

## LARGER COUNCILS COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Candidates should complete the nomination form by 13 September 2019 and sent it to NALC at [nalccommittees@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:nalccommittees@nalc.gov.uk).

Title	Mr
First name	Carl
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Council name	Tavistock
County association	Devon
Occupation	Local Government Officer
Professional qualifications	FCIS, AEA (Cert), CILCA.
Are you a member of any professional bodies (if yes, please specify)?	Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators, Local Government Law Group, Association of Electoral Services Officers, Association of Democratic Services Officers, Society of Local Council Clerks.

Position applied for (please mark appropriate box)	
Councillor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Why are you standing for your selected position (include relevant experience, skills and qualification gained through work, home, community and/or voluntary activities. As well as details of other achievements to date that will support your nomination)?**

I have served for the past two years on the Larger Councils' Committee, attended regularly and actively participated in its work programme. If re-elected I would welcome the opportunity to take through to completion some of the work with which I have been involved. Most especially around performance management, peer review and providing better support for elected Members in larger Councils. This period has also seen considerable progress in areas such as co-ordinating representations on precept 'capping', reviewing the role of the Larger Councils' offer and supporting Member Councils through the impacts of devolution with which I have been actively engaged.

I currently serve as Chairman of the Devon Branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks, County representative on the SLCC National Forum and am an active contributor to our County Association Larger Councils' Committee. With 30 years' experience in management and governance positions across the tiers of local government – Town, District, County and Unitary I have worked extensively with, and in the past served on, a NALC County Association Executive Committee and contributed to regional and national projects for the local government sector across the tiers. I am now in my ninth year as Clerk and RFO with Tavistock Town Council which is an active Larger Council managing a wide range of community assets and services.

My career has been characterised by effective partnership working in roles associated with governance and probity in local government. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to work with, and on behalf of, Larger Councils to help develop and promote our offer in these times of opportunity and change.

Thank you for considering my application.

**Outline three key achievements that are relevant to the work of the Larger Councils Committee**

Through the Larger Councils' Committee - supporting emerging measures for peer review in the sector. This is an initiative I would very much wish to see through to delivery as the ability to demonstrate good performance (relevant, economic, efficient and effective services) is fundamental to organisational & sector credibility.

With my own Council using the General Power of Competence to develop and now deliver a five year third party grant based scheme (£2.2m) to support town centre regeneration and the preservation of commercial and heritage assets.

Serving as a founding partner in a Government funded initiative (Department of Communities & Local Government/Ministry of Justice 'Delivering Differently') to identify national good practice on how local councils and their communities could become best placed to deal with the impact of Localism and public service cuts.

## Set out your vision for NALC and how it can improve the service(s) it provides to members, specifically focussing on larger local councils


From the perspective of a Clerk representative NALC has a pivotal role to play in supporting Member Councils to do the 'day job', whilst providing the means to grow capacity and address the challenges of a difficult and rapidly changing environment. To do that, most especially for larger Councils, it needs to:-

- a) continue to effectively represent and champion the sector to stakeholders and Government (as it has successfully done regarding 'precept capping' and Business Rates on public conveniences), whilst making the case for the sector as a diverse and meaningful public sector partner, place shaper and service provider;
- b) provide up to date support, guidance and tools supporting Larger Councils, their staff and Councillors, helping them to monitor and improve performance, grow capacity and support and represent their communities.

## Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information given on this form is correct and can be copied and distributed to other NALC members.

Signature



Date

30.08.2019

I declare that the nomination form has been endorsed by the local council and that it's a larger local council.

Signature



Date

30 August 2019.