

FULL COUNCIL

11th April 2022

DALC Membership

The Devon Association of Local Councils is a not-for-profit membership organisation, providing a wide range of support for parish and town councils in Devon including:

- Up-to-date advice and guidance by email and phone on request, with access to legal and financial advice via the National Association of Local Councils.
- Regular updates and information on local government matters via our website and regular e-bulletins. Including access to legal briefings, publications and toolkits on a wide range of topics.
- A training and events programme providing a range of opportunities for clerks and councillors to update their knowledge and skills to support the improvement and development of their councils.
- Access to, and influence over, a national family of county associations and a national body (NALC), working together with a strong voice raising the profile of local councils and lobbying government on matters of interest to our sector.
- Being part of an organisation of mutually supportive councils, able to help one another, share issues and inspire each other, with regular opportunities to network and discuss topics of interest.

Recommendation

As we welcome two new members who will benefit from the new Councillor training that DALC provide, and we head towards a whole Council election in 2023 which will require promotion of the idea of becoming a Councillor to the community, the support of DALC and NALC could be especially beneficial in the year ahead.

The professional support offered to the Clerk and the network that DALC deliver for sharing and hearing about best practice is also valued in the operation of the Council.

It is therefore **recommended** that the Council renews its membership to DALC and NALC.

Councillors intending to stand in 2023 and are interested in representing the Council at DALC should also consider shadowing Cllr Dredge over the coming year.

Jonathan Parsons
Town Clerk