



STROUD LSP

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Areas to cover

- Background
- Area remit of GAPTC
- Improving the Sector
- Planning
- Enhanced communication
- Next Steps/Questions

Background

- Staff team – 2 FTE
- Membership organisation
- Strategic approach/working with partners (National Association of Local Councils)

Area Remit

- Providing training
- Legal & Procedural advice (website/telephone)
- Independent Audit Service
- Independent HR person
- Independent mediator
- Influence (via motions at AGM)
- Horizon scanning



Improving the sector

LCAS – an overview - 3 levels (local panel)

Benefits

To the council - **Improved performance** and confidence, with policies in place for **continuous development**, **Recognition** of commitment and hard work, and **Assurance** of being up-to-date and progressive

To partners - **Confidence** that the council is delivering to a national professional standard

To the sector - A contribution to the **national reputation** of local councils demonstrating achievements and a commitment to improvement, and the opportunity to **improve**

Improving the sector

Transparency Code – a fund accessible for smaller councils

The Transparency Fund was launched in September 2015 for smaller councils with a turnover of less than £25,000.

Grants from the fund help small councils become compliant with the Transparency Code with money for a website, broadband connection, computer and printer. In 2015/2016 eighty-three applications from within Gloucestershire were approved totalling £81,224.83.

The fund is also available in 2016/2017



Improving the sector

- Training Advisory Panel
- Sector Qualifications – CILCA, ILCA, Community Governance Degree



Clerks from Slimbridge PC, Eastington PC, and Kingswood PC attained their degree in 2015.

Planning

Understanding the hierarchy of planning

- NPPF - Local Plans - NDPs

Effectively communicating/supporting parish/town councils to understand the wider picture

GAPTC training programme— training hosted by Stroud DC, CPRE training (responding to planning applications re: housing developments), Day workshops

Enhancing Communication

- Promoting LCAS/transparency/CiLCA (linkages)
- Connecting Gloucestershire Database of local council contacts (with real time feed), A – Z of Services directory, view of undecided planning applications
- Greater understanding /communication of the role of councillors' across each tier of local government
- Joint training initiatives
- Looking to the future - devolved power

Next steps/Questions

How do you see local councils working better with the District Council?

What other services should/could GAPTC offer?

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