

### LLG - Benefits of membership

LLG is a vibrant member organisation for local government lawyers and governance officers at all levels.

As part of a national professional network (with a branch structure and professional network through National Experts groups) LLG members can tap into a vast resource of knowledge, experience and expertise in every part of local authority law and governance.

LLG provides an annual [programme of training events](#) covering all areas of local authority practice and offering discounted attendance rates for members on many events throughout the year. The programme includes a spring time residential conference, the 'Weekend School', and the autumn time 'Governance Conference'. Additionally, there are various LLG National Expert events and seminars as well as regional Branch Meetings often with external speakers. As well as making sure you're well up to speed on professional development, these events also give members excellent facilities for networking and making friends with colleagues across the land.

Our corporate partners are also made available to members (through collaborative working and otherwise) providing top flight experience, insight and expertise together with frequent seminars and practice notes. Our highly regarded weekly member bulletins (including a bespoke Welsh Branch bulletin) and well-populated and updated website will help you ensure you're never behind the curve.

The excellence and achievements of LLG members have been celebrated annually through the LLG Awards Ceremony since 2014. The 2020 Awards will be held at the Weekend School to ensure maximum exposure and an exciting evening of celebration at the Friday dinner. Each Awards Ceremony has been a glittering occasion celebrating the high-quality contribution made by LLG members across the land.

#### **As part of the LLG family, you'll never be alone - either professionally or socially!**

LLG has excellent connections with a variety of stakeholders including Central Government, the LGA, The Law Society, SRA and other national bodies and groups. We work in partnership with other membership groups such as the Association of Democratic Services Officers, CIPFA and SOLACE to bring collective weight on important issues and enjoy strong ties with the Press to publicise our campaigns and key messages.

Our members have lots opportunity to take part in national policy making and debate on key professional issues affecting them and their authorities. In the last 6 months we have produced 3 Brexit papers for the Ministry of Housing, Communications and Local Government through membership collaboration which has influenced national policy and contributed to the identification of EU Exit secondary legislation laid with direct impact on local government. We have provided evidence to the parliamentary taskforce committee on kinship care; been specifically invited to comment on proposed new rules providing for the exercise of judicial function by authorised court officers to inform a subsequent public consultation by the Ministry of Justice, and influenced the Department of Transport consultation on statutory guidance for taxi and PHV licensing authorities by their adoption of our recommendations alongside the Institute of Licensing. The potential for you to make a direct impact on legislative change and policy together with championing your profession and adding to your CV is extensive.

Specific benefits attaching to the different categories of membership are noted below. If you're not a member, don't delay, join today! Get in touch with [membership@llg.org.uk](mailto:membership@llg.org.uk) for details.

#### **Membership**

Membership is open to any local government legal or governance officer working within a Local Authority (whether directly employed by the Local Authority or engaged through an agency or other similar arrangement), including but not limited to Monitoring Officers and their deputies, solicitors, barristers, legal executives and licensed conveyancers, and any trainee of any of them, but EXCLUDING any solicitor in private practice unless they:

(a) practise on their own account, neither employed by nor in partnership with anyone else; and

(b) undertake work solely on behalf of Local Authority clients.

There are 4 classes of membership:

- **Local Government Full Membership** - open to persons meeting the above qualification.
- **Limited Membership** – Free membership open to persons meeting the above qualification but with limited benefits (see below)
- **Associate Membership** – open to:
  - (i) former ACSeS past service members on 1 April 2013.
  - (ii) former monitoring officers or heads of legal at a local authority, who were members of ACSeS, SLG or LLG for the 3 years preceding them leaving that local authority and who are now in work elsewhere; or
  - (iii) other persons who, in the Boards absolute discretion are thought likely to make a significant contribution to the work of LLG.
- **Honorary Membership** – only available on approval and invitation from the Board

### **Benefits of membership**

**Full membership** of LLG provides the following entitlements:-

- To receive notice of, attend, speak and vote at general meetings of LLG, branch meetings, special activity area meetings, regional special activity area meetings.
- Activity area meetings and meetings of any other national groups from time to time.
- To receive weekly and other LLG bulletins and material.
- Access to the LLG’s website, including any "members' only" pages; and eligibility to stand for office with LLG.
- Access to the LLG Forum to post questions and reach out to your colleagues in a private space.
- Access to the [LLG Bursary Fund and Awards Scheme](#).
- Access to the [Mentoring Scheme](#).
- Access to the experience, insight and expertise afforded by collaborative working with our corporate partners.
- Access to LLG’s Monitoring Officer Defence Scheme.
- Discounts on selected [LLG Legal training](#) events.
- Appointment to working groups as may arise in respect of National Policy or guidance documents.
- LLG Awards Entry upon receipt of nomination.

**Associate membership** of LLG provides the same entitlements as above, excepting that eligibility to stand for office with the Company is subject to the prior written consent of the Board in its absolute discretion.

**Limited Membership** provides the following entitlements:-

- To receive notice of, attend and speak (**but no entitlement to vote**) at:
  - General meetings of the company, branch meetings, special activity area.
  - Meetings, regional special activity area meetings and meetings of any other.
  - National groups from time to time.
- Access to the company's website (excluding any "members' only" pages).
- Discounts on selected [LLG Legal training](#) events.

### **Membership subscriptions**

There is a direct benefit to local authorities if their staff are actively involved in relevant professional associations. We therefore encourage local authorities to pay membership subscriptions on their behalf. A single ‘group fee’ subscription payable by a local authority enables full membership to all its employees who meet the criteria for full membership. The current subscriptions for 2019/20 are as follows:-

## Membership Subscriptions 2019/20

<p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT FULL MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attendance at Branch meetings &amp; special interest groups</li> <li>▪ Access to the 'member only' areas of the website including forum</li> <li>▪ Eligible for office</li> <li>▪ Direct receipt of weekly Bulletin</li> <li>▪ Covered by the MO Defence Scheme</li> <li>▪ Eligible to apply for bursary's for academic course and training events.</li> </ul> <p>Either:</p> <p><b>(a) <u>Local Authority Fee</u></b></p> <p>Includes all qualifying members employed in that Authority                  Size of Legal Team                  (No. of qualified solicitors, barristers &amp; CILEX with or without practising certificates)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin: 10px 0; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">1-5</td><td style="text-align: center;">£250</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">6-10</td><td style="text-align: center;">£500</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">11-20</td><td style="text-align: center;">£750</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">21-30</td><td style="text-align: center;">£1000</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">31+</td><td style="text-align: center;">£1200</td></tr> </table> <p><b>(b) <u>Individual Fee</u></b> (if no local authority fee has been paid)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin: 10px 0; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 70%;">Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal</td><td style="text-align: center;">£250</td></tr> <tr><td>Principal Solicitor, Locum</td><td style="text-align: center;">£100</td></tr> <tr><td>Assistant Solicitor, Retired member, Career break</td><td style="text-align: center;">£40</td></tr> <tr><td>Trainee, Apprentice</td><td style="text-align: center;">£0.00</td></tr> </table>		1-5	£250	6-10	£500	11-20	£750	21-30	£1000	31+	£1200	Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal	£250	Principal Solicitor, Locum	£100	Assistant Solicitor, Retired member, Career break	£40	Trainee, Apprentice	£0.00	
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