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JOIN OUR NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TEAM

The Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) plays a vital role in empowering parish and town councils across Devon. As an organisation committed to fostering local governance, DALC is seeking individuals to step forward and contribute their skills and experience as non-executive directors.

Reasons to consider applying:

1: Contribute to our effective governance

As a Director at DALC, you have a vital role in shaping our strategic direction. Your insights and expertise will help guide key policies and decisions that directly affect our members. You'll influence how we deliver our services, allocate resources, and prioritize the projects and initiatives that drive our work forward.

2: Make a meaningful impact

If you're passionate about local councils, and committed to protecting their interests, rights, and responsibilities, then DALC offers a meaningful platform to turn that passion into action. As a Director, you'll collaborate with fellow board members, staff, and member councils to foster informed engagement with local government. Your involvement can help strengthen local democracy and make a lasting impact on councils across Devon.

3: Personal and professional development

Serving as a non-executive director at DALC is a valuable opportunity for both personal and professional development. You'll gain hands-on experience in strategic planning, governance, and financial oversight—skills that are highly transferable across sectors. Working alongside a diverse group of stakeholders and fellow directors will expand your network and strengthen your leadership capabilities.

4: Connect with like-minded individuals

Joining DALC as a non-executive director means becoming part of a supportive community of like-minded individuals who share a deep commitment to local councils. You'll have opportunities to connect, exchange ideas, and collaborate with others who are equally passionate about local governance. This strong sense of camaraderie and shared purpose offers ongoing support, inspiration, and motivation throughout your time on the board.

5: Contribute to Devon's vibrant communities

By becoming a non-executive director at DALC, you'll take on a meaningful role in supporting parish and town councils across Devon. These local councils are at the heart of our communities, providing essential services, championing local voices, and helping to shape the places where people live, work, and connect. Your contribution will help empower councils to meet the needs of their communities with confidence, integrity, and innovation.

Through your involvement, you will be helping to ensure that councils are well-equipped to respond to local priorities—whether that's enhancing green spaces, supporting local economies, fostering

community wellbeing, or ensuring inclusive representation. Devon's communities are incredibly diverse, each with its own character and challenges, and your leadership will help to strengthen their ability to thrive.

This is a unique opportunity to make a real difference—to influence how local democracy functions, and to support the resilience, vibrancy, and sustainability of communities throughout the county.

What's involved?

DALC's Board will only be effective if all members are committed to the responsibilities involved. As a non-executive director you will be expected to attend quarterly meetings, usually held remotely, and the occasional in-person workshop. Meetings are typically 2 hours in length. Where in-person meetings take place, at our offices in Cheriton Bishop, all reasonable expenses will be covered.

Non-executive directors may choose to be appointed to committees and/or working groups, which will require further commitment. Again, these are usually held remotely.

For all meetings, a substantial amount of reading and reflection is often necessary to prepare. On occasion, additional time may be required for travel or training.

Every member of the Board receives free attendance at our prestigious annual conference (this year, that will be on 1st October 2025)

All non-executive directors will be expected to communicate via email and to respond promptly to correspondence from staff and fellow directors.

Who is eligible?

You cannot be disqualified from acting as a Director under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.

You must be either a currently serving councillor at a parish or town council within the county of Devon or a currently serving chair of a parish meeting within the county of Devon.

Apply today!

Standing as a non-executive director for DALC offers an exciting opportunity to bring your skills, expertise and passion to the table, and make a tangible contribution to Devon's local government community.

Want to know more?

For an informal chat, please contact Rebecca Walker, Temporary Head of Services on 01392 241131 or rebecca@devonalc.org.uk.

[Complete your online application form](#) by 5pm, Wednesday 13 August 2025.