

We are a not-for-profit membership organisation, representing the interests of the majority of parish and town councils across Norfolk.

We provide:

- Advice & support
- Training for clerks & councillors
- Information on latest topical issues
- Lobbying on policy issues

This includes:

- Advice on law, procedure & good practice, including access to specialist lawyers
- Access to other local experts, such as for HR advice & charity governance
- Support for provided websites and website management
- Support for employment matters such as recruitment and salary reviews
- Loan approval filtering and support (PWLB)
- Training and development for clerks and councillors
- Access to EU funding for clerk training
- CiLCA training delivered by qualified and SLCC accredited trainers
- Promoting professional recognition with awards such as Clerk of the Year
- Supporting professional standards through Local Council Award Scheme
- Newsletters and bulletins on relevant issues
- Funding updates
- Legal briefings
- Information on national policy and legislative changes
- Policy and lobbying support
- Access to the services of the National Association of Local Councils



The National Association of Local Councils

- Works across the UK in partnership with 43 county associations
- Supports 10,000 councils across England
- Partners with LGA, DHCLG, Locality, CPRE, SLCC etc.

Provides

- Over a hundred legal topic notes, briefings and template documents.
- Answers about a thousand legal and financial queries each year
- Resources, toolkits and advice
- Runs conferences and training
- Produces guides - including good councillor, employment, planning and finance.
- Works with SLCC on sector improvement, including CILCA and the Local Council Award Scheme
- Secures grants - such as £5m transparency funds distributed in 2017/18 year

Achievements last year

- Set up Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA), resulting in large external audit savings for sector
- Successfully lobbied Government not to impose referendum principles or capping for 3 years
- Persuaded Government to exempt sector from the requirement in the Data Protection Bill to appoint an external DPO officer.
- Successfully lobbied government to introduce rate relief on public conveniences