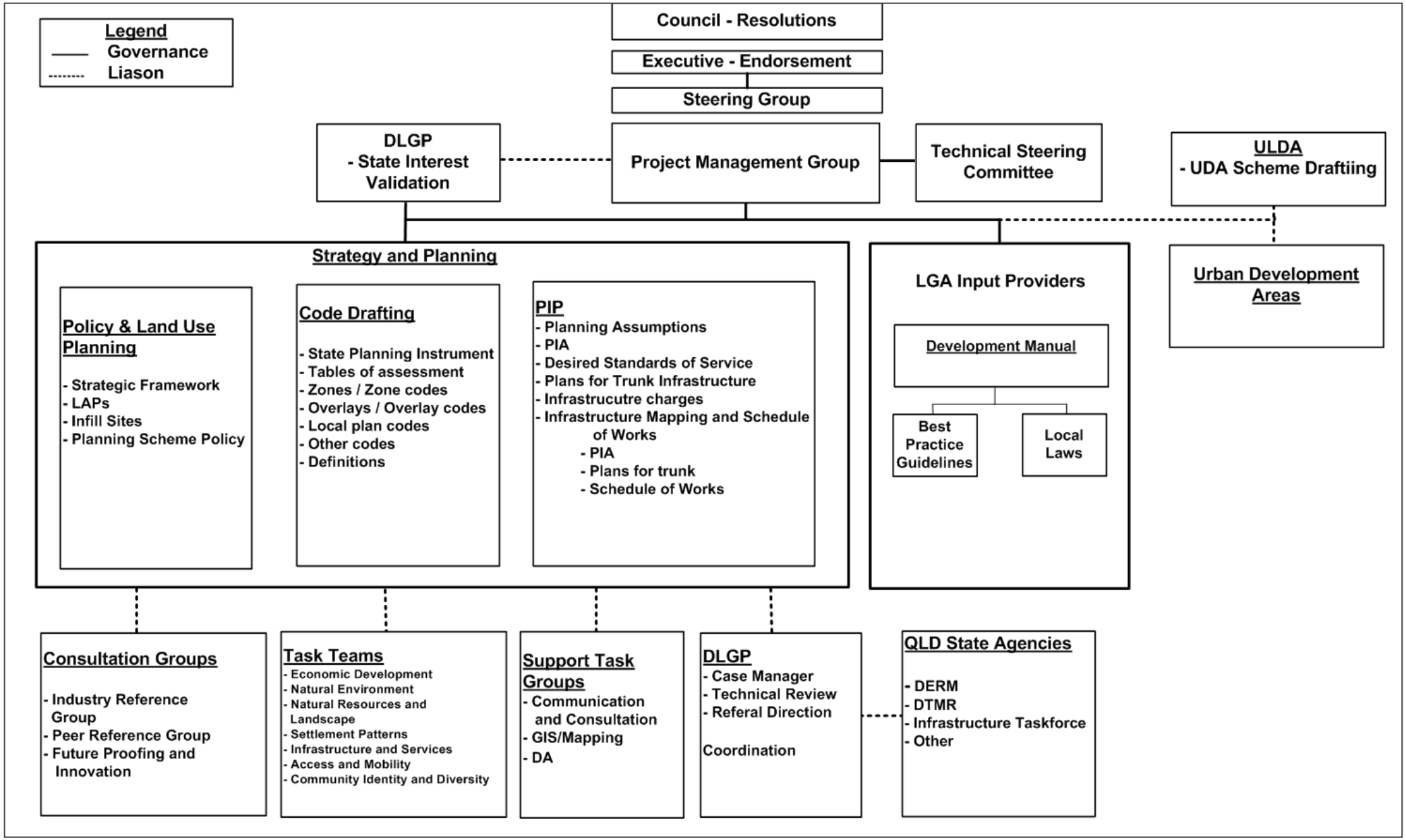

Planning Scheme Project Governance

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Logan City Draft Planning Scheme

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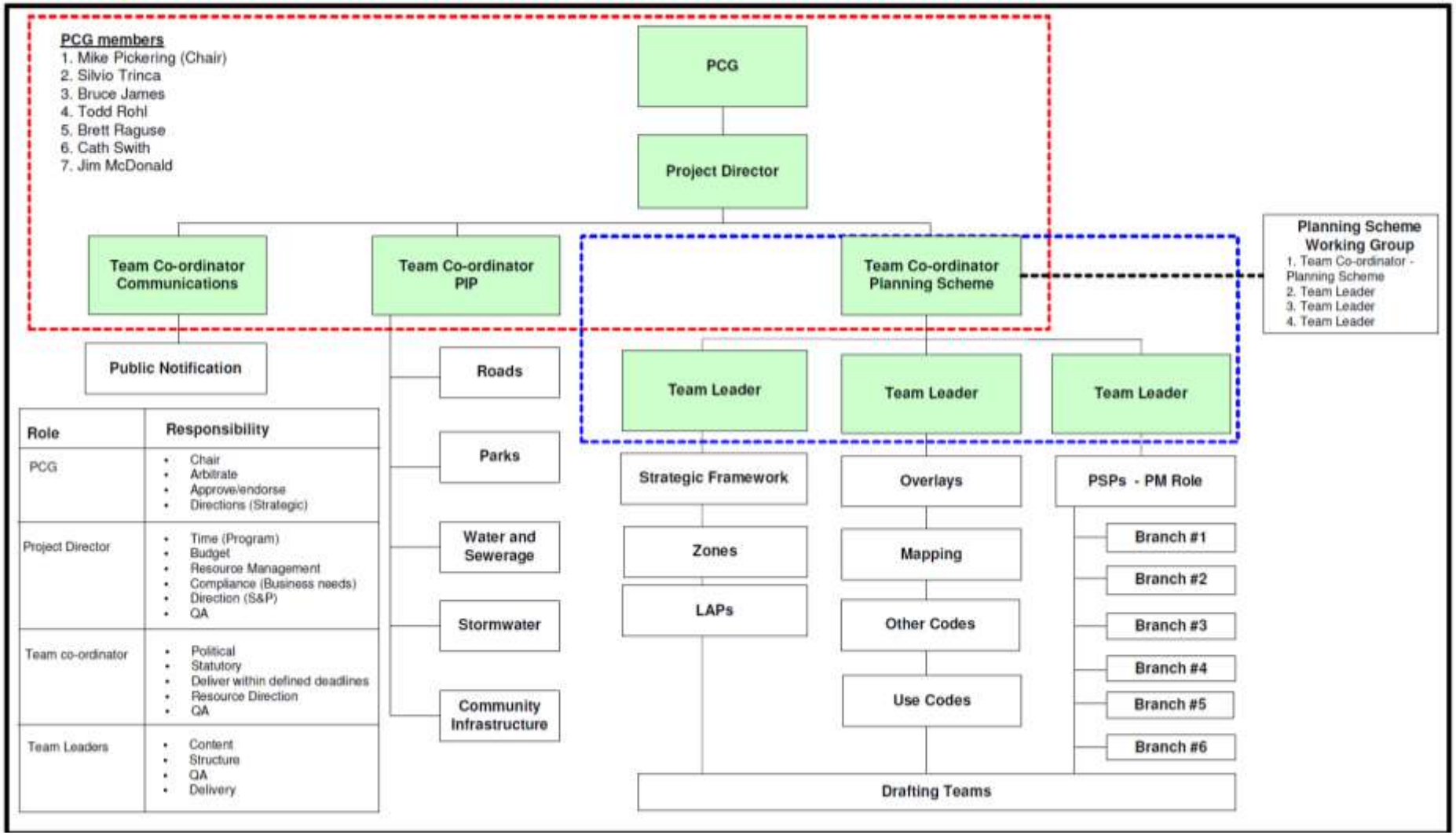

Role	Responsibility
PCG	• Chair • Arbitrate • Approve/endorse • Directions (Strategic)
Project Director	• Time (Program) • Budget • Resource Management • Compliance (Business needs) • Direction (S&P) • QA
Team co-ordinator	• Political • Statutory • Deliver within defined deadlines • Resource Direction • QA
Team Leaders	• Content • Structure • QA • Delivery

Planning Scheme High Level Project Plan

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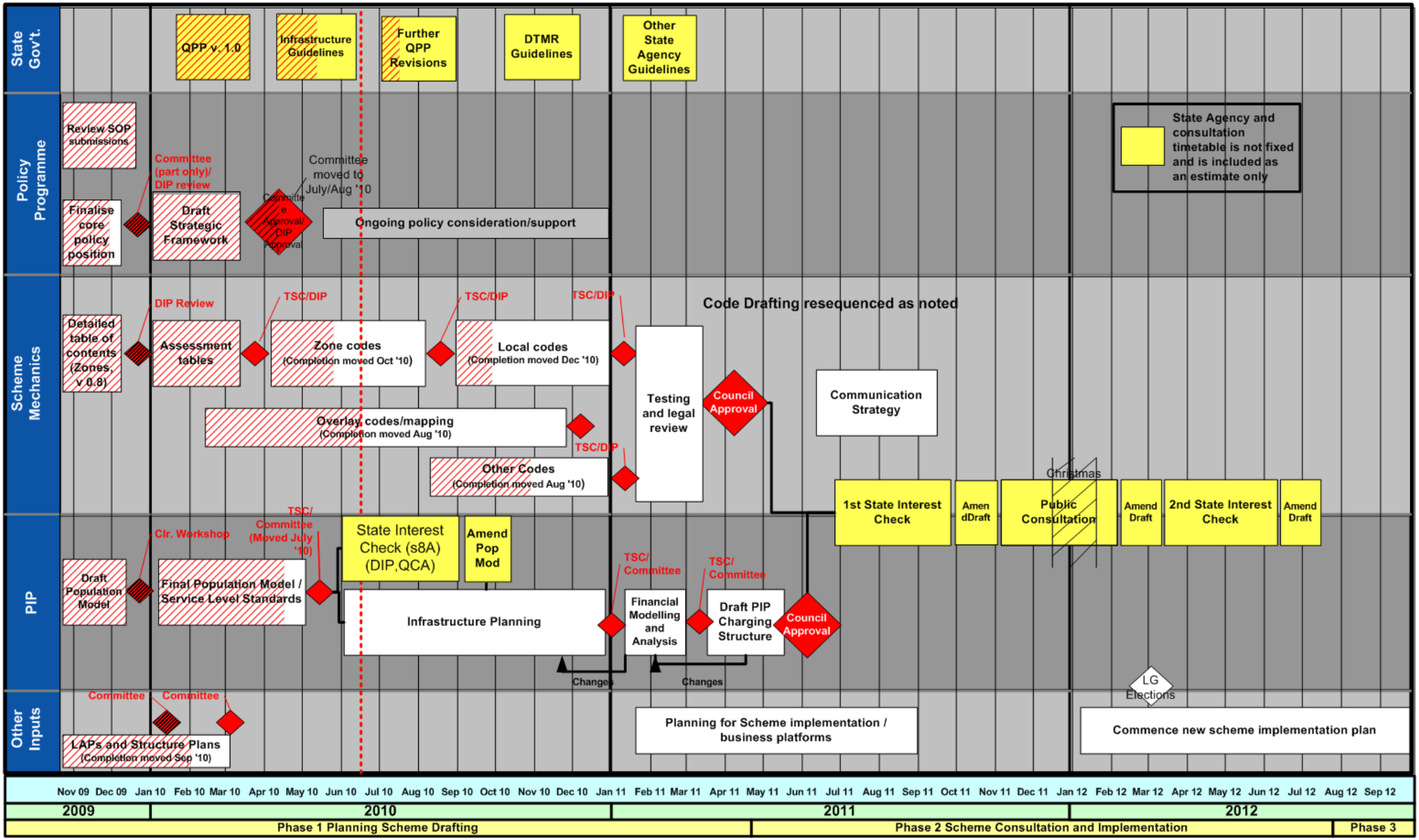

Developing Your Council's New Planning Scheme

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The challenge of developing a new Planning Scheme can be simplified significantly through the employment of project management principles.

PLAN AND SCHEDULE	Map the project and plan the delivery schedule for the scheme to ensure speedy delivery of benefits.
PROJECT GOVERNANCE	Identify stakeholder groups and the way they both report and coordinate with each other.
ALLOCATE RESOURCES	Minimise disruption to the day to day operation of Council through the planned allocation of resources needed to create the new scheme.
COMMUNICATE PROGRESS	Manage input from a diverse array of branches and specialists, communicating progress and guiding transparency at every step.
ENHANCE PERCEPTION	Drive the delivery of a scheme that is easy to implement, reducing approval times, enhancing the perception of Council as an effective Local Government body.
SAVE TIME	Reduce the time and cost of producing Council's new planning scheme.