

# WHAT DID THE ROMANS EVER DO FOR US??

## Or – Why be a member of LALC?

The very first question asked when the subject of membership of the Association is raised are usually,

### What does the LALC do for us?

The advantages of Association membership are not always obvious. Perhaps the best approach is the features/benefits method of appraisal.

## FEATURES

## BENEFITS

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| 1) LALC represents app.<br>200 Parish & Town Councils | Strength in numbers. LALC amplifies the voice of individual Councils  |
| 2) Five Full Working Day Office                       | Excellent access to fully qualified staff via telephone, e-mail, fax  |
| 3) 1 <sup>st</sup> Stop Shop for Advice               | For a wide variety of subject matter – get the right information first time!  |
| 4) Only Access to NALC                                | Access to free legal advice, which is defined on a National basis.  |
| 5) Training Provision                                 | Uniform & consistent up to date training including the latest National Developments.  |
| 6) Quality Parish Status/Clerk's Certificate          | Training & support for all elements required for attaining accreditation and best way to approach effectively   |
| 7) Charter Representation                             | LALC can effectively negotiate a Charter, which truly represents member Councils' best interest with Principal Authorities.   |
| 8) Quarterly Newsletter                               | Lets Councils know what is happening on a wider scale good ideas, tips & hints – who's moving & shaking, how to do & achieve.   |
| 9) Public Works Loans                                 | Currently, the only route to gaining consent is through your County Association. This could be your Council's means of kick starting funding.   |
| 10) Consultation/Representation                       | Increasingly Principal Authorities look to County Associations as their first (and ongoing) point of contact in consultation exercises. As a member Council, you have the power of an Association to provide evidence baselines to furnish Councils with information. |
| 11) Dissemination of Information                      | The channel through which information is directed to Councils from the Government and other bodies  |

12) Wider Representation	The Association is a member of the Northwest Federation, also a member of the Northern Group of Parish Councils
13) Area Meetings	Networking opportunities with other councils. A stronger voice to approach principal authorities. Representation on outside bodies.
14) Annual Conference	A wide range of speakers, activities and suppliers. Wider networking opportunities.
15) Executive Committee	Comprises representatives from the area committees. Gives representation on a range of other bodies, including the NALC Council.
16) Discounts	Discounted prices for members on various publications

**CAN YOU AFFORD NOT TO BE A MEMBER??**