Paper 7 Training and updates for councillors

DALC are holding the following courses for councillors, please let me know if you would like to attend. I will keep you posted about new dates or courses. If you have a need that’s not listed, let me know and I will ask DALC about providing them

**Courses**

**Planning**

* Thu 21 November 2019 , [The Devon Rural Hub, Cheriton Bishop](http://www.devonalc.org.uk/ed1tModules/Bookings/LocationViewer.aspx?locid=32)
* Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

This course is designed for both councillors and clerks wanting to gain greater understanding of the planning system and the council's role within it.

The course covers:

- What is planning? An overview of the planning system and where the local fits in the system  
- What is expected of the parish/town council?   
- How to consider a planning application - council meetings and role of the public  
- How to comment on planning applications - material considerations and good planning terminology  
- How not to comment on planning applications  
- Engaging with developers and pre-application discussions

The course is just £40 + VAT person and includes refreshments. There is no requirement to pay on booking, your council will be invoiced shortly after the event.

We recommend that you bring a pad of paper and a pen. But all delegates will receive a USB stick containing information sheets as well.

**Courses**

**Being a Good Councillor Short Course - Evening**

* Mon 27 January 2020 , [The Watermark, Ivybridge](http://www.devonalc.org.uk/ed1tModules/Bookings/LocationViewer.aspx?locid=18)
* Time: 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Parish and town councils play a vital part in representing the interests of the communities they serve and improving the quality of life of local people and the environment. Becoming a councillor can be very rewarding, but it also involves a lot of hard work. It is therefore important that councillors are supported to understand their role so that they can carry it out responsibly and effectively.

This is a short version of our popular 'Being a Good Councillor' course, and is designed as an introduction for new councillors. It will assist councillors in gaining greater knowledge of local councils and their role within it. Existing councillors may also benefit.

This short course will cover:

**1. Roles and Responsibilities.**A look at what a local council is and what makes it a good council, and the roles of its officers and members.

**2. Powers, Duties and Precepts.**An introduction to what local councils can do.

**3. Management and Meetings.**A discussion on local council meetings and how to make them effective with good paperwork and procedures.

**4. The Council and the Community.**An exploration of a councillors role as a community representative and leader, and partnership working.

This course costs £30+VAT per person and includes refreshments on arrival. There is no requirement to pay on booking, your council will be invoiced in due course.

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