



**ChALC exists to support local councils and parish meetings exercise good governance and deliver excellence in services to local communities in a way that complies with the legislative requirements placed upon them**

## **Why should your council be a member?**

### **Membership gives your council ACCESS to: -**

#### **Legal, procedural, compliance and financial advisory services**

Information, model documents and advice and support are available from the ChALC staff team, or via secure members only access on the ChALC website. More complex queries can also be referred to the Legal Department at the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), Breakthrough Communications (for data protection etc) or to Steve Parkinson at the Parkinson Partnership (for VAT and financial issues), at no additional cost.

#### **Employment Support**

We provide advice and support on a range of day-to-day employment issues and can share helpful information to assist Local Councils in their role as employers. Our members can also access support and services from WorkNest (as part of their membership) on a range of topics. ChALC also offer a Clerk's Job Evaluation service, which provides a recommended pay grade matched to the specific operations at your council.

#### **National Association of Local Councils (NALC)**

Established in 1947, the National Association of Local Councils is the only national body that represents the interests of 10,000 local (parish and town) councils in England. NALC works in partnership with county associations to support, promote and improve local councils and membership of NALC is included in the ChALC subscription fee.

#### **'Members Only' access in ChALC Website**

The ChALC website provides 24/7 access to a range of information, guidance and model documents, which can only be accessed and downloaded by members who sign-in.

#### **Dedicated and friendly ChALC Staff Team support**

The ChALC staff team can be contacted for advice, guidance and website password support from Monday to Friday via e-mail or the office phone. A mobile number provides additional support and is an emergency contact when the office is not available.

## **Membership gives your council OPPORTUNITIES : -**

### **Influence, Consultation and Awareness Raising**

ChALC will ask for your feedback and use your local knowledge and experience to highlight emerging issues to the principal authorities or to celebrate achievements. Member councils can submit motions for debate and action at the ChALC Annual Meeting. We will use this information with our partners to agree action plans and good outcomes.

### **Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) lending facility**

We can help local councils to obtain Borrowing Approval from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for capital projects, as all applications to borrow are channelled through the county office.

### **Royal Garden Party Invitations**

In recognition of the service that our local councillors give, we administer the annual ballot for an outgoing and outstanding Chair or Mayor of our local councils to attend one of the annual Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace.

### **Support to achieve Local Council Award Scheme Accreditation**

The Local Council Award Scheme exists to celebrate and promote the successes of the very best of our local councils, and to provide a framework to support all local councils meet their full potential. We can provide advice, guidance and practical support to help your council submit its award application to the national evaluation Panel.

### **To participate in the management and development of ChALC and NALC**

ChALC is run on democratic lines. Member councils can elect the members of the ChALC Board, and that Board in turn elect the Cheshire representative on the NALC Council.

## **Membership gives your council team SKILLS and KNOWLEDGE: -**

### **Training and development at a discounted rate**

ChALC offers a regular programme of training opportunities covering all aspects of Local Council business. This includes signposting to support for those looking to obtain the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) and arranging bespoke training for individual councils. All training is offered at a discounted rate for member councils.

### **Information about Grants and other funding**

ChALC highlights opportunities for grants and other funding opportunities and endeavours to attract grant funding for ChALC itself to keep the costs of membership as low as possible.

### **Access to Up to Date Sector knowledge**

ChALC circulates a popular weekly e-bulletin which keeps councils informed about all the latest local government developments and matters of local and national interest.

## **Membership gives your council better COMMUNICATION : -**

### **Improving strategic relationships with key stakeholders**

ChALC works closely with senior members of Principal Authorities and other bodies such as Police, Health and the voluntary sector through active participation on strategic groups. We aim to maintain good working relationships and improve communication and co-operation for the benefit of our member councils and to ensure your views are represented. We also attend parish liaison meetings and events throughout our area. ChALC works closely with NALC and is represented on the regional body for the North West (Joint Northern Group of Local Councils).

### **Events and Conferences**

As well as the ChALC Annual Meeting, ChALC will partner with the principal authorities and others to offer other networking events and conferences, where members can meet (virtually) to discuss areas of mutual interest, find out about strategic changes and debate challenges and opportunities.

### **ChALC Affiliation Fees 2026-2027**

**(Set by democratic voting at the Annual Meeting)**

**40p per elector  
£40.00 (minimum fee)  
£1631.80 (maximum fee)**

**Existing ChALC members will receive a notice and invoice in early April 2026.**

**If your council wishes to become a member then please contact [Jackie Weaver](#) to discuss further or [Nikki Roberts](#) to arrange invoicing.**

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