

SLCC

For Local Council Professionals ®

Join our Community

Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) is the professional body for local council clerks and senior council employees in England and Wales.

We ensure that our members are equipped with the necessary knowledge, training and skills to thrive within their role and best support their council and community.

Founded in 1972 and celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2022, SLCC has gone from strength to strength, starting with just 50 members and now representing clerks to over 5,000 parish, town and community councils.

Whether you seek expert advice, to develop your professional career or simply build relationships with your fellow clerks, we can offer you the support and recognition you deserve.

'Having received the latest Daily Digest from the e-Forum, I just wanted to say how useful it is! I always read through and find something of interest. It's very helpful to know how other clerks are dealing with the various queries that are raised.'

Teresa Irving, Clerk to Downswood Parish Council



'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**

'I would just like to place on record my appreciation of the support and help I have received over the years from SLCC; the role of clerk can be very solitary as we face varied challenges and I would have found it incredibly difficult without the advice and assistance that I have been given from SLCC, so many thanks to you all, it has been much appreciated. I am very appreciative of all SLCC's help and support. The Staffordshire branch of SLCC has been a source of friendship and useful knowledge and this has been invaluable, given how isolated the role of clerk can be at times.'

**Liz Harrington-Jones, Former Clerk
to Chebsey Parish Council**



10 Reasons to Join

1. Contact our team of experienced, expert 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 our online, professional forum to participate in open discussions with your colleagues and benefit from their experience
4. Access over 700 best practice advice documents on a range of topics
5. Review our bi-monthly magazine called 'The Clerk' packed with advice, information and case studies
6. Discover the latest sector legislation and regulation at our events for a reduced rate
7. Advertise your councils' job on our website for a reduced rate
8. Maintain good practice by studying for a sector qualification or attending a training course for a reduced rate
9. Network with fellow clerks and discuss current issues at regular county based branch meetings
10. Enjoy exclusive member discounts on a wide selection of sector-specific publications.

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 utilized to help your council to understand the value of membership:



Under what power may councils pay the subscription of their clerk to 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?

According to the 2023 Membership Survey, 97% of members' councils pay for their clerks' subscription, as encouraged by the Local Government Act.

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

National Association of Local Councils (NALC), Local Government Association (LGA), and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

'Your clerk (and the council) benefit if the clerk is a member of the SLCC. SLCC provide 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.

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

No. SLCC 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/membership





2025 Membership Subscription Rates

Full Membership

(Please total your gross annual salary or your gross pro-rata salary from all of your councils.)

| Gross Annual Salary | Joining Fee (new and lapsed members only) | Annual Subscription |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| Up to £3,000 | £5 | £80 |
| £3,001 - £6,000 | £8 | £110 |
| £6,001 - £10,000 | £10 | £150 |
| £10,001 - £20,000 | £12 | £190 |
| £20,001 - £30,000 | £15 | £240 |
| £30,001 - £40,000 | £15 | £300 |
| £40,001 - £50,000 | £20 | £360 |
| £50,001 - £60,000 | £20 | £420 |
| > £60,001 | £20 | £480 |

| Membership Type | Joining Fee (new and lapsed members only) | Annual Subscription |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Student | £0 | £15 |
| Principal or Principal (Affiliate) <small>(In addition to the cost of full or affiliate membership)</small> | £0 | £55 |
| Fellow or Fellow (Affiliate) <small>(In addition to the cost of full or affiliate membership)</small> | £0 | £85 |
| Affiliate | £15 | £206 |
| Past Service | £0 | £42 |
| Clerk Magazine only | £0 | £36 |

Choose your membership type

- **Full membership** - receive all the services SLCC has to offer, to qualify you must be a clerk or other senior employee in a paid clerking position of town, parish or community councils, joint committees of town, parish and community councils, parish and community meetings, or charter trustees.
- **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 including town, parish and community councillors, officers of county associations and any others with an interest in the local council sector.
- **Student / Principal / Fellow membership** – progress your full or affiliate 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. Visit www.slcc.co.uk/develop to view the criteria.
- **Past Service membership** – Left your council? Remain a member at a reduced rate and 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.