

CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BACKGROUND:

DALC's Board of Directors are responsible for the management of the company's business. There are currently three seats to be filled on the DALC Board of Directors. As part of company article 19(1)(a), member councils shall appoint directors to fill the vacancies by ordinary resolution, and candidates shall take their seats at the conclusion of the meeting.

The following candidates have applied to be non-executive directors and have provided personal statements to support their application.

MOTION: 7.1

To agree the appointment of the following individuals as non-executive directors, with effect from the conclusion of the AGM:

7.1.1 Elizabeth Brookes-Hocking, Crediton Town Council

7.1.2 Ian Cowling, Bishops Nympton Parish Council

7.1.3 Debbie Fletcher, Bovey Tracey Town Council

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

ELIZABETH BROOKES-HOCKING

I have been active with DALC for nearly 20 years, first as Crediton Town Council's representative and later as chair of the Larger Councils Forum and since 2020 as a member and Chair of the Board of Directors. I've seen things change a lot! Now is an exciting time for DALC, with a strong staff team ready to support member councils as things change even more. I am standing for election to the Board for another term because I know that DALC has an important role to play over the next few years. I believe in our sector just as DALC does so I am keen to contribute to that role and the development of local councils.

IAN COWLING

I believe our members are facing challenging times with the advent of Local Government Reorganisation and I would like to continue to be part of the DALC support efforts. It is important to understand the changes that are coming and I can help to do this on my own Parish Council at Bishops Nympton in North Devon.

I have been a Director of DALC since the formation of the company in 2020 and before that a member of the DALC County Committee. My main contribution has been in the area of Finance. Currently I am the Devon member of the National Assembly of our National Association (NALC) and the Chair of their Scrutiny Committee. I also sit as the DALC representative on the Devon Communities Together board to promote collaborative working between our two organisations.

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DEBBIE FLETCHER

I would like to support DALC as it works with towns and parishes to navigate the upcoming changes from LGR and devolution, to ensure localism is delivered through the right structures and representation - focusing on the right services at the right level of government to deliver the best experience for Devon's residents and businesses.

Drawing on my experience at Local Partnerships, a public-owned consultancy funded by HM Treasury, Welsh Government and the LGA, I can bring my experience working with local and national government to the role.

In addition, in my seven years as a town councillor at Bovey Tracey Town Council, I have seen and been part of a group of community-driven people that has supported and helped shape its town council to enable it to take on and continue local assets and services and deliver for our residents - given insight into the challenges and opportunities that can bring.

Rebecca Walker, Chief Executive Officer