

Why become a member?

Advice & Ongoing Support

Membership of ChALC gives your Council a unique package of valuable resources, training, assistance and advice as well as your local opinions, comments and needs being represented to key stakeholders, policy makers and service providers by ChALC's influential voice.

Members also get a **25% discount** on locally delivered training AND on other training or services we provide

Training & Development

ChALC is highly responsive to your Council's needs with foundation training for new councillors, support for the Local Council Award Scheme, and ready to support if you are suddenly faced with an employment crisis.

Access & Influence

As ChALC's Local Councils together spend around £5 million every year, you significantly contribute to our area's vital economy, so your Council deserves to be heard. ChALC ensures this happens at local and national levels through our active membership of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

Influence on policy making bodies:

- On Government at national level through the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)
- At sub-regional level through the co-ordination of the views of the 200+ Town and Parish Council Members in the ChALC area
- With prompt access to information on matters of concern or interest to Local Councils at Unitary, Regional and National Levels.

Membership

Membership is open to all Town & Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in Cheshire, Warrington, Halton and Trafford.

Subscriptions are made both fair and affordable by relating them to the number of electors within your boundary.

You can apply for membership now by asking Sharon Angus-Crawshaw or Nikki Hewitt for further details:

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Benefits of Membership



Cheshire Association of Local Councils

Supporting and promoting the interests of Local Councils since 1947

Contact us at:

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Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 4AW

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Here are just some of the services and benefits ChALC offers...

Advice & Ongoing Support

A one-stop shop for service ranging from frequently asked questions to current hot topics, eg.

- Rapid response email service & telephone advice line Mon-Fri, 0900-1700 hours
- Website with exclusive Members Only access to key documents
- Regular updates and e-bulletins to keep you informed
- Model versions of essential documents eg. Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Employment Contracts and more
- Advice on employment matters, ranging from general best practice to an urgent single issue
- Assistance with locating and understanding local government legislation, policy and procedures as and when you need it
- Clarification of council finance and audit requirements and options
- Application and advice on the Code of Conduct for Councillors
- Prompt, relevant interpretation of new law and access to specialist legal advice
- Guidance on the impact of national policy and requirements

Training & Development

Aimed at Clerks, Chairmen, Councillors and support staff, helping them to achieve:

- Knowledge of their roles, powers and duties – from basic information to enhanced skills
- Advice and guidance about the Local Council Award Scheme
- Understand how to exercise greater financial freedom through the 'General Power of Competence'
- Attainment of the respected qualification – the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)
- Increased community engagement, eg. Neighbourhood Planning...

...to name but a few – and all at specially discounted prices for Members



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Access & Influence

By speaking or voting at the ChALC AGM or being elected onto its Executive Board Members can directly influence ChALC policy.

Our Larger Councils are eligible to join the NALC Direct Access Scheme which enables direct contact with the Legal Team and Policy Department at NALC.

Through ChALC's active involvement with partner organisations, Members are able to enjoy the benefits of:

- Facilitated networking opportunities and direct engagement with partners and decision makers;
- Engagement with Principal Authorities as a co-ordinated group of Councils.

Representation, through ChALC, on the:

- National Association of Local Councils
- Consultative bodies and local forums
- Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership
- Cheshire East Leaders Board
- Cheshire West and Chester Town and Parish Connexions