



# Council subscriptions, and membership of, and work with, external bodies

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Report by: Clerk

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The council has the following memberships for 2024-25:

Body	Annual Renewal	Current Cost (ex VAT)	Benefits
LALC - Annual membership	April	£855	Membership of County Association of Local Councils (part of National Association); access to advice/information; network of other local councils; newsletters. Membership fee is based on size of electorate.
LALC - Annual Training Scheme	April	£165	Allows Councillor/staff attendance at LALC core training sessions (plus small charge for lunch/refreshments on full day physical courses); enables networking with other councils/Clerks. Non-core courses attract an additional charge.
ICCM (Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management)	April	£100	Access to knowledge, technical and legal advice, discounted training; ICCM Journal; newsletters; best practice guidance, branch meetings; Access to the only accredited qualifications specifically designed for cemetery staff

The Council currently funds the following staff professional memberships:

Body	Annual Renewal	Cost	Benefits
SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) Principal membership - Clerk	July	£350 last year.	Professional body for Clerks; access to advice and information; bi-monthly 'The Clerk' magazine; access to training; discount voucher on training, template policies and procedures
SLCC Fellow membership – Assistant Clerk	February	£177	As above
Grounds Management Association <sup>1</sup> - Grounds Manager	March	£50	Professional body for Grounds staff; access to advice and information; newsletters; discount on training.

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly known as Institute of Groundsmanship



As per the agreed Training & Development Policy<sup>2</sup>, Council has already agreed its commitment to membership of LALC and SLCC and has agreed to maintain professional membership for staff as appropriate to their role.

### Work with Bodies

Body	Information
SLCC	The clerk(s) are members of the Lincolnshire Branch including committee. Clerk to report back via email updates to cllrs.
CRT	The council/Saxilby Waterfront Working Group has a historical agreement in place relating to maintaining the waterfront for example through the volunteer days – this is due for review Saxilby Waterfront to report back via established updates to planning committee.

### Arrangements with other local authorities/bodies

Body	Information
WLDC	<b>SLA: Devolved litter picking and bin emptying.</b> The parish council runs the devolved service. Currently £6,478pa. SLA currently in place until 31 March 2027 and can be renewed for a further three years upon mutual agreement. Council to review when up for renewal 2027.
LCC	<b>Agreement: Highways grass cutting.</b> The council cuts the verges on behalf of LCC in the parish. Agreement is on this month's agenda. The contribution rate for 2024-25 from LCC is £2,580pa based on a total area of 24,572m <sup>2</sup> . Council to review when up for renewal 2025-26.  <b>SLA: Community Hub (Library).</b> The council runs the community hub library on behalf of LCC. The contribution rate for 2024-25 from LCC is £5,167pa. Agreement is on this month's agenda. Council to review when up for renewal 2025-26.

All the above have been factored into this year's budgets. Please note the SLCC memberships when up for renewal, may be slightly higher, if there have been any salary increases.

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

- That Council agrees to the continued memberships, and work/arrangements with external bodies and note reporting back methods.
- The CRT agreement is reviewed – adding to the action log to progress.

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<sup>2</sup> Saxilby Parish Council Training & Development Policy