

Information from the Local Government Association (LGA)

The LGA is an organisation which works to promote local government and local authorities on the national stage. As part of their work, they provide a number of guides for new councillors.

Councillors Guide

The LGA's guide for new councillors can be found at the following addresses – choose from desktop or tablet use:

- <https://www.local.gov.uk/councillors-guide-2018-desktop-use>
- <https://www.local.gov.uk/councillors-guide-2018-tablet-use>

Other Publications

The Local Government Association has produced a series of distance learning materials in the form of workbooks covering a wide range of topics:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/councillor-workbooks>

Current Topics

- Acting on Climate Change
- Being an Effective Ward Councillor
- Bribery and Fraud Prevention
- Chairing Skills
- Commissioning Services
- Community Leadership
- Community Safety
- Councillor/ Officer Relations
- Creating a 'fit for the future organisation'
- Engaging Young People
- Facilitation and Conflict Resolution
- Handling Casework
- Handling Complaints for Service Improvement
- Health and Safety in the Council
- Influencing Skills
- Local Government Finance
- Planning
- Neighbourhood and Community Engagement
- Neighbourhood Planning – Ward Councillors
- Scrutiny
- Scrutiny of Finance
- Stress Management and Personal Resilience
- Supporting Residents with Complex Issues
- Working with Town and Parish Councils

Online Learning Modules

The LGA also offer a dedicated e learning platform to assist councillors with their development.

Members will need to register to view the courses on offer:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/highlighting-political-leadership/councillors-guide-2017/distance-learning-resources>

To access to the e-learning site for the first time, please email elarning@local.gov.uk to receive a user name and password. Once you have done this, you will be able to access the site at <https://lms.learningnexus.co.uk/LGA/>

Please select 'Councillor Development' to view the relevant modules.

Current Topics

- Community Engagement and Leadership
- Councillor Induction
- The Data Protection Act 2018 for Councillors
- Commissioning of Services
- The Effective Ward Councillor
- Facilitation and Conflict Resolution
- Handling Complaints for Service Improvement
- An Introduction to Housing
- An Overview of the Data Protection Act 1998 for Councillors
- Influencing Skills
- Licensing and Regulation
- Planning
- Police and Crime Panels
- Scrutiny for Councillors
- Stress Management and Personal Resilience
- Supporting your Constituents

More Information

You can find more information on the LGA at their website, at:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/>

