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COUNCIL
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DIRECT ELECTIONS

Are you ready to take your voice beyond your parish or town council and shape the future of local government on a national stage? This is your opportunity to stand for direct election to our Larger Councils Committee or Smaller Councils Committee.

By stepping forward, you won't just represent your council, you'll represent parish and town councils like yours across England, tackling real challenges, influencing policy, and making sure your sector is heard at the highest levels.

WHY YOU SHOULD STAND

- Amplify your impact — Expand from local decision-making to influencing national policy.
- Champion your sector — Speak up for the unique needs of larger or smaller parish and town councils.
- Shape the future — Help NALC develop guidance, policy, and support that councils rely on.
- Grow as a leader — Gain confidence, skills, and insights from working alongside peers across the country.
- Make a change — Your voice can change how government and national bodies engage with parish and town councils.

ELECTIONS

Larger Councils Committee

What is the Larger Councils Committee?

Our Larger Councils Committee represents the needs of larger parish and town councils, defined as those with an electorate of over 6,000 and/or an annual budgeted income of £600,000. It develops, formulates, and responds to the policy issues affecting larger councils.

What will I do?

You will work alongside National Assembly members to share best practice and innovation, identify and tackle challenges facing larger parish and town councils, draft guidance and policy notes to strengthen the sector, and lobby government and national organisations.

How often are the meetings?

We hold quarterly online meetings plus one annual in-person meeting in London. Expenses for the in-person meeting are covered, and full training and support is provided.

What positions are available?

- Eight councillor seats.
- Four clerk seats.

Eligibility

Councillors or clerks from parish and town councils in membership with an electorate over 6,000 or annual income above £600,000.

Recent achievements

- Led the flagship annual study tour, bringing together parish and town councils from across the country to share best practices and inspire innovation.
- Co-developed the **Corporate Peer Challenge** and **Local Council Award Scheme** initiatives, raising standards across the sector.
- Showcased pioneering work from trailblazing parish and town councils, including Corby Town Council, Great Linford Parish Council, Haverhill Town Council, and Oswestry Town Council, highlighting models of local excellence.
- Assessed the impact of devolution and local government reorganisation, providing evidence-based insights to inform future policy.
- Forged strong partnerships with national bodies such as the Local Government Association, Rural Services Network, and the Democracy Club to amplify the voice of parish and town councils.

Voting

The nomination period has now closed. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations.

Voting will take place from 10 November to 28 November 2025.

To take part, your parish or town council must register online with UK Engage. Each council can vote only once per election. After registering, there will be a verification to confirm eligibility. Once approved, your council will receive a unique voting code to cast your vote securely.

It is important to note that larger parish or town councils should only vote in the Larger Councils Committee election.

Make sure your council's voice is heard. Register today and take part in shaping the future.

REGISTER TO CAST YOUR VOTE

Smaller Councils Committee

What is the Smaller Councils Committee?

Our Smaller Councils Committee represents the needs of smaller parish and town councils, defined as those with an electorate of under 6,000. Its function is to enable smaller councils to be provided with the tools and information to carry out their functions effectively, with the minimum cost and complexity and to develop, formulate and respond to the policy issues affecting smaller councils, including the ability to recommend directly to the Policy Committee.

What will I do?

You will work alongside National Assembly members to share solutions and support tailored to smaller parish and town councils, address unique issues like funding, resources, and engagement, develop practical guidance and policies and influence government and partner organisations.

How often are the meetings?

We hold quarterly online meetings plus one annual in-person meeting in London. Expenses for the in-person meeting are covered, and full training and support is provided.

What positions are available?

- Three councillor seats.
- Three clerk seats.

Eligibility

Councillors or clerks from parish and town councils in membership with electorate under 6,000.

Recent achievements

- Created practical policy templates specifically tailored to support the unique needs of smaller parish and town councils.
- Led surveys on collaboration and engagement between parish and town councils and their principal authorities to drive stronger partnerships.
- Contributed to the development of Martyn's Law, helping to shape national policy on public safety and security.

- Worked closely with leading national organisations, including ACRE, the Centre for Ageing Better and the Charity Commission, to champion local initiatives.
- Founded the **national network** for micro councils, giving smaller parish and town councils a powerful platform to connect, share, and grow.

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Being a committee member has enabled me to help how NALC and the sector is shaped in the future. It has given me the opportunity to engage with and learn from other colleagues across the sector and to obtain a new perspective on how our sector engages with both local and national government. It has helped me to gain confidence and knowledge that has been invaluable for both me and my council. It is an opportunity I am grateful for taking and I hope others will also consider doing so as having a diverse and expansive membership is vital to maintaining a strong association moving forward.

COUNCILLOR

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

We are the only recognised national membership organisation for community, neighbourhood, parish, and town councils. We believe these vibrant and dynamic councils are at the centre of community effort, delivering services and giving their communities a democratic voice.

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