

LALC Training Bulletin—October 2024

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Welcome to our monthly training bulletin.

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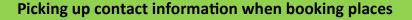
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If you have set your councillors up on the portal, you can now select their details from a drop-down list when booking a place on one of our courses. If you do not have your councillors set up, the drop-down list will be blank and you will have to type their details in manually. Please ensure that the email address is correct, otherwise they will not receive the automated email reminders.

Mentoring

Although we offer New Clerk training, LALC may also be able to offer one to one mentoring for new clerks. This usually consists of a number of phone or video conference sessions providing support and guidance as required. Sessions are charged at £20 plus VAT per hour. Contact us for enquiries.

Internal Audit

LALC can offer an Internal Audit service for its councils. This will consist of a mid-year audit to go through your governance in depth, and a light-touch audit at year-end enabling you to confidently sign off the AGAR. When you request an audit, we'll contact you to discuss what you need, agree the terms of service with you and then put you in touch with your internal auditor.

All our internal auditors are experienced clerks who will follow the guidance and process as per the JPAG Practitioners' Guide (Section 4—Best practice guidance for internal audit).

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Course	Description	Date(s)	Location
Councillor Induction & Refresher	Aimed at councillors with or without any experience, covering topics such as:	3rd December 18:00—21:00	Zoom
	 The role of the council and councillors Legal obligations and the employer role Finance · Risk management Code of conduct Declarations of interest Community engagement Transparency code obligations 	28th January 18:00—21:00	Zoom
Chair's Workshop	This training session will suit Chairs of parish and town councils, Chairs of Committees and Vice Chairs. Topics covered will include: Skills required Managing meetings Working with the Clerk, other councillors and officers Planning for success Understanding your Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct Accountability Community engagement	12th November 18:00—21:00	Zoom

Course	Description	Date(s)	Location
Effective Meetings	Ideal for new clerks and an excellent refresher for existing clerks, covering: Agendas Apologies Interests Role of the Chair & Clerk Standing Orders Public Participation Recording & Broadcasting Confidential Matters Minutes Annual Parish Meetings Annual Parish Council Meeting Common Pitfalls	10th December 18:00—21:00	Zoom
New Clerk's Induction	New Clerk's Induction Day, covering key points and duties for the Clerk's role. New Clerks may also want to consider attending Effective Meetings and End of Year & Audit Processes Briefing training.	12th November 10:00—16:00	LALC Office Dunholme Old School 8 Market Rasen Road Dunholme LN2 3QR
End of Year & Audit Processes	Ideal for new and experienced Clerks. Topics Covered: Internal Controls Internal Audit External Audit End Of Year AGAR End Of Year Documents Publication Transparency Code Common Mistakes	18th February 10:00—13:00 25th March 13:00—16:00	Zoom North Kyme Village Hall Vacherie Lane North Kyme LN4 4DL

Check out the Chris Moses podcasts produced as part of the Civility & Respect project



Podcast #1 — **Building an effective personnel committee**: Chris explains the importance of ensuring local councils have an effective personnel committee, what the responsibilities of the committee are and gives an overview of the critical issues.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXhfwMoVJ1g

Podcast #2 — **Recruitment:** Chris covers the critical considerations for councils about recruitment.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOMDep nWJU

Podcast #3 — **Handling grievances:** Chris covers the critical considerations for councils about handling grievances. This is an introduction to the subject and should be viewed alongside current grievance policies.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPj4d8t2T1o

Podcast #4 — **Handling disciplinary situations:** Chris covers some of the critical considerations for councils about handling disciplinary situations. This is an introduction to the subject and should be viewed alongside current grievance policies.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m64iq42W2Xo

Podcast #5 — **Appraisals:** Chris covers some of the critical considerations for councils about appraisals. This is an introduction to the subject.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XEUWe1YZgM

Podcast #6 — **Sickness and absence:** Chris covers some of the critical considerations for councils concerning sickness and absence management. This is an introduction to the subject. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6PVMOW1dmE

Finance—delivered by:

All sessions held via Zoom 10:00—11:40am unless otherwise specified*



Course	Description	Date(s)
VAT for VAT registered councils	For clerks, finance staff and councillors from councils that are VAT registered, who wish to develop their knowledge. This session explains when and how VAT registered local councils charge VAT, when they can reclaim it and when they can't. Essential for any council contemplating major building projects.	5th December, 10:00 11th February, 10:00 1st May, 10:00 24th June, 10:00
Finance for Councillors	This session is for councillors only and is designed to give them a greater understanding of their duties with regard to the council's finances. Topics include: Roles and responsibilities; setting a budget and precept; Financial control; The Annual Governance & Accountability Return; Internal and external audit; How VAT applies to local councils	14th November, 10:00 19th November, 18:30 3rd December, 10:00 10th December, 18:30 23rd January, 10:00 30th January, 18:30 4th March, 10:00 24th April, 10:00 3rd June, 10:00 10th July, 10:00
New clerk's finance	This session is for inexperienced clerks in their first few months and is designed to give them an overview of a council's year, along with a basic understanding of the RFO's role. Topics include: Roles and responsibilities; Setting a budget and precept; Internal control; The Annual Governance & Accountability Return; Internal and external audit.	20th November, 10:00 12th December, 10:00 28th January, 10:00 26th March, 10:00 8th May, 10:00 17th June, 10:00 17th July, 10:00
VAT—Partial exemption	For clerks, finance staff and councillors of councils that lease or hire out land and buildings such as village halls, community centres, meeting rooms, sports facilities or markets, who need to understand when their council is at risk of not being able to reclaim VAT. Essential for any council contemplating major building projects, or incurring significant expenditure on running these facilities. Intended for those who already understand the rules of VAT and need to work out whether their council can reclaim VAT in relation to its use of land.	4th February, 10:00 19th June, 10:00

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Course	Description	Date(s)
Introduction to VAT (VAT for unregistered councils - VAT126)	For clerks, finance staff and councillors from councils that are not VAT registered, but reclaim VAT using Form VAT126. This session explains how VAT affects local councils. Essential for any council contemplating major building projects. Topics include: How VAT law applies to local councils Where to find the law and guidance Business and non-business activities Understanding whether sales are taxable or exempt from VAT When a council must register for VAT When VAT can be reclaimed Partial exemption Reclaiming VAT when using grants and donations	19th November, 10:00 16th January, 10:00 18th February, 10:00 27th March, 10:00 29th April, 10:00 5th June, 10:00 15th July, 10:00
Procurement Act 2023	For anyone involved in procuring goods and services, preparing tenders or entering into contracts on behalf of local councils. This session introduces the new rules of the Procurement Act 2023, which comes into force on 28 October 2024 and replaces the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This session is an introduction to the basics of procurement for local councils: Inviting quotes Producing specifications and tender documentation Achieving competition and value for money Managing contracts.	21st January, 10:00 27th February, 10:00 22nd April, 10:00 12th June, 10:00
Internal controls	This session give councillors and clerks an understanding of the need for internal controls and how they work, with practical examples and case studies. Topics include: Roles and responsibilities Financial risks Purpose of internal controls Case studies Examples of controls Review of internal controls	31st October, 10:00 4th December, 10:00 22nd January, 10:00 19th February, 10:00 2nd April, 10:00 28th May, 10:00 23rd July, 10:00

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Budgeting	This session is aimed at officers of parish & town councils, who are involved in preparing and monitoring their council's budgets. Topics include: Setting a budget and precept Contingencies and reserves How the council tax base affects the budget Inflation Budget monitoring	7th November, 10:00 12th November, 10:00 21st November, 10:00 22nd July, 10:00
The role of internal audit	This session explains the role of the internal auditor in providing assurance to the council that it has sound financial controls. Topics include: Legislation and guidance Roles and responsibilities Internal controls How the council appoints an internal auditor Scope of internal audit Reviewing internal control Internal audit reports	1st November, 10:00 15th January, 10:00 5th March, 10:00
Year end and audit—councils over £25,000	This session is aimed at councils that spend between £25,000 and £200,000 a year and prepare simple accounts on a receipts and payments basis. It is also relevant for councils under £25,000 that choose not to exempt themselves from external audit, as well as for and councils that regularly spend over £200,000 and are already comfortable with preparing income and expenditure accounts. Topics include: Closing the accounts Assets and borrowing Reviewing internal control Internal audit The Annual Return Electors rights Audit Publication requirements	13th February, 10:00 25th February, 10:00 11th March, 10:00 20th March, 10:00

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Course	Description	Date(s)
Year end & transparency—councils under £25,000	For officers of councils that spend and receive less than £25,000 a year, who want to understand how to prepare and publish their council's Annual Governance & Accountability Return to comply with the Accounts & Audit Regulations, as well as publishing the information required by the Transparency Code for Smaller authorities.	6th March, 10:00 18th March, 10:00
	Topics include: Closing the accounts Exemption from external audit Internal audit Reviewing internal control The Annual Return Electors rights Transparency and publication requirements	
Income & expenditure accounts (for larger councils)	For officers who want to understand how to prepare their council's Annual Governance & Accountability Return on an income and expenditure basis (mandatory for councils regularly spending over £200,000) and comply with the requirements of the audit process. This session explains how to convert receipts & payments accounts to income & expenditure accounts, how this affects the Annual Return and the timing of year-end activities and the audit process, enabling you to complete all the relevant steps correctly. Topics include: Closing the accounts Debtors and creditors Assets and borrowing Internal audit Reviewing internal control The Annual Return Electors rights Publication requirements	13th March, 10:00 25th March, 10:00

Council Communications

All sessions held via Zoom. 1.5-2 hours.



£30 plus VAT.

Course	Description	Date(s)
Communicating with your community part 1: creating a communications strategy	Every local council should have a communications strategy. It should set out its communications priorities, aims and goals. In this session, we will consider how your council could create an effective communication strategy. One that is sustainable and supports your council. A strategy that considers your council's human and financial resources.	19th November 9:30 21st January, 9:30
Communicating with your community part 2: engaging with your community	This session will focus on putting your council's communication plan into action. On how your council could connect with the community it represents. We will consider the ways your councils can communicate effectively and build conversations. We will equip you with tools and techniques to start engaging and getting messages across.	10th December, 9:30 12th February, 9:30
How councils can recruit a more diverse pool of local councillors	How can you find and encourage a more diverse pool of people to stand or be co-opted as town or parish councillors? It is increasingly hard to find people who are willing to put their names forward either at election time or to be co-opted. Explore effective ways councils and councillors can engage people over time, building up their awareness and interest in the work of the council, in order to better promote and demystify the role of a councillor.	14th November 9:30 28th January, 9:30
How councils can more effectively engage with young people in their communities	Councils often find it challenging to connect with young people. In this session, we will define "young people." Consider the issues important to 'young people.' Explore effective ways to engage online and offline. We will also offer insights on forming partnerships with local youth organisations.	17th December, 9:30 15th January, 18:30 24th February, 13:00
Dealing with difficult people and conversations in our local councils	Handling professional relationships within local councils is critical. However, it can be tough dealing with challenging people and situations. In this session, we discuss practical techniques for managing difficult conversations and situations.	12th November 9:30 22nd January, 9:30

Book Breakthrough Communications training via:

https://breakthroughcomms.co.uk/calc-training-events/

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Course	ourse Description	
Get the most from local and regional media	Local newspapers, magazines, regional TV, and radio offer local councils a way to communicate with residents. However, dealing with journalists and the media can be intimidating. In this session we will consider how to establish positive relationships with journalists. How to write impactful press releases. Ensure that your council gets regular and positive coverage in your local media.	3rd December, 9:30 4th February, 9:30
Crisis communications for local councils	A crisis could strike at any point. Anything from flooding to a meeting going viral. There are many ways in which you could find yourself in the eye of the media storm. This session takes participants through the detail of preparing for any crisis. Passing on expert tips and guidance on being prepared. On the effective steps your council could take should the worst happen.	5th December, 9:30 6th February, 9:30
Social media part 1: Getting started with social media for local councils	Social media is a great tool for councils to use to improve their communication. In this session you will learn the basics and how to get started right. We will focus on creating a social media strategy and the basics of Facebook. Our goal is to share with you time-saving tools and techniques. Hopefully, this will help you and your council to be more confident using social media.	7th November, 9:30 15th January, 9:30
Social media part 2: Advanced social media strategies and tactics for local councils	Councils often use different social media platforms to connect with the community. This session explores a wide range of social media platforms. There will be a focus on how to get the most from key social media platforms. Exploring the ways of ensuring that social media supports your council to achieve its goals and aims. We will also introduce you to social media advertising.	12th December, 9:30 26th February, 9:30
Councillors training: Social media skills for parish and town councillors	It has never been more important for councillors to understand social media. In the session we will go through the confusing world of social media communications. It is designed for both social media users and those new to it. During the session you will learn where to focus your time and effort. We will point out the pitfalls. Consider difficult situations. Most importantly we will help you as a councillor to get the most from social media.	13th November 18:30 14th January, 18:30

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Course	Description	Date(s)
Emotional intelligence and resilience in practice for clerks, councillors and officers	This a practical workshop to help you thrive in your council role. We provide council officers and councillors with an understanding of where our behaviour comes from, we consider what resilience means in the context of our council roles and how to build emotional intelligence. We'll explore council-focused scenarios and how best to respond to each of them.	Awaiting new dates
Councillors training: Chairing council and public meetings effectively	The effective chairing of meetings is a good skill for a councillor to have. This session is for councillors that have been recently elected. It is also aimed at those wanting a refresher. During the session we will consider how to effectively prepare for meetings. How to get the most out of the meetings you chair and dealing with tricky situations.	11th November, 18:30 29th January, 18:30
Canva Part 1—Getting started	Canva is a design tool that can be used for free. It allows you to quickly create posters, newsletters, and other physical documents. You can also create images and videos for social media and websites. This session is for people who have never used Canva before. We will go through the basics and show you how to get the most out of the free version. Our goal is to get you started with Canva and to help your Council to communicate better.	21st November 9:30 30th January, 9:30
Canva Part 2—Advanced	During the session we will focus on the advanced features of Canva. This session is for experienced users of it. In part 2 of our Canva training we will show you how your Council can get more out of it. For instance, creating complex designs and a brand for your Council. We will also cover integrating Canva with social media. There will be a particular focus on creating social media videos and using the scheduling tools.	19th December, 9:30 11th February, 9:30

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Data Protection for councils Part 1: Foundations & theory	· ·	
Data Protection for councils Part 2: Accountability and lawfulness	This session deep dives into how councils demonstrate accountability with UK GDPR, considering the different lawful bases for the processing of personal data. Also how to create the policies and documents required for local councils. We will explore the requirements of the published Privacy Notice, how to create Legitimate Interest Assessments and Data Protection Impact Assessments.	18th November, 9:30 20th January, 9:30
Data Protection for councils Part 3: Data subject rights and information security	In this session we consider how to deal with data subject rights requests, including Subject Access Requests (SARs). We explore the steps to take to ensure you are compliant and consider what exemptions may apply. There is also an introduction to information security for local councils and what this means in practice.	2nd December, 9:30 3rd February, 9:30
Councillors training: Data protection training for parish and town councillors	This session clarifies a councillor's legal responsibilities to themself and the council. We will guide you on the right procedures and best practice. We will also Introduce Freedom of Information and the implications it has for councillors.	2nd December, 18:30 24th February, 18:30
Freedom of Information for local councils: obligations,	This course examines the obligations of local councils regarding Freedom of Information (FOI). We	9th December, 9:30 10th February, 9:30

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use of exemptions.

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discuss the necessary policies and procedures. How your council could ensure awareness among officers and councillors about FOI. Consider the steps to follow when managing an FOI request including the

Courses delivered directly by LALC or partners

CiLCA	Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils		CiLCA COGNISED TRAINER
Description	Date(s)	Fee	Location
Introductory session available for candidates to decide whether they are ready to pursue this qualification. To obtain CiLCA it is advisable that you have at least 12-months' experience of local government procedures. This is a Level 3 qualification equivalent to A' Level standard and you will need approximately 200 hours to complete your portfolio.	29th January 13:00—16:00	Introductory session is free	LALC Office Dunholme Old School Market Rasen Road Dunholme LN2 3QR
To attend the formal CiLCA training sessions (below), the LALC fee applies. This fee includes 6-months' mentoring.		£275 plus VAT	
When you are ready to register for the CiLCA qualification, the SLCC fee will apply. (Payable direct to SLCC).		£450 (no VAT)	

FTF sessions are held at the LALC Office: Dunholme Old School, Market Rasen Road, Dunholme, LN2 3QR

CiLCA Day 1 (FTF): LO1—LO10	
CiLCA Day 2 (FTF): LO11—LO20	6th November, 10:00—16:00
CiLCA Day 3 (FTF): LO21—LO30	4th December, 10:00—16:00

Remote sessions are all held via Zoom

CiLCA Day 1 (Remote):	26th February, 10:00—13:00
CiLCA Day 2 (Remote):	26th March, 10:00—13:00
CiLCA Day 3 (Remote):	23rd April, 10:00—13:00
CiLCA Day 4 (Remote):	4th June, 10:00—13:00

Offerings from LALC partners

Dispute Resolution Programme

Personnel
Advice &
Solutions Ltd

(Chris Moses)

Personnel Advice & Solutions Ltd has produced a Dispute Resolution Programme aimed at councils struggling with employment issues. The purpose of the programme is to help councillors understand their role as employers, the employment laws that affect how they carry out that role, and practical steps to address employment disputes. The programme consists of three separate 30 minute Zoom recordings that can be sent to the council, and then distributed to all councillors for them to watch in their own time.

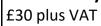
For further details contact p.d.solutions@zen.co.uk

Module	Description	Fee
1—Awareness	Helps councillors and employees understand their role as employers and managers and understand what they can and cannot do. It explains the unique working environment that makes town and parish Councils very different from other employers, and how that environment is prone to disputes.	£150 plus VAT
2—Legal issues	Explains what a Council's legal obligations are, the need to comply with statutory guidelines, and the current legal framework that determines how disputes can be addressed in town and parish councils. It addresses: The causes of conflict and disputes; What legal action can be taken against councils and councillors who mismanage employee disputes; Understanding the ACAS Guidelines and requirements of the Localism Act 2011 for resolving employee disputes and Code of Conduct complaints.	£150 plus VAT
3—Practical issues	Helps Councils to work within the spirit of the ACAS Guidelines to resolve disputes between councillors and employees, as well as fully comply with all of their legal obligations. It discusses various informal options to resolve the problem. Plus if the matter has to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer, it helps Councils to effectively support employees through that process. Including: The importance of employment procedures that are fair and transparent, right for small organisations and understood by all parties, as required by the ACAS Guidelines; Understanding the difference between a Grievance and a Code of Conduct complaint; Steps to support an employee whose health is affected by a dispute; Supporting an employee to make a balanced, evidenced and professional complaint to the Monitoring Officer, if necessary and appropriate.	£150 plus VAT
Ad-hoc Zoom session	We can also conduct a Zoom meeting (30 – 60 minutes), with Councils to discuss the points covered by these modules.	£250 plus VAT

Lincolnshire Asso	SICC For Local Council Professionals .
Date	Venue
26th November 9:30—15:30	Welbourn Village Hall 38A Beck Street Welbourn
	LN5 OLZ
	26th November

Health & Safety Awareness and Risk Assessments for councils —delivered by: £72.50 plus VAT	WO	rkiest
Description	Date	Venue
Join us for this interesting day which is being run in conjunction with our colleagues at ERNLLCA (East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Local Councils Association), and will be delivered by our H&S partner, Worknest.	29th October 9:30—15:30	Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall High Street Kirton in Lindsey Gainsborough DN21 4LZ
The event is suitable for clerks and councillors.	~ 0	Im
The morning session will be a presentation from Worknest on 'Health & Safety Awareness for Councils'.		
This will be followed in the afternoon session by Health & Safety Awareness workshops where delegates will be able to produce their own Risk Assessments with guidance from Worknest.		
Items to be covered are expected to be risk assessing meeting venues and events such as Remembrance and Christmas events as well as some of the employer duties that may face councils ensuring that employees and volunteers are safe.		
Refreshments and buffet lunch is included.		
Please note that free car parking is available in the Market Square.		

Allotment Management including
tenancy agreements and policies —
delivered by:





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Description	Date	Venue
Covering:	5th March	Zoom
Types of allotment, and the basics of	10:00—11:30	
legislation		
 Newer trends, including the inclusion of 		
allotments in new developments		
Land acquisition		
 Management options and responsibilities 		
 The pros & cons for the self-management 		
of allotments by Local Authorities		
What to include within the tenancy		
agreement		
Standard clauses in line with allotment		
legislation		
Templates available		
 Issues that can arise 		
 Practical tips, using examples from day-to- 		
day problems		

Allotment Management including site
facilities and health & safety —delivered
by:





 Site accessibility What types of facilities can be included on site? What policies and procedures need to be covered? The importance of plot cultivation and inspection Health and Safety risk assessments, insurance and implications for volunteers carrying out maintenance on site Security for sites Practical tips, using examples from day-to- 		50 pius VAI		
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Cemetery compliance and management (2 part)—delivered by:

£35 plus VAT



Description	Date	Venue
 Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 (LACO) General powers of management Compliance Registers and records Granting and extending exclusive rights of burial Consent Avoiding disputes Burials; depth, shallow graves Administration processes Grave digging – procedures, preparations, backfilling Memorials Creating burial space Exhumation Transfer of exclusive rights of burial All the topics listed above will be covered over the 2 session course Suitable for: cemetery staff at all levels, and those with a responsibility for cemeteries but who are not involved in their day-to-day management. 	Session 1 of 2 6th May 9:15—12:30 Session 2 of 2 7th May 9:15—12:30	MS TEAMS—link to be circulated by the presenter

Play areas—Routine Inspectors course (non exam) delivered by: £77.50 plus VAT	THE PLANT TO SELECT	The Play Inspection Co.
Description	Date	Venue
 Covering: The benefits of play Injuries occurring on playgrounds Legal responsibilities Inspection techniques for basic equipment types The inspection procedures of their verifying employer 	13th May 9:30—16:00	Washingborough Sports Pavilion Washingborough Playing Fields Fen Road Washingborough LN4 1AB
This is a non-exam course. The Play Inspection Company will issue a Certificate of Training to all participants who complete this course.		

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inspections on playground equipment; this could be for their own site/s or for other sites. There is no conflict of interest.	Washingborough Sports Pavilion Washingborough Playing Fields Fen Road Washingborough LN4 1AB Exam to be taken at: Station Road Recreation Ground Station Road Heighington LN4 1QJ

Seeking expressions of interest in IOSHH training

LALC are currently gathering expressions of interest for this in-person 1-day certified "Safety for Executives & Directors (SED)" training, delivered by our H&S partners, Worknest.

This course will help delegates develop an improved understanding of the moral, legal and business case for adopting a proactive approach to health and safety and will learn essential skills in effective risk management.

Please register your expression of interest on the event via the portal.

If enough people express interest then LALC will seek to arrange a course event with a specific date, start time and location and you will be notified and invited to book a place.

LALC will aim to arrange it during the period specified but this is subject to trainer and venue availability and cannot be guaranteed.

Limited places will be available and places will be taken on a first come first served basis.

The actual cost will be specified before booking a place.

An Expression of Interest is not a guarantee of a place nor a binding agreement that you will book a place if the event takes place.

Courses delivered directly by LALC or partners

eLearning - delivered by	<u>':</u>	oimblo	
£25 plus VAT per course.		nmble	
Essential Skills			
Course	Description		
Anti-bribery essentials	Explores what is, and what is not, considered bribery under UK law and provides tips and advice on staying compliant with the Bribery Act 2010. By the end of the course you should be able to: Define bribery and corruption Understand the Bribery Act 2010 and the penalties for breaking the law Recognise what constitutes a crime under the Bribery Act Know the six principles organisations should follow when designing their bribery policies and procedures Know what actions you should take should you suspect bribery		
Anti-money laundering essentials	identify and prevent be able to: Describe what they cove Explain how to	 Describe what money laundering is and how it is done Understand UK legislation and regulations regarding money laundering and what they cover Explain how to prevent money laundering Recognise the consequences of non-compliance with anti-money laundering 	
Customer service essentials	This course showcases effective communication with customers, arms you with a 'customer service toolkit', and explores managing complaints using the customer complaint resolution cycle. By the end of this course you should be able to: • Understand the principles of customer loyalty and how to build it through your interactions • Communicate more persuasively and effectively via the phone, video calls, face to face, and in writing • Provide a better level of customer service by using your customer service skills 'toolkit' • Understand the customer complaint resolution cycle and how to deal with common customer service challenges		
Data Protection essentials	 This course covers data protection regulations in the UK and provides essential training for anyone who is in the position of processing personal data. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise why fair and effective data management is important to individuals and society as a whole Understand relevant data protections legislation and regulations, along with the penalties for breaching these Work with information in a way that doesn't breach the date protection principles and individuals' rights Respond to requests for information from individuals in a way that is legal and effective 		

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Essential Skills			
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Display Screen Equipment (DSE) workstation assessment essentials	This course addresses the health and safety requirements of DSE and advises on posture and safe working techniques. You will learn how to complete your own DSE risk assessment that you can provide to your employer. By the end of this course, you should be able to: • Understand the importance of DSE workstation assessment • Identify whether you are a high, medium or low-risk user • Recognise the effects of poor posture • Adjust your posture so that you have a good posture while working • Adjust your workstation to suit you • Carry out a DSE risk assessment		
Environmental awareness essentials	This course addresses the environmental crisis and looks at what businesses can do to reduce their impact on climate change and other pressing environmental issues. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise the benefits of a greener approach to your working practices Know how positive action in the workplace can make a difference to our environment Take steps to reduce the negative impact your workplace can have on the environment Make waste management choices that are better for the planet		
Equality, diversity and inclusion essentials	This course addresses threats to equality such as discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and looks at how you can promote fairness, diversity and inclusion at work. By the end of this course, you should be able to: • Understand what is meant by 'equality', 'diversity' and 'inclusion', and recognise how they benefit us • Identify who is protected by the Equality Act, and explain what happens if their rights are compromised • Recognise discrimination and other unfair practices in the workplace and know how to act on them • Understand what you can do yourself to promote equality, diversity and inclusion		
Fire safety essentials	This course highlights the essentials of fire safety awareness in the office environment and when working from home. It explores best practice fire safety procedures and provides an overview of the equipment required under fire safety regulations. By the end of this course, you should be able to: • Understand employers' responsibilities under fire safety law • Prevent fires by using the fire triangle theory • Identify fire safety signs and appreciate the importance of knowing where they are in your workplace • Identify fire safety equipment and understand how it should be used • Recognise the need to periodically check fire safety procedures • Carry out the fire safety procedures in place for your organisation		

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Freedom of information essentials	 This course addresses the essentials of the Freedom of Information Act, highlighting who it applies to and how to handle and respond to different types of requests for information. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise when and where the main provisions of the Freedom of Information Act apply Understand the types of information that will be shared in an organisation's publication scheme Make or handle requests for information in an appropriate way Understand the rights of individuals under the Act and the consequences of not complying with the legislation 		
Health and safety essentials	 This course provides an understanding of potential health and safety issues at work, the legislation surrounding it, and how to improve safety in your workplace. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise what health and safety is important for individuals, employers and society as a whole Understand the frameworks of health and safety legislation Recognise the responsibilities your employer has for your health and safety Use a range of health and safety techniques and good practice to help keep yourself safe at work (and beyond) 		
Home working essentials	This course offers guidance on effective home working, and covers workspace set-up, safety at home, communicating remotely, and maintaining productivity. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Recognise the characteristics of an effective home working environment Develop and maintain safe home working behaviours Maintain effective information security and data protection practices Understand the important of good communication when working remotely Identify practical strategies to increase your productivity Recognise the importance of looking after your mental health and wellbeing		
Human factors essentials	This course explores the role and impact of human error in the workplace. You'll learn how to manage common 'error traps' and understand which Human Performance (HuP) tools you can use to mitigate error traps that can't be removed. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Understand the main types of errors that humans make Identify key workplace error traps in order to remove or manage them Recognise which Human Performance (HuP) tools can be used to mitigate error traps that can's be removed		

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Information security awareness essentials	 and explores best p work. By the end of Recognise why Identify secure Protect information Improve your a 	 Identify secure working practices to safeguard company data Protect information when working remotely and on mobile devise Improve your awareness of online risks and how to stay safe on the internet 	
Manual handling essentials	or lifting tasks, and the end of this cour. Recognise the part of the end of this cour. Appreciate the Assess a range of Plan moving an Use safer technical the end of the end	 Appreciate the importance of keeping yourself and colleagues safe from risk Assess a range of manual handling factors and take steps to reduce risks Plan moving and lifting tasks more effectively 	
Menopause essentials	Menopause sympto lack of understandir symptoms and underworkplace. By the e Recognise how	rane steps to a case a mere supporting tremplate for those experience.	
Modern slavery essentials	 This course explores the concept of modern day slavery and addresses the signs that might suggest a vulnerable person is being exploited. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Appreciate the extent of modern slavery in the UK and the many forms it takes Recognise the factors that can increase a person's risk of exploitation Spot signs of modern slavery and human trafficking that can help them identify potential victims Understand the measures available to punish perpetrators and support potential victims Report their suspicions or concerns to the appropriate organisation 		

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Essential Skills				
Course	Description			
Personal safety essentials	advice on how to ke travelling. By the er Recognise the Understand ho Avoid situation Practice safe by	 Understand how reducing 'opportunity' for criminals increases safety Avoid situations and environments that may place you at greater risk Practice safe behaviours at work, home, in public, and while travelling 		
Stress management essentials	strategies to better able to: • Understand an • Identify stress • Reduce your ex • Develop your of	 Understand and identify stress and why it can be detrimental for you Identify stress and stressors in yourself and others Reduce your exposure to stress Develop your own Wellness Action Plan 		
Team leadership essentials	leadership styles ar directions. By the e	Apply your knowledge of leadership styles in different situations		
Time management essentials	techniques that wil making you more p of this course, you • Understand wh • Recognise com	The state of the s		
Working at height essentials	law. It demonstrate the Working at Heig and follow best pra you should be able • Recall which ty • Recognise your Height Regulat • Identify risks m • Plan a safe app	o identify activities that are classed as work at height under the es how employers and employees need to work together under gh Regulations (2005) to implement safety measures, assess risks actice for any work performed at height. By the end of this course, to: Tope of activities classify as 'work at height' (WaH) To employer's and your own responsibilities under the Work at ions 2005 (WaH) Those commonly associated with working at height broach to performing work at height and leaning ladders safely		

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COSHH Essentials	 Every year, thousands of workers suffer from illnesses caused by hazardous substances in the workplace. By the end of this course, learners should be able to: Explain what COSHH is and why it's important in the workplace Identify and interpret the hazard symbols used in COSHH Recognise hazardous substances you might encounter at work and understand their risks to your health Use control measures and safe handling to minimise your exposure to hazardous substances 		
Infection Control Essentials	This course covers the fundamentals of how to slow the spread of those harmful microbes which can make us unwell. T he online learning is aimed at anyone who might come into contact with infections during their work. Reducing the spread of everyday illnesses is desirable for everyone. We all want fewer periods of illness and less risk of passing infection on to others!		
Unconscious Bias Essentials	Have you ever jumped to the wrong conclusion or misjudged someone you just met? We all do it, with just about everyone we come across. We make snap judgements about people based on the very little information we know about them. And mostly, we do it without even knowing. Our unconscious biases can have a big influence on how we feel about people and affect the decisions we make every day. Because these biases are often rooted in inaccurate or incomplete information, they can lead to unfair assumptions and poor decision-making, without us realising. This course aims to increase your awareness of unconscious bias and give practical tips on how you can reduce the effect it has on your decisions, attitudes and behaviour.		

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Local (parish and town) council courses		
Course	Description	
Introduction to local councils	This course was developed by Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) and is suitable for new councillors and council officers. It includes a range of activities to help you develop your knowledge of parish and town councils. By the end of this course, you should be able to: • Understand the role of the local councillor • Identify the council's purpose • Appreciate how decision are made • Identify the principles of public life • Recognise the council's legal context • Understand how the council manages its money	
Introduction to planning for local councils	This course was developed by Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) and is suitable for new councillors and council officers. It includes a range of activities to help you develop your knowledge of parish and town councils. By the end of this course, you should know: What is planning? Role of the Parish Council What is controlled by planning Types of planning applications Material & non-material considerations The parish council recommendation Planning conditions Developer contributions	
Understanding precepts	This course was developed by Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) and is suitable for councillors, clerks and other officers who may be new to the role or would like information on what the precept is and how it works for the council. By the end of this course, you should know: What a precept is and how a Parish Council receives it What a Parish Council needs to do in preparation for setting it How a Parish Council can justify the money it seeks Who should be consulted	

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Course	Description		
Standards in public life Civility 8 Respect N COLABORATION WITH SLCC NALC OWN. COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	This module is primarily designed to support those elected or co-opted and/or working in local councils, to understand the principles of conduct expected of all councillors. Information is based upon national model code of conduct produced by The Local Government Association but recognises that councillors must abide by your own council's code of conduct, and so also provides some generic support for those wishing to better understand the behaviours expected of all councillors.		
Respectful and positive social media for councils and councillors Civility 8 Respect	This introductory module from Breakthrough Communications will consider the opportunities and risks associated with social media from a civility and respect perspective. It will explore a range of proactive and pre-emptive strategies councils and councillors can put in place to set themselves up for success. It will explore what to do if things go wrong and how to manage a range of scenarios from trolling to harassment and what practical steps you can take,		
Leadership in challenging situations for councils and councillors Civility 8 Respect	This introductory module from Breakthrough Communications will consider different leadership styles in the context of your role at the council, exploring which styles we personally 'default' to and which styles can work effectively for different situations. It will also discover how to build, support and get the most from an effective and motivated team.		
An introduction to emotional Intelligence and personal resilience Civility 8 Respect NI COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, GOVE, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	This introductory module from Breakthrough Communications will develop a better understanding of where our behaviour comes from and will consider what emotional intelligence and resilience means for us in the context of our roles within the council. There will be opportunities to explore role-focussed scenarios and consider how we might respond to them. It will also explore strategies to deal with and manage a range of situations.		

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An introduction to changing behaviours Civility 8 Respect N COLLABORATION WITH SLCC. NAIL, OVEN, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	Best-selling author and leading authority on resilience and behavioural agility, Liggy Webb, teaches us how we can rewire our brains to form new neural connections, freeing ourselves from pre-learnt behaviours to bring about positive change. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Be aware of how habits and behaviours form Understand the psychological habit loop Identify and focus on what you want to change Set yourself an action plan to make positive behavioural changes	
An introduction to resilience Civility 8 Respect IN COLABORATION WITH SLCC. MALC. OWN. COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	Webb, brings us the personal resilience the end of this cour Understand the Be more aware Think positively	and leading authority on resilience and behavioural agility, Liggy a core principles and practical advice needed to build our via positivity and the ability to successfully deal with change. By se, you should be able to: a fundamental principles of personal resilience of the benefits of being open and receptive to change or and view challenges more optimistically responsibility and commit to positive action
An introduction to behavioural agility Civility & Respect IN COLABORATION WITH SLCC. NAAC. CAVA. COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	Best-selling author and leading authority on resilience and behavioural agility, Liggy Webb, shows us how to reduce unhealthy stress and lighten our loads by adopting a growth mindset and embracing change. By the end of this course, you should be able to: Adopt a growth mindset and explore your potential Understand how to positively embrace change as an essential evolution for personal success Let go of unhelpful thinking and learn to manage uncertainty and complexity Tap into your dynamic capability and be bolder	
Mental health awareness Civility & Respect IN COLABORATION WITH SLCC. NAUC. COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS	highlight the issues equipped with prac	n developed by healthcare training experts, Espirita. It seeks to related to mental health disorders and ensure that learners are tical knowledge on how to recognise, manage and support those mental health—which could include themselves.

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LALC Training Bulletin—October 2024

After each training session you will be sent an email asking you to complete a short feedback form (**CLICK ON THE FEEDBACK LINK**). Please take the time to complete this. Without your feedback, we cannot assess the effectiveness of the training we provide.

If you're looking for training not currently on our schedule, please let us know.

The LALC Annual Training Scheme (ATS): 1st April 2025—31st March 2026

CORE training is included in the ATS. This covers essential training that is common to all councils. Light refreshments e.g. tea/coffee are provided. Member councils will be invoiced £13.00 plus VAT per delegate to cover lunch for full day (in-person) events.

Councils who are not members of the ATS can still attend but additional charges apply (as per non-core training below).

NON-CORE training is not included in the ATS and an additional charge of £35 plus VAT per delegate for any morning/afternoon/evening session (including refreshments) will apply. There will be a charge of £77.50 plus VAT per delegate for an all-day in person event (including lunch and refreshments). An all-day remote session will be charged at £65 plus VAT.

Non-core charges apply to ATS and non-ATS members.

Please note that ATS charges are in addition to the LALC annual membership fees.

Bookings

Bookings should be made by the Clerk via the online portal, unless otherwise specified. When booking via the portal, **please ensure that delegate email addresses are correct**, otherwise they will not receive joining instructions. For those courses specifying 'contact LALC', email enquiries@lalc.co.uk.
*Please notify us if a delegate has specific dietary, learning or access requirements when booking.

Cancellations

- For part day courses please ensure we receive cancellations at least 48 hours in advance
- For full day events please ensure we receive cancellations at least 5 working days in advance, as we need to pre-order and pay for lunches

Due to persistent non-attendance at booked events, it is unfortunate that LALC have had to amend the way we impose our cancellation fees. All members are charged 50% of the training cost when insufficient notice is received (as above) for non-attendance at training events. No shows will be charged at 100% of the course fee. All charges are regardless of whether the council is a member of the ATS or not.

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