



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

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Report by: Clerk

Report to: Full Council 05/2023

The council has the following memberships for 2023-24:

Body	Annual Renewal	Current Cost (ex VAT)	Benefits
LALC - Annual membership	April	£802.14	Membership of County Association of Local Councils (part of National Association); access to advice/information; access to network of other local councils; newsletters. Membership fee is based on size of electorate.
LALC - Annual Training Scheme	April	£155	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	£95	Access to knowledge, advice, training; ICCM Journal; newsletters; best practice guidance.

The Council currently funds the following staff professional memberships:

Body	Annual Renewal	Cost	Benefits
SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) Principal membership - Clerk	July	£226 last year. *Fee is dependent on salary	Professional body for Clerks; access to advice and information; bi-monthly 'The Clerk' magazine; access to training; discount voucher on training.



SLCC Fellow membership – Assistant Clerk	February	£177. *Fee is dependent on salary	As above
Grounds Management Association ¹ - Grounds Manager	March	£50	Professional body for Grounds staff; access to advice and information; newsletters; discount on training.

As per the agreed Training & Development Policy², 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, for example, Grounds Management Association.

Work with Bodies

Body	Information
SLCC	The clerk(s) are members of the Lincolnshire Branch including committee
CRT	The council/Bridge Street Working Group has an agreement in place in relation to maintaining the Waterfront for example through the volunteer days

Arrangements with other local authorities/bodies

Body	Information
WLDC	SLA: Devolved litter picking and bin emptying. The parish council runs the devolved service. SLA currently in place until 31 March 2024 and can be renewed for a further three years upon mutual agreement.
LCC	Agreement: Highways grass cutting. The council cuts the verges on behalf of LCC in the parish. Annually renewed in March. SLA: Community Hub (Library). The council runs the community hub library on behalf of LCC.

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.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- That Council agrees to the continued memberships as well as work and arrangements with external bodies as outlined above

¹ Formerly known as Institute of Groundsmanship

² Saxilby Parish Council Training & Development Policy