

Spotlight on Local Government & Councils: Budgeting, Forecasting, Planning, Reporting and Analytics

The Cortell Group have significant experience in delivering Budgeting, Forecasting and Planning solutions focussed on meeting the business requirements of Councils in New Zealand and Australia. The platform is delivered on the IBM Planning Analytics powered by TM1 solution which is “top-ranked” in 25 KPIs and named a “Leader” in 13 more by BARC in the world’s largest survey of planning software users.

The solution, combined with Cortell and CorPlan’s experience and expertise in deployment, training and support, assists Local Government to eliminate the pain and challenges associated with disparate, manual and error-prone spreadsheets. We assist Council’s move to a more agile, data-driven decision management platform that delivers AI led reporting and analytics.

While some organisations may be stuck delivering financial budgets that are detached from operational-based planning, our solution integrates various models to support both bi-directional operational and financial planning. This allows modelling of say, projects, workforce, capital plans and understanding the impact on profitability and cashflow, or alternatively modelling the profit and loss to understand what operating activities can be undertaken, based on priorities, funding and other important factors.

IBM Planning Analytics Powered by TM1, is available as a Software-as-a-Service solution requiring minimal IT infrastructure and associated costs. It is also available on-premise and can be taken to any cloud provider. Models can be developed and maintained in-house with no requirement for programming or coding, this allows planners to create their own models, rules and calculations reports and queries.

We integrate with all ERP, General Ledger, Payroll, Asset, Project and supporting transactional systems, providing a single source for all planning, reporting and analytics requirements.

The benefits over 9,000 organisations globally have recognised include;

- Automatic consolidation of the planning components, no batch overnight processing to get a consolidated set of results
- Unlimited scenario modelling to support what-if analysis, powerful to move project dates, toggle off/on events and activities to see the impact on the financial results
- Workflow to support approvals, and control the management of the planning process
- Business rules engine that is centrally controlled to avoid MS excel errors that exist in manual planning processes
- Ability to extend and apply predictive analytics leveraging time-series algorithms and AI-infused learning in the planning processes

If you are interested in learning more about Planning, Reporting and Analytics offerings, please reach out to us, or visit our website for more information. The team are happy to provide custom demonstrations and work with you on addressing your business requirements.

Our Solutions for Local Government:

- Long-Term Council Community Plans
- Strategic Budgets
- Rolling Forecasts
- Project and Capital Planning
- Workforce Planning and Optimisation
- Revenue and Rate Modelling
- Reporting, Data Visualisation & Analytics
- Cost Allocation Models
- Regulatory Reporting
- Dashboard & Scorecards
- Output Planning

...and many other Enterprise Performance Management solutions



Key Benefits:

- Faster, more accurate planning cycle
- Better reporting and analytics
- Automatic consolidations and allocations
- Security driven workflow processes
- Centralised rules engine
- Eliminate Spreadsheets “hell”
- Low TCO and Proven ROI

The Cortell Group: Cortell Australia and CorPlan New Zealand

Cortell Australia and CorPlan New Zealand are the largest and most experienced provider of Business Analytics and Business Performance Management solutions, and a multi-awarded preferred partner for the full suite of IBM Business Analytic Solutions: IBM Cognos Analytics, IBM Planning Analytics, SPSS, iLog / CPLEX, IBM Cloud Paks and Watson AI.

900+ Successfully Delivered Solutions and Counting!

Globally recognised expertise is built on experience. Cortell Australia and CorPlan New Zealand have delivered over 900 business-changing solutions to more than 500 companies across a diverse range of industries. Knowing exactly how to deliver exceptional results on tight deadlines and budgets.

Our strong focus on customer success has been recognised across the industry:

- IBM Worldwide Partner of the Year for IBM Planning Analytics (Cloud) 2018, IBM Data & AI Excellence Award Winner 2018
- IBM Business Analytics Asia Pacific Partner of the Year 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014: Excellence Award
- IBM Software Australian Partner of the Year 2010 & 2013
- IBM Worldwide BI & Advanced Analytics Partner of the Year 2013

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