

DRAFT MINUTES – FOR APPROVAL AT 2019 AGM



‘Stronger Together’

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND SENIOR MANAGERS (ALACE)

Held at The Birmingham Library, Birmingham at 12.45pm on Wednesday 4 July
2018

Present:

Simon Baker	Jerry Hutchinson
Kirsty Cole	Richard King
Andrew Flockhart	Tracey Lee
Fiona Marshall, Maldon DC	Ian Miller
Ian Fytche	Dame Stella Manzie
Michel Saminaden	Karen Satterford
Sally Marshall	Dan Swaine
Paul Shevlin	Roger Tetstall
Alex Parmley	Janet Waggott
Andy Wright	Kim Webber
Amanda Skelton	Stephen Baker
Carole Mills	Gina Beasley
Sophie Hosking	Jo Lancaster
Clare Slater	David Hagg
David Carter	Jeremy Jaroszek
Ian Vincent	John O'Brien
William Benson	
<u>Consultants</u>	
Peter Bounds	Cheryl Miller
Roger Morris	Richard Penn
Pete Morris	
<u>Also in attendance</u>	
Catherine Whitehead	Maureen Saminaden

1 The Chairman, Tracey Lee, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from the following members:

Ruth Bagley, Nicola Beach, Niall Bolger, Rob Bridge, Jan Britton, Liz Bruce, Jane Burns, Malcolm Burr, Lucy Butler, Sue Cook, Trish Dalby, Kevin Dicks, Matt Dunkley, Chris Elliott, Kersten England, Martin Esom, Colin Everett, Dawn French, John Gilbert, Alison Griffin, Mary Harpley, Trevor Holden, Sandy Hopkins, Tom Horwood, David Hughes, Antoinette Jackson, Mike Jackson, Mark James, Malcolm Johnston, Sharon Kemp, Kate Kennally, Phil Kirby, Bernadette Livesey, Christine Marshall, Laura McGillivray, Merran McRae, Darren Mephram, Jo Miller, Pippa Milne, Ruth Mullen, Andrew Muter, Jane Parfremment, Ron Odunaiya, Kath O'Dwyer, Gareth Owens, Sue Pangbourne, Duncan Sharkey, Rachael Shimmin,

Philip Simpkins, Andrew Small, Louise Taylor, Will Tuckley, Rachael Wardell, Ian Westley, Joyce White, Mark Williams, Richard Wills and Keith Winter.

And John Schultz (webmaster)

2 The Chairman referred to the LGC article on workload and stress, which had been organised in liaison with ALACE, and thanked members who had replied to the survey. The annual report demonstrated that it had been another busy year for the Association. She extended thanks to the consultants for their work and getting the best results for members. The Chairman referred to the 2% pay increase that had been negotiated as another important example of what ALACE does on behalf of members. Finally she offered the Association's congratulations to Dame Stella Manzie and Rob Tinlin, her predecessor as Chairman, on the honours that they had received.

Elections of Honorary Officers and Council members for 2018/19

3 The AGM elected the following Officers and Council members for 2018/19:

Chairman	Tracey Lee (Plymouth)
Vice-Chairman	Simon Baker (Staffordshire Moorlands & High Peak)
Hon Treasurer	Michel Saminaden (Retired Member)
Hon. Secretary	Ian Miller (Wyre Forest)
Counties	Rachael Shimmin (Buckinghamshire)
Districts	David Hughes (Gravesham) Mark Williams (East Devon) Jerry Hutchinson (North Warwickshire) Karen Satterford (Wycombe) Scott Crudgington (Stevenage) Dan Swaine (Bolsover & North East Derbyshire)
Unitary authorities	Merran McRae (Wakefield) Liz Bruce (Richmond & Wandsworth) Duncan Sharkey (Milton Keynes) Andrew Flockhart (Poole) Amanda Skelton (Redcar and Cleveland)

	Carole Mills (Derby)
Scotland	Alistair Buchan (Orkney)
	1 vacancy
Wales	Alison Ward (Torfaen)
Northern Ireland	1 vacancy
Other local	Charlie Parker (States of Jersey)
	government authorities etc

Annual report of ALACE including accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017

4 The Honorary Secretary introduced the report. The Hon Treasurer was pleased to report that the annual deficit had reduced. New membership arrangements were working and membership had increased. The Vice Chairman referred to the new arrangements for recruitment with a network of regional representatives to be put in place. He asked all colleagues to continue raising membership of ALACE with their contacts. He said that thought was also being given to a potential business partner and would welcome suggestions.

The recommendations in the report were agreed:

- Noting the annual statement to members and auditors' report on the 2017 accounts;
- Approving the annual accounts for 2017;
- Approving the annual subscription of £380 with effect from 1 January 2019 (£735 for those purchasing a two year membership)
- Inviting the Council to continue to work at addressing the financial gap to ensure that the deficit is turned into a surplus over the next year or two.

Annual report of the consultants for 2017-18

5 In the unavoidable absence of John Schultz, Roger Morris introduced the consultants' annual report, the content of which were noted. He drew attention to the gender imbalance in terms of support that had been required. There were issues relating to poor treatment from political leaders. Thanks were extended to the consultants for their work. Members commented on how the flexibility of support out of hours was "really appreciated" and how the support was "valuable, worth every single penny".

Annual allowance for pension increases

6 Cheryl Miller gave a presentation about this issue and introduced the new paid for service that was available from Close Brothers to assist members in accurately

completing their annual tax return. The slides would be circulated. Over 250 members had been supported on pension issues in recent years. The annual allowance tax charge could hit individuals every year. A member thanked the consultants for the support and advice on pensions which had been very helpful. It was suggested that ALACE might work with the BMA on this issue because it was beginning to have an adverse impact on recruitment and retention of GPs.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 2017

6 The minutes of the AGM held on 5 July 2017 were agreed. Thanks were extended to the Hon Officers for their work. The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

Ian Miller
Honorary Secretary, ALACE
June 2019