Membership & Engagement

Council membership grew again during the year, with a number of councils approaching LALC to rejoin. Efforts continue to encourage more local councils to become members.

Members who sought advice from LALC was regularly high and were dealt with as efficiently as possible using various routes.

The working relationships made with Lancashire County Council (LCC) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) were maintained and there were meetings between the three bodies separately and collectively.

Funding for a joint project with Lancashire County Council (LCC) was awarded in March 2025, at the close of the 2024/2025 financial year. The project, under a service level agreement (SLA), was intended to support Area Committees by supporting each committee's secretary.

The second face to face LALC Conference was held in June 2025. It was again, very well received and appreciated.

There was a full Members Feedback Survey carried out in February 2026 and the Executive received the results report at its meeting following. This was followed by renewed efforts in a number of areas including improvements in the messages and the offer in regard to training opportunities.

Training

In this year, running alongside the regular training sessions presented by individual trainers, LALC also offered, RPII play area inspection training and training for Clerks towards the CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration).

The number of Clerks expressing an interest in joining the CiLCA training exceeded the number of places and a second course was run a few months later, into the following financial year.

The introduction of a new 'Training' newsletter which goes out on a Tuesday (Training Tuesday) has increased the reach and bookings for training courses. A lot of work had been done prior on securing new and varied course titles to put in the communication and this increased the training revenue towards the end of the financial year and into the next.

Area Committee Network

The Area Committee network was more active and the funding LALC secured through an agreement with Lancashire County Council which supported Area Committee Secretary's payments was valued.

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