



Avon Local Councils' Association

Minutes of the Regional Committee Meeting **Thursday 26th November 2020**

Present. Kathy Thomas (Chairman), Dick Whittington, Mike Drew, Jeremy Blatchford, Rhiannon Prys-Owen, Noel Walter, Jayne Stansfield, Cheryl Kirby, Gail Boyle, Dawn Drury, Gareth Thomas, Josie Pownall.

Apologies. Geoff Coombs, Liz Shayler and Gareth Williams
In attendance Deborah White (Chief Officer).

1. The minutes of the meeting 2nd September 2020 were confirmed as correct.
2. The ALCA AGM on 10th October 2020 was by Zoom. It was well managed and with a good, relevant speaker. The possibility of a hybrid meeting and the challenges that might pose in the future was discussed.
3. Mike Drew attended the Finance Committee of Keynsham Town Council and the resolution was to renew their membership for the next financial year. Estimates of the 20/21 subscriptions have been sent out and regional committee members will be available to talk any council that are undecided.
4. Comments and suggestions on the draft Job Description for the Assistant were noted. Adaptations will be discussed at a Resources Committee level and brought to the February meeting for final approval
Jayne Stansfield left the meeting
5. It was AGREED that the Essential Councillor, or an adaptation of, will be provided free of charge as part of the 21/22 membership subscription offer.
6. The NALC AGM was successfully held by Zoom and a 3% increase in the NALC element of the membership subscriptions agreed. A programme of online training sessions called Rebuilding Communities has gone some way to replacing the conference revenue.
Feedback on the External Audit providers' performance has been collated for the SAAA
7. Cllr. Gail Boyle was selected to represent ALCA on the South Gloucestershire Local Strategic Partnership.

The next meeting Regional Committee meeting will be will Thursday 18th February 2021 by Zoom