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## **LALC Finance & Management Committee**

Minutes of the Finance & Management Committee meeting held virtually at 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 7 January 2025

Committee members attending:

Cllr Pat Hastings - Chairman  
Cllr Darren Cranshaw  
Cllr J Finch

Cllr Keith Martin  
Cllr Alan Neal  
Cllr Gordon Smith

Officers: Debra Platt

1. Welcome and apologies

Apology from Cllr Orme.

2. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2024 circulated.

Correction – Cllr Neal was not present, correction will be made.

**Agreed:** Minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising

4. Finance Officer updates

4.1 Finance updates to 23/10/24

Noted. Requested was an additional column for a projected figure.

4.2 Area Support Officer update reports

Report noted.

5. Key issues arising from the AGM, 2 December 2024

5.1 Do we amend the current constitution or draft another one on the lines of Cheshire/Lincolnshire's (2 examples attached)

5.2 If we decide to amend clause 3a Do we need an additional Clause to reflect financial arrangements and online meetings?

5.3 Do we use this opportunity to look at the model of working we currently use?

Members discussed the AGM debate. A commitment by Executive members was made to review the LALC Constitution. The process of review will be made by a small group of Executive members and this is the report to the F&M.

F&M will consider the report, the suggested changes and updates, revise and finalise the report. The revised document can be put before the Executive

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meeting on 8 March 2025 for approval. The revised constitution will be communicated to member Councils following its adoption.

**Agreed:** Cllrs Hastings, G Smith and Cranshaw will be the task group and report back to the next F&M meeting on 19 February.

6. Recommendations to the full LALC Executive 1<sup>st</sup> March

This can be done at the next F&M meeting in February.

7. Any items to be discussed for future agenda or actions

Cllr Neal discussed the NALC Executive meeting when the affiliation figure was discussed and agreed.

It was raised if the next AGM could be at the next Conference (June tbc) and the matter of the revised Constitution could be ratified.

8. Future meetings listed below – for your diary

Chair closed the meeting.

Debra Platt  
County Secretary

**LALC calendar 2025**

<b>Finance &amp; Management Committee</b> Wednesdays at 4.30 to 5.30pm Virtual	<b>LALC Executive Committee</b> Saturdays at 10am virtual unless indicated
Tuesday 7 January 2025	
Wednesday 19 February 2025	
Wednesday 2 April 2025	Saturday 8 March 2025 Exec AGM
Wednesday 14 May 2025	
Wednesday 2 July 2025	Saturday 7 June 2025 Face to face also LALC Spring Conference tbc
Wednesday 13 August 2025	
Wednesday 24 September 2025	Saturday 30 August 2025
Wednesday 3 December 2025	Saturday 1 November 2025 AGM @ LCC conference tbc
	Saturday 13 December 2025