

SURREY ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (SALC)

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SALC continues to provide valuable advice and training to Council Clerks, Officers and Councillors from Parish and Town Councils across the region, along with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). SALC Website: www.surreyalc.org.uk

SALC host numbers of events around the year providing opportunities to meet other councils, discuss issues and how they can be overcome. In addition to this SALC is a body whom you can refer to for advice, the true value of SALC would most likely not be realised unless Ash Parish Council no longer subscribed to its services. Membership of SALC also provides membership to NALC, who host forums for councillors all over the country to attend depending on a member's interest.

SALC host an annual AGM coinciding with their Autumn Conference, which invites many different speakers to talk about plans and initiatives for Surrey. This most recent AGM and conference, hosted at Silvermere in Cobham on November 13th 2025, was attended by myself and our Clerk, where topics discussed included a number of topics around devolution towards Parish Councils, hosted by teams from NALC, Cornwall and Surrey Councils, and preparing councils for upcoming changes to unitary authorities.

SALC continues to run regular Surrey Local Council Forum meetings, briefings and networking events for Councillors and Clerks. Especially during this time of Local Government Reorganisation, SALC provides an exceptionally worthwhile resource, and I believe Ash Parish Council continue to see value for money from the annual cost of subscription.

Councillor Michael Moriarty