

YOUR 2019

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



10 Reasons to Join



1. Contact our team of experienced advisors by telephone or email for answers to your professional queries.



2. Review our bi-monthly magazine called 'The Clerk' packed with advice, information and case studies from fellow members.



3. Discover the latest legislation and regulation at our conferences and events at a discounted rate.



4. Network with fellow clerks and discuss current issues at regular county based branch meetings.



5. Representation with Government, sector partners and stakeholders in respect of practical issues in your day to day work.



6. Save on a range of council products and services, including office stationery, books and energy supplies.



7. Read our bi-weekly news bulletin containing the latest sector news and information.



8. Access best practice advice on a range of topics in the members' area of our website.



9. Maintain good practice by studying for a sector qualification or attending a continuous professional development course at a discounted rate.



10. Access the free confidential 24hr counselling service for any personal issues.

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.



**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.

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

Your Membership Subscription Rates 2019

Gross Annual Salary from all Councils	Joining Fee (new and lapsed members)	Full Year Subscription
Up to £1,000	£5	£43
£1,001 - £2,000	£5	£63
£2,001 - £3,000	£5	£76
£3,001 - £4,000	£8	£89
£4,001 - £6,000	£8	£106
£6001 - £8,000	£10	£122
£8,001 - £10,000	£10	£136
£10,001 - £15,000	£12	£156
£15,001 - £20,000	£12	£175
£20,001 - £25,000	£15	£196
£25,001 - £30,000	£15	£220
£30,001 - £35,000	£15	£247
£35,001 - £40,000	£20	£273
£40,001 - £45,000	£20	£299
£45,001 - £50,000	£20	£326
£50,001 - £55,000	£20	£357
£55,001 - £60,000	£20	£386
> £60,000	£20	£427
Principal Member	£0	£53
Fellow Member	£0	£80
Past Service Member	£0	£40
Clerk Magazine only	£0	£34
Affiliate Membership	£15	£196

Please ensure you use your gross annual salary to calculate your subscription fee rather than your councils precept.

Renew your membership subscription on time and avoid paying a joining fee.

What type of membership do you need?

Full Membership

Those clerks who wish to take advantage of all the services the Society has to offer. To qualify for full membership of the Society you must be in a clerk or other senior employee of a town, parish or community council in a paid clerking position.

Principal Member

Principal members receive all the services the Society has to offer (as with full membership) as well as the following added benefits:

- Members are entitled to use the designated letters 'PSLCC' after their name and their name will be published on the SLCC website during their membership to confirm their status.
- Members will receive a £20 training voucher to use against any SLCC CPD course or training event within the year of their membership.

This will only be available to members who renew for a full year, if a member upgrades to Principal or Fellow level after their renewal date they will not receive the training voucher.

- Members can use the designated 'Principal member' logo on their CV and job applications.
- Members will receive a 'Principal member' pin badge to wear at events and training.
- Members will receive three Professional Development, news bulletins offering the latest training news, advice on gaining CPD points and support with professional development.

Criteria must be met to apply for this level, visit www.slcc.co.uk/develop to find out more

Fellow Member

Principal members receive all the services the Society has to offer (as with full membership) as well as the following added benefits:

- Members will be entitled to use the designated letters 'FSLCC' after their name and their name will be published on the SLCC website during their membership to confirm their status.
- Members will receive a £30 training voucher to use against any SLCC CPD course or training event within the year of their membership.

This will only be available to members who renew for a full year, if a member upgrades to Principal or Fellow level after their renewal date they will not receive the training voucher.

- Members can use the designated 'Fellow member' logo on their CV and job applications.
- Members will receive a 'Fellow member' pin badge to wear at events and training.
- Members will receive three, Professional Development news bulletins offering the latest training news, advice on gaining CPD points and support with professional development.

Criteria must be met to apply for this level, visit www.slcc.co.uk/develop to find out more

Affiliate Member

Individuals with a role or interest in local councils may apply for affiliate membership. This includes town, parish and community councillors, officers of county associations, principal council officers and councillors and any others with an interest in the local council sector.

Affiliate members may only attend branch meetings with the agreement of the relevant branch chairman, who may wish to consult members before making a ruling. They may not vote at Society meetings and are not eligible to attend the Society's Annual General Meeting.

Past Service Member

The Society encourages full members, once they have left their council, to remain as a member at a reduced rate as a past service member. Past service members have access to all the benefits of a full member except for the advisory service.

Clerk Magazine

The Clerk magazine is included in the price of the full membership to the Society, although some members like a 2nd copy to share with their council.