

# WILTSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS



## 15 ESSENTIAL THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF WALC

1. We provide training for councillors & clerks
2. We provide a listening ear to council problems, issues and achievements
3. Membership of WALC also means membership of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)
4. We can access legal advice from NALC on your council's behalf
5. We talk to principal authorities and other agencies to raise the profile of local councils in the area
6. You can contact us for advice about ANYTHING council related
7. We are run by councils for councils
8. We provide information and updates to legislation relevant to our members
9. We save the council work by providing templates and drafts of different, essential documents
10. We can provide a wealth of guidance sheets on a variety of topics that may arise
11. We can help to interpret the impact of new legislation and new initiatives
12. We have a direct route to NALC through our Executive Committee members, meaning WALC has a say at a national level
13. NALC has regular communication with government to further the cause of local councils. We can feed into this.
14. Early advice through us can save time, money and problems in the long run
15. The cost of joining WALC is less than a chocolate bar, per elector, per year



**Save yourself work**



**Know there is a friendly ear out there**



**Keep up to date with local, regional and national issues affecting local councils**



**Know that you are working to the latest legislation and good practice**



**Feel safe and secure in the knowledge that you have somewhere to go for advice**



**Let us steer through the minefield of legislation and statute on your behalf**

## LAST YEAR, WALC....

Responded to **1396** queries from member councils

Held **18** events training **259** local council delegates

Sent out **10** newsletters containing information for member councils

Held **8** meetings of the Executive Committee taking action on issues pertinent to member councils

Had **82%** of councils in membership

Represented **370,240** electors across Wiltshire and Swindon



For further information, or to arrange for someone to visit the council to talk more about the association, please contact Katie Fielding on 01380 729549 or by email at [kfielding@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:kfielding@communityfirst.org.uk)

DON'T FORGET! WALC'S UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITY FIRST PUTS US FIRST IN LINE TO ACCESS COMMUNITY RELEVANT INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE!

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