



Cheshire Branch Conference

Thursday 27th September 2018
Canalside Conference Centre, Middlewich

Welcome

I would like to welcome you to the second Cheshire Branch conference and encourage you to take this opportunity to network with colleagues, speakers and exhibitors, all of whom have ideas and knowledge to share.

Since the last Branch Conference our sector has faced changes ranging from the implementation of GDPR and a revised audit regime to more subtle policy changes adopted by our Principal Authorities. These, coupled with the continued demands of our communities, have given rise to numerous learning opportunities for Clerks across the County and beyond.

The value of continued professional development, through various methods, for all Clerks cannot be underestimated as it is through developing our knowledge and skills that we are able to drive the delivery of positive, tangible outcomes for our communities.

Our attendance today has already demonstrated our commitment to developing our professional knowledge and skills and, I hope, by the end of the conference everyone will have engaged with colleagues, speakers and exhibitors who will provide inspiration, ideas and knowledge to support us



in identifying opportunities for further professional development together with stirring our imaginations to develop creative ways to improve our communities.

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Elizabeth Maddock
Branch Chairman

Conference "Rules":

- 1) Show appreciation for all our speakers. They've given up their time to be here for you!
- 2) Ask questions - the day will be far more interesting if everyone asks just one question!
- 3) Share your day - if you are on twitter tweet us @cheshireslcc
- 4) Take the opportunity over the breaks to speak with our five exhibitors. You might even win a prize!
- 5) Please complete the feedback form throughout the day. This will help us plan for 2018. Just leave this on the table once completed.
- 6) Talk to your colleagues. Part of the event is about meeting with fellow clerks from across the county!
- 7) If you need any assistance speak to one of the conference organisers - we have red name badges! You can also call Adam on 07584 057 228.

Our Conference Programme

0900-0925	Arrival and Networking	
0925-1010	Data Protection: Practical Tips and Busting Myths Robert Foulke, SLCC Advisor (Cedar Room)	
1015-1100	Working with Principal Councils Andrew Tubb, NALC (Cedar Room)	A Guide to Procurement Steve Parkinson, Parkinson Partnership (Juniper Room)
1100-1130	Break and Networking	
1130-1215	Digital Clerks Adam Keppel-Green, Knutsford TC (Cedar Room)	Risks of Open Spaces and Property David Palmer, Came and Company (Juniper Room)
1220-1300	It's your Job: Hours, Evaluations and Pay Robert Foulke, SLCC Advisor (Cedar Room)	
1300-1345	Lunch and Networking	
1345-1430	Promoting your Council Round Table Discussions (Cedar Room)	
1430-1510	Better Budgets Steve Parkinson, Parkinson Partnership (Cedar Room)	
1510-1530	Break and Networking	
1530-1615	Interests and Code of Conduct: How to advise Councillors Paul Hoey, Hoey Ainscough (Cedar Room)	
1615-1620	Conference Close	

Our Venue

Cedar Room:

Our plenary sessions are held in this, the main conference room.

Juniper Room:

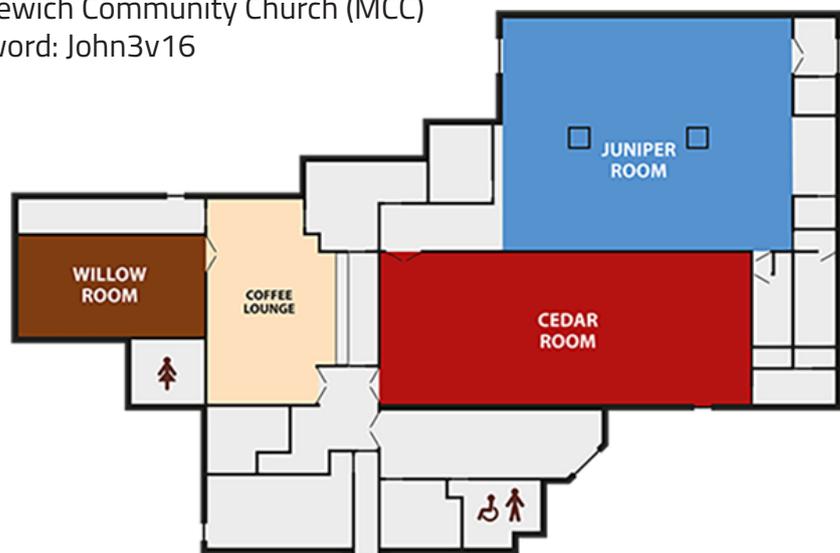
Accessed off the Cedar Room, this is our breakout room for some sessions.

Coffee Lounge:

This is where you'll find our five fantastic exhibitors. Make sure you find time to speak with them to be in with a chance of winning the hamper!

Wi-Fi:

Middlewich Community Church (MCC)
password: John3v16



Speakers

Robert Foulke *SLCC Advisor*



Robert is a qualified solicitor and the Society's Assistant Employment Advisor.

He developed a taste for politics during his time at Leeds Metropolitan University. Robert says he has many firm beliefs, and is "bucking the national trend by becoming increasingly left-wing in his old age".

Adam Keppel-Green *Branch Secretary*



Town Clerk at Knutsford Town Council & Clerk to Gawsworth Parish Council.

Adam is our branch secretary and sits on the SLCC Board of Directors. He represents the Society on the ChALC board and is also a member of the NALC Larger Councils Committee.

Paul Hoey *Hoey Ainscough*



Paul has been the acknowledged expert on local government standards for the last decade.

Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd supports councils on standards issues and since being set up in 2012 have worked with 400 councils on training, investigation work and more detailed governance reviews.

David Palmer *Came & Company*



David has 35 years experience in insurance and has been looking after councils with Came & Co in the midlands and north for the past six.

David has been involved in his own local council for 15 years and is a volunteer charity minibus driver for the elderly in the village where he lives.

Andrew Tubb *NALC*



CEO at Cirencester Town Council he has extensive local government experience. In 2017 Andrew undertook academic research on the challenges faced by councils in building capacity and capabilities. He is currently on part-time secondment with NALC, and worked with the LGA in producing the 'One Community' partnership guide.

Lis Moore *Head of Advisory Services*



Lis manages the Advisory Service providing specialist employment advice to members. A clerk since 2003 Lis is a member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development

Lis is clerk to Rawdon Parish Council, a new urban parish in Leeds established in 2012.

Steve Parkinson *Parkinson Partnership*



Steve has over 30 years of finance experience at county, district and town councils. He was Town Clerk for Alton, Hampshire from 2001 to 2015, when he started his own accountancy practice specialising in VAT and local council finance. Steve has been delivering training for local councils since 2008.

Association of Local Council Clerks

Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC) is the only trade union dedicated to supporting people working in the local council sector across England and Wales.

It is committed to serving the interests of our members and stand for their right to be respected, listened to and treated fairly whilst at work. Members benefit from

professional support, advice and representation in accordance with our approved terms of service.

If you are a full, current member of the SLCC you can join for only £30 a year. Non-members can join the ALCC for £50 per year.

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Branch Meetings

Meetings of the branch are held every two months. These are an opportunity to network with fellow clerks, discuss issues, share best practice and generally provide a pillar of support in what can be an isolated profession.

All meetings are completely free for members to attend, include refreshments and contribute to your CPD points!

Wednesday 28th November
Holmes Chapel, 10am

Friday 25th January
TBC, 10am

Wednesday 13th March
TBC, 4pm

Friday 31st May
TBC, 10am

Wednesday 24th July
TBC, 10am

Friday 13th September
TBC, 10am