

YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REASONS TO JOIN

1. Contact our team of experienced advisors by telephone or email for answers to your professional queries
2. Read our bi-weekly news bulletin containing the latest sector news and information
3. Join the online, professional Forum which provides unique, networking opportunities with local council colleagues
4. Access over 600 best practice advice documents on a range of topics in the members' area of our website
5. Review our bi-monthly magazine called 'The Clerk' packed with advice, information and case studies from fellow members
6. Discover the latest legislation and regulation at our conferences and events at a discounted rate
7. Save on a range of council products and services, including office stationery and books
8. Advertise your councils' job on the SLCC website and take advantage of member discount
9. Maintain good practice by studying for a sector qualification or attending a continuous professional development course at a discounted rate
10. Network with fellow clerks and discuss current issues at regular county based branch meetings
11. Access the free confidential 24hr counselling service for any personal issues

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) is the professional body for local council clerks and senior council employees. Its membership is steadily growing and now represents clerks to over 5,000 councils in England and Wales.

Many councils realise the benefits of having a clerk who is properly trained, fully briefed on the issues of the day and can get fast accurate advice to problems that they may face. In fact, over 90% of members' councils willingly pay for their clerks' subscriptions to the SLCC as encouraged by the Local Government Act.

NOT SURE WHICH MEMBERSHIP YOU SHOULD GET?

Whether you're new to the sector or have years of experience, our range of membership means that there is a level to suit everyone. Choose from:

- **Full membership** - receive all the services the SLCC has to offer, to qualify you must be a clerk or other senior employee in a paid position working for a town, parish or community council, joint committee of a town, parish or community council, parish or community meeting or charter trustee.
- **Principal / Fellow membership** - develop your career and gain recognition with the Professional Development Scheme (PDS). The PDS contains grades of membership which are awarded on a combination of experience, Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and qualifications.
- **Affiliate membership** - includes some of the benefits of Full membership, however, members may only attend branch meetings with the agreement of the relevant branch, may not vote and are not eligible to attend the SLCC's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Membership is available to anyone with a role or interest in local councils.
- **Past Service membership** – Left your council? Remain a member at a reduced rate by becoming a Past Service Member. Members have access to all the benefits of a Full Member except for the advisory service.
- **The Clerk Magazine** - Need more copies of The Clerk magazine? The Clerk magazine is included in the price of all the memberships above, although some members like a second copy to share with their council.



2021 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES

| GROSS ANNUAL SALARY FROM ALL COUNCILS | JOINING FEE (NEW AND LAPSED MEMBERS) | FULL YEAR SUBSCRIPTION |
|---|---|------------------------|
| Up to £1,000 | £5 | £45 |
| £1,001 - £2,000 | £5 | £67 |
| £2,001 - £3,000 | £5 | £80 |
| £3,001 - £4,000 | £8 | £95 |
| £4,001 - £6,000 | £8 | £112 |
| £6001 - £8,000 | £10 | £130 |
| £8,001 - £10,000 | £10 | £144 |
| £10,001 - £15,000 | £12 | £166 |
| £15,001 - £20,000 | £12 | £185 |
| £20,001 - £25,000 | £15 | £208 |
| £25,001 - £30,000 | £15 | £234 |
| £30,001 - £35,000 | £15 | £262 |
| £35,001 - £40,000 | £20 | £289 |
| £40,001 - £45,000 | £20 | £317 |
| £45,001 - £50,000 | £20 | £346 |
| £50,001 - £55,000 | £20 | £379 |
| £55,001 - £60,000 | £20 | £410 |
| > £60,000 | £20 | £453 |
| Principal or Principal (Affiliate) Member | £0 | £55 |
| Fellow or Fellow (Affiliate) Member | £0 | £85 |
| Affiliate Membership | £15 | £206 |
| Past Service Member | £0 | £42 |
| Clerk Magazine only | £0 | £36 |

"I've just read through the latest edition of The Clerk and wanted to let you know that you've reached a new high. Virtually, every page was useful to me and my staff. And I've booked on the webinar elections training already."

Paul Wynne PSLCC, Town Clerk,
Frome Town Council

Visit www.slcc.co.uk/membership to join today

Making your case for membership

We understand that your council may not realise the benefit of your professional membership and, furthermore, appreciate why the council should subsidise the cost of the subscription. The following information can be used in helping your council to understand the value of SLCC membership:

Under what power may councils pay the subscriptions of their clerk to the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)?

The Local Government Act 1972 s 143 (1) (b) states that, 'a local Authority may pay reasonable subscriptions, whether annually or otherwise, to the funds of any association of officers or members of local authorities which was so formed.'

Do many councils pay the SLCC subscriptions of their clerk under these powers?

The majority of SLCC members have their subscriptions paid by their council under this power.

Well that's all very well but you would say that wouldn't you. Who else agrees with you?

National Association of Local Council (NALC), Local Government Association (LGA) and Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) now known as the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

'Your clerk (and the council) benefit if the clerk is a member of the SLCC. The SLCC provides legal, financial and other advice, a useful training pack and considerable support and guidance from the clerks' network. Your council may wish to pay the clerk's subscription to the SLCC. There is also information available on the SLCC website www.slcc.co.uk. As stated in the Good Councillors Guide 2018.



Alright I accept that it's perfectly proper and legal for councils to pay their clerk's subscription but why have so many councils wanted to do so?

The SLCC is the professional body for local council clerks and senior council employees in England and Wales. See the list of benefits page one.

Full members of the Society will also benefit from being members of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). This is the international professional body for clerks with members based in a number of countries worldwide, particularly in The USA and Canada.

Clerks work in small organisations or often completely alone. The SLCC provides an important lifeline and support network for clerks in carrying out their day to day tasks. The SLCC advocate best practice and the efficient and effective work of councils. Both clerks and their councils benefit greatly from the clerks' membership of the SLCC.



Okay but isn't the SLCC in competition with NALC and the County Associations which represents councils?

No. The Society and NALC (on behalf of itself and County Associations) signed a Strategic Partnership statement in 2017 which established, among other things, that:

'NALC and SLCC are clear in their support for councils to be members of their county associations and NALC and for clerks to be members of the SLCC and active in their county branches. In that way councils get the best possible support for the professional development of clerks; and training and advice for councils and councillors.'



NALC and SLCC will work together to raise the sector's reputation with the public, with Government, and with other national and local stakeholders and to ensure that government and other policies support local councils to help local communities.'

For more information or to join visit www.slcc.co.uk/join

Are you a new clerk? Or have you been clerking for less than 12 months?

Our New Clerk Events are packed with best-practice advice, tips and information on your new clerking role. Understand how to compile lawful agendas including tips on writing minutes and much more!

Only £10 + VAT to attend.

Visit www.slcc.co.uk/newclerkevent for more information.