

COMMITTEE WORK PLANS

This document contains the proposed draft committee work plans and was last updated in April 2024. It may be subject to change over time.

	Management Board	Finance and Scrutiny Committee	Policy Committee	Larger Councils Committee	Smaller Council Committee	Improvement and Development Board (IDB)
Governance	Review of finance and scrutiny (year one). Consider options for a Member Services Committee (year two).					
Modernising NALC	Ongoing modernisation of NALC in light of the office move, new website/CRM systems, etc.	Clarify scrutiny role, new accounts summary for National Assembly, advise				

		Management Board on banking and investment strategy and scrutiny task and finish groups.				
Climate change			National network for climate emergency, updating the climate change webpage, developing new Net Zero sub-group (already held its first roundtable) and ongoing promotion of policy positions.	National network for super councils. An online event in July 2024.	Encourage smaller councils to join the national network on climate emergency. Check the climate change webpage has appropriate advice/guidance for smaller councils.	
Health and wellbeing			Updating the health and wellbeing webpage and future online events on health and wellbeing.		Check the health and wellbeing webpage contains appropriate	

					advice/guidance for smaller councils.	
Young people	Board member with responsibility for young people appointed.		Updating the young people webpage and online events on young people. Study visit to Yate Town Council.		Check the young people webpage has appropriate advice/guidance for smaller councils.	
Planning			Updating the planning webpage and online events on planning/neighbourhood planning. Continue to make the case for neighbourhood planning support programmes. Develop proposals and commission external planning advice/expertise. Working with CPRE to update planning guides.		Check the planning webpage has appropriate advice/guidance for smaller councils. Identify barriers to planning for smaller councils/where support for smaller councils is required.	
Make A Change			Updating the Make a Change webpage. Two new councillor stories.		Ensure smaller council voice and current/emerging	

			Joint work with the Local Government Association Be a Cllr campaign (further joint online event if funded).		data/lobbying positions affecting smaller councils on elections factored into any updates made to Make A Change webpage.	
Community safety			Martyn's Law steering group. New dedicated webpage. Case studies publication. Engage with government and relevant stakeholders. Identify policy issues to lobby on. An online event on community resilience	Martyn's Law steering group – continue committee representation on that group in 2024. Inclusion of larger and super council case studies in new case studies publication for community safety web	A Smaller Councils Committee seat on the Martyn's Law steering group. A new dedicated webpage to ensure smaller council perspective factored in. Inclusion of case studies from smaller councils in new case study	

				page to be developed.	publication. Invite smaller council speaker to the online event in October 2024	
Workforce	Board member with responsibility for workforce. Workforce issues and strategy (with the IDB).		Work with IDB and the member services team to lobby on changes to employment law.	Be an open door for the committee to feed its views direct to the member services team on impact of workforce issues and strategy on larger and super councils.		One of the priority workstreams. Develop a scheme to assist local councils set appropriate and fair levels of pay for their staff.
Sector financial resilience	Development of the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA),		Continue to make the case for local councils to have flexible and diverse funding. An online event in April 2024.	Continue to make the case for larger and super councils to have flexible and	Feedback from Smaller Councils Committee on upcoming changes to the Practitioners'	Peer support and intervention is a priority workstream. Develop a

	potentially used to support data and intervention projects with the Improvement and Development Board). Secure resources for the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance.			diverse funding. An online event in April 2024.	Guide. Support for smaller councils with AGAR form moving online.	sustainable and consistent model for providing peer assistance to councils, locally and nationally for councils who are under serious distress.
Sector risk register	The board will draft and oversee it.		To develop this liaising with relevant other committees and sector stakeholders.		Ensure inclusion of risks affecting smaller councils included on sector risk register.	
NALC manifesto	Consider how best to resource lobbying activity with the new government.		Promote the NALC manifesto to all political parties. Online briefing sessions for PPCs. Prioritise policy objective to promote		Continue to ensure lobbying on and inclusion of policy positions directly	

			civility and respect in public life.		affecting smaller councils.	
Artificial intelligence (AI)	Board member with responsibility for AI and data.		Identify policy issues to lobby on. An online event in July 2024.	National network for super councils. An online event in July 2024. Gauge impact of AI on larger councils (use of predictive analytics) and whether/when any of them using it. Continue extended offer of pilot scheme for Ssper councils of advice and guidance on cyber security from the National	Potential invitation to smaller council speaker to the online event in July 2024. Ensure smaller council angle factored into any meaningful policy, lobbying or other sector discussions on AI.	

				Cyber Security Centre.		
Data	Oversight and engagement with SAAA.		Engage with the government, OFLOG and other bodies. Continue to make the case for extension of OFLOG remit to cover local councils. Develop suite of themes for data metrics on local councils.	Continue to make the case for extension of OFLOG remit to cover local councils, suggested initial pilot to cover super councils in medium term. Develop suite of themes for data metrics on local (including larger and super) councils.	Input to NALC's work engaging with the government, OFLOG and other bodies.	See sector financial resilience section.
Membership survey	Oversight and resourcing. Communications and		Work with the member services team on development of membership survey.		Ensure questions relevant to smaller councils are included in	

	engagement with county associations and councils. Board member with responsibility for communications.				any co-produced NALC membership survey.	
Creating new councils			Engage with government on update to guidance on community governance reviews. Continue to provide support and advice to county associations and community campaigns.	Continue to promote the creation of new local (larger and super councils) via triggering of community governance reviews in all un-parished areas of England.	Continue to lobby the government to promote community governance reviews in all currently un-parished areas and the creation of new smaller councils in these areas.	
Civility and respect						Define the next steps for the pledge and existing resources to

						maximise the impact and legacy of the project. Review existing board membership with stakeholders plus the Local Government Association.
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