

Welcome to our monthly training bulletin.
Please share this with your councillors and other staff.

What's New This Month?



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Picking up contact information when booking places

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 Practitioners' Guide (Section 4—Best practice guidance for internal audit).

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Course	Description	Date(s)	Location
Councillor Induction & Refresher	<p>Aimed at councillors with or without any experience, covering topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	18th March 18:00—21:00	Zoom
		Limited places available.	
		8th May 18:00—21:00	Zoom
		8th July 13:00—16:00	LALC Office Dunholme Old School Market Rasen Road Dunholme LN2 3QR
Effective Meetings	<p>Ideal for new clerks and an excellent refresher for existing clerks, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	Awaiting new date	
End of Year & Audit Processes	<p>Ideal for new and experienced Clerks.</p> <p>Topics Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 SOLD OUT	Zoom
		12th March 13:30—16:30	Zoom
		25th March 13:00—16:00	North Kyme Village Hall Vacherie Lane North Kyme LN4 4DL


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JADU	Webmaster Tony Shaw will be providing short bite-sized themed sessions on specific functions of the JADU website (for those councils who use the free LCC website). If there is sufficient demand, we will look to organise an evening session for those who are unable to attend the daytime session.		
JADU: Agendas and minutes—How to post them on the website		Awaiting new dates.	
JADU: Announcement and news items—How to use them		7th February 10:00—11:00 SOLD OUT 10th February 18:00—19:00	Zoom Zoom
JADU: Homepages—What they are and how to build them		21st February 10:00—11:00 SOLD OUT 3rd March 18:00—19:00	Zoom Zoom
New Clerk's Induction 	The New Clerk's Induction day covers the key points and duties for the Clerk's role.	20th February 10:00—16:00	LALC Office Dunholme Old School Market Rasen Road Dunholme LN2 3QR

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<p>Introduction to Planning – National Planning Policy Framework, delivered by: Andrew Towlerton of Andrew Towlerton Associates.</p>		
Description	Date	Venue
<p>The government published the new version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in December 2024. This is at the heart of the government’s ‘blitz’ of planning reforms, especially as the NPPF sets out the government’s planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.</p> <p>This webinar will outline the key aspects of the government reforms contained in the NPPF and more generally that will have implications for local councils and explore how they are likely to work in practice.</p>	<p>Earlier dates SOLD OUT</p> <p>13th March 18:00—19:00</p>	<p>Zoom</p>

<p>Introduction to Planning —delivered by: Andrew Towlerton of Andrew Towlerton Associates.</p>		
Description	Date	Venue
<p>In this session we aim to help councils understand their role within the planning system and how to get the most out of it. It will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles and responsibilities of local councils in planning • Local plan making • The new version of the National Planning Policy Framework • Guidance on how to respond effectively to planning applications • Use of material considerations and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) system. 	<p>11th February 18:30—20:30</p>	<p>Zoom</p>

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=l6PVMOW1dmE>

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10:00—11:40am **unless otherwise specified***



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Course	Description	Date(s)
VAT for VAT registered councils	<p>For clerks, finance staff and councillors from councils that are VAT registered, who wish to develop their knowledge.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>11th February, 10:00 1st May, 10:00 24th June, 10:00</p>
Finance for Councillors	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>4th March, 10:00 24th April, 10:00 3rd June, 10:00 10th July, 10:00</p>
New clerk's finance	<p>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.</p> <p>Topics include: Roles and responsibilities; Setting a budget and precept; Internal control; The Annual Governance & Accountability Return; Internal and external audit.</p>	<p>26th March, 10:00 8th May, 10:00 17th June, 10:00 17th July, 10:00</p>
VAT—Partial exemption	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>4th February, 10:00 19th June, 10:00</p>

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10:00—11:30am **unless otherwise specified***



Course	Description	Date(s)
Introduction to VAT (VAT for unregistered councils - VAT126)	<p>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.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	18th February, 10:00 27th March, 10:00 29th April, 10:00 5th June, 10:00 15th July, 10:00
Procurement Act 2023	<p>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 will now come into force on 24 February 2025 and replaces the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.</p> <p>This session is an introduction to the basics of procurement for local councils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting quotes • Producing specifications and tender documentation • Achieving competition and value for money • Managing contracts. 	27th February, 10:00 22nd April, 10:00 12th June, 10:00
Internal controls	<p>This session give councillors and clerks an understanding of the need for internal controls and how they work, with practical examples* and case studies.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles and responsibilities • Financial risks • Purpose of internal controls • Case studies • Examples of controls • Review of internal controls 	19th February, 10:00 2nd April, 10:00 28th May, 10:00 23rd July, 10:00

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Budgeting	<p>This session is aimed at officers of parish & town councils, who are involved in preparing and monitoring their council's budgets.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting a budget and precept • Contingencies and reserves • How the council tax base affects the budget • Inflation • Budget monitoring 	22nd July, 10:00
The role of internal audit	<p>This session explains the role of the internal auditor in providing assurance to the council that it has sound financial controls.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	5th March, 10:00
Year end and audit—councils over £25,000	<p>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.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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Year end & transparency— councils under £25,000	<p>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.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing the accounts • Exemption from external audit • Internal audit • Reviewing internal control • The Annual Return • Electors rights • Transparency and publication requirements 	<p>6th March, 10:00 18th March, 10:00 19th March, 18:30</p>
Income & expenditure accounts (for larger councils)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing the accounts • Debtors and creditors • Assets and borrowing • Internal audit • Reviewing internal control • The Annual Return • Electors rights • Publication requirements 	<p>13th March, 10:00 25th March, 10:00</p>

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Council Communications All sessions held via Zoom. 1.5-2 hours. £30 plus VAT (pre 31st March)/£35 plus VAT (from 1st April).		
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.	31st March, 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.	12th February, 9:30 14th April, 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.	19th February, 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.	24th February, 13:00 17th March, 9:30
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 February, 13:00 5th March, 9:30 20th March, 9:30

Book Breakthrough Communications training via:

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

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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.	4th February, 9:30 7th March, 13:00
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.	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.	13th March, 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.	26th February, 9:30 26th March, 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.	5th February, 18:30 10th March, 18:30

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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.	7th April, 18:00
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.	2nd April, 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.	11th February, 9:30 30th April, 9:30

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Data Protection for councils Part 1: Foundations & theory	It is important that councils have the most up-to-date understanding of data protection legislation. They should also have a good grasp of their data protection obligations. This introductory session covers the theory and core principles of UK GDPR and other relevant legislation and explains what policies, practices and processes local councils need to have in place.	7th March, 9:30
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.	14th March, 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.	3rd February, 9:30 18th April, 9:30 25th April, 9:30
Councillors training: Data protection training for parish and town councillors	This session clarifies a councillor's legal responsibilities to themselves 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.	24th February, 18:30 24th March, 18:00
Freedom of Information for local councils: obligations, procedures and exemptions	This course examines the obligations of local councils regarding Freedom of Information (FOI). We 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 use of exemptions.	10th February, 9:30 28th April, 9:30



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CiLCA		 	
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.	Awaiting new date	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	Awaiting new dates
CiLCA Day 2 (FTF): LO11—LO20	Awaiting new dates
CiLCA Day 3 (FTF): LO21—LO30	Awaiting new dates

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

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Offerings from LALC partners

Dispute Resolution Programme		 (Chris Moses)
<p>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.</p> <p>For further details contact p.d.solutions@zen.co.uk</p>		
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

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<p>Allotment Management including tenancy agreements and policies — delivered by: £30 plus VAT</p>	
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Description	Date	Venue
<p>Covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of allotment, and the basics of 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 	<p>5th March 10:00—11:30</p>	<p>Zoom</p>


<p>Allotment Management including site facilities and health & safety —delivered by: £30 plus VAT</p>	
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Description	Date	Venue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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-day problems 	<p>12th March 10:00—11:30</p>	<p>Zoom</p>

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<p>Cemetery compliance and management (2 part)—delivered by: £35 plus VAT</p>		
Description	Date	Venue
<p>Course overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>All the topics listed above will be covered over the 2 session course</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Session 1 of 2 6th May 9:15—12:30</p> <p>Session 2 of 2 7th May 9:15—12:30</p>	<p>MS TEAMS—link to be circulated by the presenter</p>

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<p>Play areas—Routine Inspectors course (non exam) delivered by: £78 plus VAT</p>	 <p>The Play Inspection Co.</p>	
Description	Date	Venue
<p>Covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The benefits of play • Injuries occurring on playgrounds • Legal responsibilities • Inspection techniques for basic equipment types • The inspection procedures of their verifying employer <p>This is a non-exam course. The Play Inspection Company will issue a Certificate of Training to all participants who complete this course.</p>	<p>13th May 9:30—16:00</p> <p>SOLD OUT— Contact LALC in case of cancellations</p>	<p>Washingborough Sports Pavilion Washingborough Playing Fields Fen Road Washingborough LN4 1AB</p>

<p>Play areas—Routine Inspectors course (with exam) delivered by: £78 plus £130 RPII exam fee - plus VAT</p>	 <p>The Play Inspection Co.</p>	
Description	Date	Venue
<p>Covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The benefits of play • Injuries occurring on playgrounds • Legal responsibilities • Inspection techniques for basic equipment types • The inspection procedures of their verifying employer <p>At the end of the day delegates will take the Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII) Routine inspector exam, which would qualify the delegate to conduct daily/weekly inspections on playground equipment; this could be for their own site/s or for other sites. There is no conflict of interest.</p>	<p>14th May 9:30—16:00</p> <p>SOLD OUT— Contact LALC in case of cancellations</p>	<p>Washingborough Sports Pavilion Washingborough Playing Fields Fen Road Washingborough LN4 1AB</p> <p>Exam to be taken at:</p> <p>Station Road Recreation Ground Station Road Heighington LN4 1QJ</p>

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<p>First Aid at Work—delivered by Medrock Training Limited £78 plus VAT</p>		
Description	Date	Venue
<p>Upon completion participants will receive a certificate, in recognition of demonstrating competence in Emergency First Aid at Work.</p> <p>The certificate is valid for 3 years.</p> <p>If you've done this course before, please check your certificate in case it has expired/is due to expire soon. If so, here's your opportunity to get it renewed.</p>	<p>10th June 9:30—16:00</p> <p>28th October 9:30—16:00</p>	<p>Dunholme Old School 8 Market Rasen Road Dunholme LN2 3QR</p>

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.

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Courses delivered directly by LALC or partners

eLearning - delivered by: £25 plus VAT per course.		
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	This aims to increase awareness of money laundering and offers tips on how to identify and prevent it within your organisation. By the end of the course you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 legislation 	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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		
Course	Description	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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<p>Essential Skills</p>	
<p>Course</p>	<p>Description</p>
<p>Freedom of information essentials</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Health and safety essentials</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
<p>Home working essentials</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Human factors essentials</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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Essential Skills		
Course	Description	
Information security awareness essentials	This course addresses the different threats to an organisation’s information security and explores best practices for keeping data safe, whenever and wherever you work. By the end of this course, you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise why information security is essential to organisations • Identify secure working practices to safeguard company data • Protect information when working remotely and on mobile device • Improve your awareness of online risks and how to stay safe on the internet • Respond to and report information security issues 	
Manual handling essentials	This course outlines manual handling risks, advises on how to properly plan moving or lifting tasks, and looks at proper technique to be used when manual handling. By the end of this course, you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the potential risks of injury from manual handling tasks • 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 • Use safer technique when handling loads—individually, as a team, and with common workplace aids 	
Menopause essentials	This course helps you become more ‘menopause aware’ and overcomes the stigma. Menopause symptoms affect 75% of all women and yet there’s still a widespread lack of understanding and reluctance to talk about it. It will help you recognise symptoms and understand the impact menopause can have on you and your workplace. By the end of this course, you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise how menopause affects women in different ways • Take steps to create a more supportive workplace for those experiencing menopause 	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	This course seeks to improve personal safety awareness and provides tips and advice on how to keep yourself at work, at home, in public places and while travelling. By the end of this course, you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the importance of confidence and preparation in staying safe • 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 • Know what to do if you feel unwell or become a victim of crime 	
Stress management essentials	This course explains what stress is, looks at ways to reduce stress and offers coping strategies to better manage stress levels. By the end of this course, you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Implement coping strategies in your work and personal life 	
Team leadership essentials	This course explores what it means to be an effective team leader by examining leadership styles and the essential skills required to get a team to thrive under your directions. By the end of this course, you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand your own leadership style • Apply your knowledge of leadership styles in different situations • Know how to build relationships and engage your team members • Identify and employ effective team leadership skills and techniques 	
Time management essentials	This course will help you claim back control of your time with easy-to-implement techniques that will help you better manager and organise your daily workload, making you more productive in your role and, by default, everyday life. By the end of this course, you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand why good time management is important • Recognise common challenges to effective time management • Apply techniques to improve your own time management skills 	
Working at height essentials	This course helps to identify activities that are classed as work at height under the law. It demonstrates how employers and employees need to work together under the Working at Heigh Regulations (2005) to implement safety measures, assess risks and follow best practice for any work performed at height. By the end of this course, you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall which type of activities classify as 'work at height' (WaH) • Recognise your employer's and your own responsibilities under the Work at Height Regulations 2005 (WaH) • Identify risks most commonly associated with working at height • Plan a safe approach to performing work at height • Use stepladders 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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<p>Local (parish and town) council courses</p>	
<p>Course</p>	<p>Description</p>
<p>Introduction to local councils</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the role of the local councillor • Identify the council's purpose • Appreciate how decisions are made • Identify the principles of public life • Recognise the council's legal context • Understand how the council manages its money
<p>Introduction to planning for local councils</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Understanding precepts</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Human factors essentials</p> 	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the main types of errors that humans make • Identify key workplace error traps to remove or manage them • Recognise which HuP tools can be used to mitigate error traps that can't be removed

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Standards in public life 	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 	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 	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 	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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Course	Description	
An introduction to changing behaviours 	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	Best-selling author and leading authority on resilience and behavioural agility, Liggy Webb, brings us the core principles and practical advice needed to build our personal resilience via positivity and the ability to successfully deal with change. By the end of this course, you should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the fundamental principles of personal resilience • Be more aware of the benefits of being open and receptive to change • Think positively and view challenges more optimistically • Take personal responsibility and commit to positive action 	
An introduction to behavioural agility 	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	This course has been developed by healthcare training experts, Espirita. It seeks to highlight the issues related to mental health disorders and ensure that learners are equipped with practical knowledge on how to recognise, manage and support those suffering from poor mental health—which could include themselves.	

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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 £78 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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